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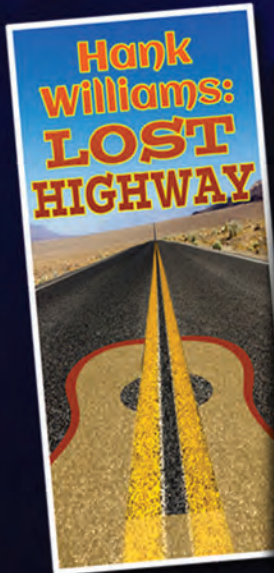
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SUU PRESIDENT SCOTT WYATT ACCEPTS A CERTIFICATE from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 0802, designating SUU as Utah's first Purple Heart Campus.

SUU designated Purple Heart Campus during special ceremony

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – In a peaceful setting outside the Hunter Conference Center on the campus of Southern Utah University June 24, the Military Order of the Purple Heart designated SUU as a Purple Heart Campus. It is the first campus in Utah to receive such a designation.

The proclamation was made official with the signing



of a document and a special ceremony featuring city, government and university officials, as well as several local veterans.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart fosters an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families. It promotes patriotism and supports legislative initiatives, according to the organization's website.

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New Cedar City police chief appointed

BY COREY **BAUMGARTNER**
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – With the retirement of Cedar City Chief of Police Bob Allinson at the end of June, Mayor Maile Wilson and the city council had a special meeting June 23 to appoint a new police chief, Lt. Darin Adams.

Adams will have served on the Cedar City Police force for exactly 19 years on July 1 when he will officially begin his new duties.

Adams said he will focus on improving community engagement and building a more positive relationship with the members of the community.

“We’re fortunate in that the community survey shows a high approval rating, but our guys face some of the worst things humanity can throw at them,” he said.

While Adams has always been concerned

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NEWLY APPOINTED CEDAR CITY POLICE CHIEF DARIN ADAMS addresses Mayor Maile Wilson and the Cedar City Council.

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Officers sworn in during city council meeting

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – As one of his last official acts as Chief of Police, Bob Allinson introduced Cedar’s newest police officer, Aaron Condie, from Wyoming, at the June 22 Cedar City Council meeting. He also introduced the newly promoted officers, Sgt. Chet Smith and Corporal Matt Topham.

“It’s always exciting for me to see these officers get opportunities to advance,” Allinson said.

After being sworn in, each of the officers introduced their wives and families.

“It’s important to us that the families are a part of this,” Allinson said. “We can’t be successful if these officers don’t have the support of loved ones at home to help them through some of the things that they go through.”

Fire Chief Mike Phillips then gave an update on the Aspen fire with the news that it was 100 percent contained, though it did burn 355 acres. He also spoke about a



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CEDAR CITY RECORDER RENON SAVAGE SWEARS IN Corporal Matt Topham and Sergeant Chet Smith at the June 22 Cedar City Council meeting.

civilian drone that entered the airspace above the fire, which caused the fire-fighting aircraft to abandon the area due to the danger of hitting the drone. Phillips warned

anyone with a drone to stay clear of fire areas as they can hinder the protection of structures and place firefighters in danger both in the air and on the ground.

And as firework season approaches, Phillips reminded everyone to be cautious and to follow the public ordinance and safety guidelines found online at

www.cedarcity.org/489/Fireworks. He said more acres have been burned in Cedar City and Enoch this year than the past two years combined.

Also during the meeting, Mayor Maile Wilson delivered a proclamation to Kristen Lavelett executive director of Local First Utah, (localfirst.org) declaring July 1-7 to be “Independents Week.” The week will focus on promoting community benefits of supporting and shopping first at locally-owned businesses.

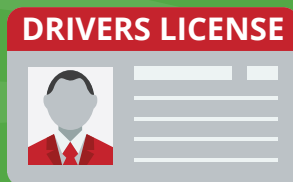
As the Utah Shakespeare Festival nears its grand opening, Wilson proposed that College Ave, from 110 West to 300 West be more appropriately named Shakespeare Lane. USF Executive Director R. Scott Phillips was grateful for her gesture.

As a reminder to the public, Allinson’s retirement open house will take place at Festival Hall on June 30 from noon to 2 p.m.

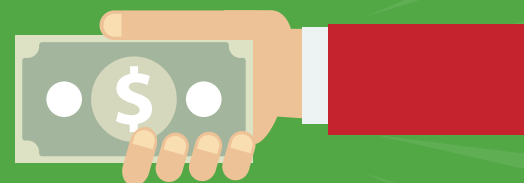
There will be no city council meeting on June 29, as it is the fifth Wednesday of the month.

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Iron County Sheriff's Office graduates nine from Junior Deputy Academy



IRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUNIOR DEPUTY GRADUATE HABAKKUK LOPEZ speaks to family, friends and fellow graduates at the academy's final dismissal June 24.

PHOTOS BY JEFF LOWE

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – After three weeks of early mornings filled with intense physical training, exams and even a few voluntary bouts with police K-9s, the 2016 graduates of the Iron County Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Academy and their proud families gathered at the Heritage Center June 24 for a special ceremony and final dismissal.

The 2016 Junior Deputy Academy graduates are Gavin Carter, Willie Donovan, Emily Hammon, Kruizze Hughes, Habakkuk Lopez, Jeffrey Parra, Joseph Pulica, Hugo Santiago and Adam Spaugy.

Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower addressed the graduates at the ceremony and invited them to continue to push themselves in future endeavors.

"(I have a) quote hanging in my office that says, 'Work hard and stay hungry,'" Gower said, addressing the graduates. "Remember that. Always work hard and be humble ... go about your life with your duties ... it will pay off, I guarantee you."

The academy gave students a chance to engage in realistic law enforcement training techniques. The graduates participated in staged traffic stops, went through a rigorous physical training regimen, and

learned defensive tactics, use of force and firearms safety and use. The academy also gave students an opportunity to have positive interactions with law enforcement personnel, a chance to see officers from a different perspective.

"I guarantee you their perception of law enforcement has changed ... and for the better," Gower said of the academy graduates.

Now in the eighth year of the program, Sgt. Nik Johnson, director of the

program and to come back every year after they're done to help us out ... We bring in the best and we couldn't do this program without the help of everyone in the law enforcement community."

"A lot of this class is about conquering fears," Johnson added. "We pushed beyond that ... They conquered (their) fears. This is an awesome group of kids."

Lopez, one of the graduates, said he was happy to sacrifice three weeks of his summer to participate in the academy.

"It was really fun. We did lots and lots of pushups," he quipped. "Three weeks of this, it was worth it ... Some of us chose to get bit by a dog," he added with a smile.

"Overall, it was a really good three weeks and I'm glad I did it. It was worth every second. I've pushed myself farther than I've ever pushed myself."

In addition to receiving graduation certificates, a few students were honored at the ceremony for achieving top honors at the academy. Lopez received a certificate for best academics, achieving the highest on academy tests. Santiago was honored for being the most improved student in physical training. Donovan was awarded a certificate for best overall physical training and Spaugy was honored for best overall defensive tactics and best overall cadet.



SGT. NIK JOHNSON, of the Iron County Sheriff's Office, congratulates Junior Deputy Academy graduate Adam Spaugy at a graduation ceremony June 24.

academy, reflected on the successes achieved and the students who have helped it to grow.

"This came from an idea from kids," Johnson said. "It wasn't something I created. Kids created this. We ran with it ... (The program has continued because) of the pride these kids take in this



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Opinion

A Utah official deserves national praise



Cyclops

BY BRYAN GRAY

This election I had a difficult time deciding my vote in the primary election for Utah's governor. I agreed with some of the libertarian statements of Jonathan Johnson, but his extreme far right positions on public education and public lands made me uneasy. I was upset with Gov. Gary Herbert's "open donation" invitation to lobbyists and, in my view, his inability to take firm, principled stands.

to be rejected. And, more importantly, I know what it feels like to be loved.

"I grew up in a small town and went to a small rural high school. There were some kids in my class that were different. Sometimes I wasn't kind to them. I didn't know it at the time, but I know now that they were gay. I will forever regret not treating them with the kindness, dignity and respect — the love — that they deserved ... Over the intervening years, my heart has changed ... You

I only wish I could have voted for a real leader ... someone like Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox who, as you probably know, is receiving national raves for his recent speech to a predominantly gay audience. Here are excerpts from

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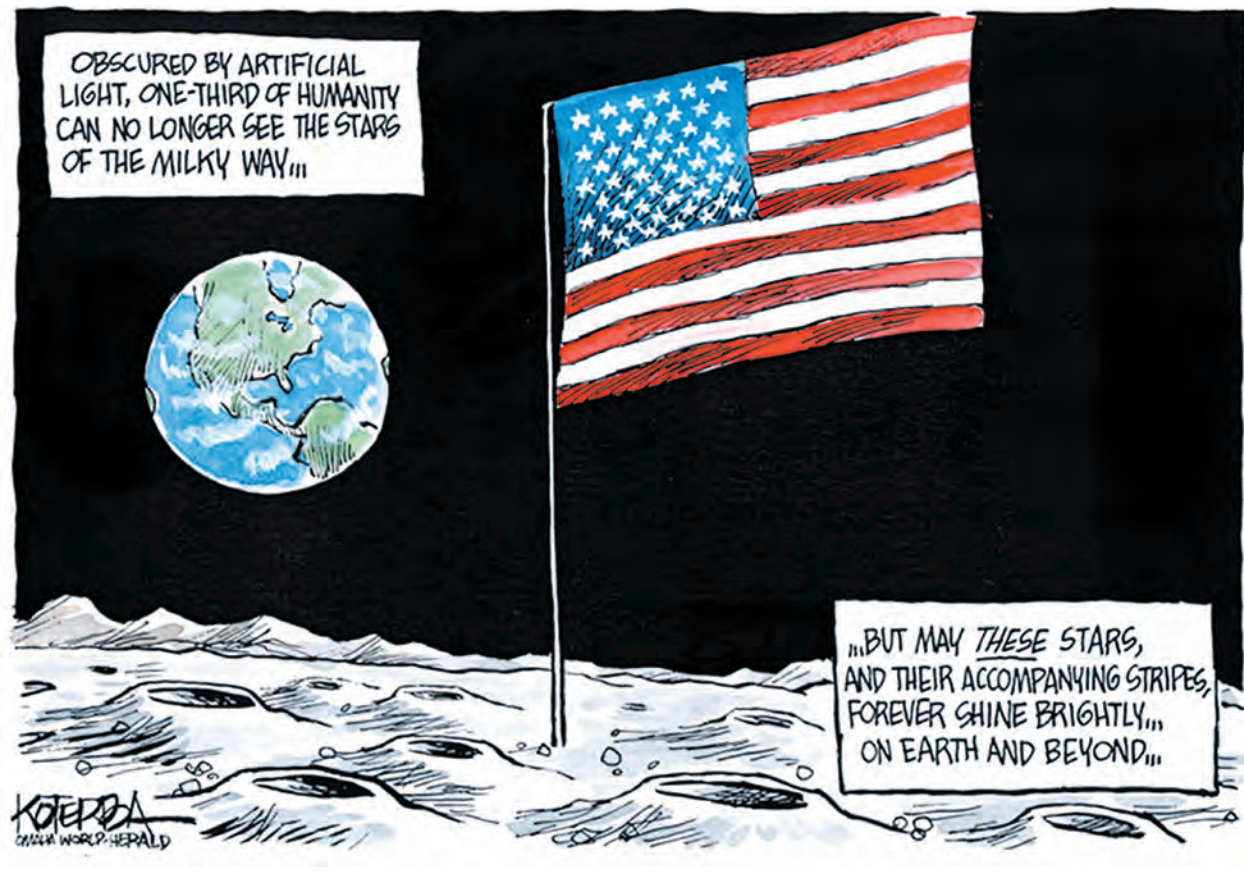
his address in the wake of the Orlando tragedy.

"I recognize that I am a balding, middle-aged straight, white, male, Republican, politician — with all of the expectations and privileges that come with those labels ... I don't pretend to know the depths of what you are feeling. But I do know what it feels like to be scared. I do know what it feels like to be sad. I do know what it feels like

to be rejected. And, more importantly, I know what it feels like to be loved. Did that feeling change when you found out the shooting was at a gay bar at 2 a.m. in the morning? If that feeling changed, then we are doing something wrong.

"Usually when tragedy occurs, we see our nation come together. I was saddened, yesterday to see far too many retreating

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Ask an Expert: Five tips for the perfect picnic

BY TERESA HUNSAKER
Utah State University
Extension family and
consumer sciences educator

Picnics are the perfect way to get out and enjoy the outdoors without going too far or spending a lot of money. Picnicking can fit almost any budget and can be as simple or elaborate as you want it to be. Some of the best picnics happen on the spur of the moment and don't need a lot of planning. No picnic basket? No problem. Anything that holds your supplies will do.

Consider these tips for the perfect picnic.

1. Pack your picnic with food safety in mind.

If you will be gone longer than 2 hours from departure to eating, plan to pack

a cooler. After 2 hours at room temperature (1 hour if temperatures are around 90 F), harmful bacteria that can cause food poisoning multiply rapidly. USDA guidelines say cold foods should be kept as close to 40 F as possible

and hot foods should be kept above 140 F.

2. Keep your cooler ready.

If you are planning to make picnics a regular part of your summer, consider investing in a cooler-on-wheels for portability. To help keep foods cold,

chill them in the refrigerator before packing and keep them in the cooler until serving time. Get double duty from your cooler space. Fill empty drink bottles half full of water or juice and freeze. The frozen drinks will act

as ice packs to keep the picnic cool in transit. At your destination, top off the bottles with water or a drink to enjoy with your meal.

3. Be mindful of your picnic location.

When planning your food items, consider

where you are going. Even if it's just to the park, it will help you prepare by considering the setting. Avoid anything that gets drippy, limp or wimpy in warm weather. Gelatin salad is a perfect example of what not to take, and even tossed salads will wilt if left in the sun or warm weather for very long.

4. Make a menu.

For a no-fuss menu, have a fix-your-own sandwich bar. Fill plastic containers with pre-sliced sandwich fixings such as lettuce, tomatoes, cheeses, meats, bell peppers, olives, mushrooms, onions and spinach. Set out hearty breads, crusty rolls or tortilla wraps and condiments. To add a gourmet touch, splurge on a couple

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Historian speaks as part of library's WWII exhibit

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Ever since he was 5 years old, Southern Utah University History Professor Dr. Larry Ping has loved to look at a special cruise book from his father's ship, the USS Pensacola, a heavy cruiser, on which he served during World War II.

Larry Ping shared inspiring stories and pictures about his father during an event at the Cedar City Library June 23 in conjunction with the exhibit "Parallel Journeys: WWII and the Holocaust through the Eyes of Teens."

Richard Ping joined the U.S. Navy to serve his country when he was just 17 years old. During his service, he traveled many miles to interview other veterans and shipmates. His work became more than just historical sea stories, as many he interviewed felt free to share their pain from war experiences.

He talked about the

"esprit de corps" of the Navy and life on a heavy cruiser. It was hard work keeping the vessel in ship shape and ready for battle. There was a lot of lifting and loading of the ammunition – many sailors came home with hearing damage from all the gun fire. A sailor could also be washed overboard, but the greatest danger was enemy torpedoes.

With most of the battleships destroyed at Pearl Harbor, heavy cruisers took center stage to bring sustained fire. Larry Ping spoke of two well-known heavy cruisers, the USS Pensacola and the USS Salt Lake City, which he noted was the luckiest fleet. During an attack, a rogue wave lifted the USS Salt Lake City out of the path of an incoming torpedo that would have destroyed it.

"This was a moment where a lot of people also found religion," he added.

Larry Ping's father's ship, the USS Pensacola, was not so lucky. It was nearly blown in half by a



COREY BAUMGARTNER

DR. LARRY PING, SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY HISTORY PROFESSOR, speaks to community members as part of the Cedar City Library's traveling exhibit, "Parallel Journeys: WWII and the Holocaust through the Eyes of Teens."

torpedo during a Japanese attack. The ship was able to be kept together with cables as it limped home. Still in danger, the sailors covered the entire ship

with camouflage netting and small trees hoping that any Japanese spotter planes would think it was just a small island and not attack it.

During another attack on a Japanese occupied island, the USS Pensacola was ordered to sail in closer to shore to help expose the locations

of the guns and beach defenses so they could be destroyed. Larry Ping's father was wounded during the battle and the ship was heavily damaged. The USS Pensacola received a citation from Pres. Roosevelt and Larry Ping proudly showed his father's Purple Heart medal.

Showing a picture of his father's gun crew, Larry Ping said proudly, "My Father, the brave fighting sailor."

Larry Ping's father was promoted several times during his service, usually because his shipmates were either killed or wounded. Because of the lengthy repairs made to his ship, Richard Ping took a train to nearly every nearby city during shore leave. As fate would have it, he met a young woman named Myrtle, who would become his wife and the mother of Larry Ping.

Following his presentation, Larry Ping took a few moments to answer questions and visit with the audience.

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Fire crews continue fire suppression efforts in Pine Valley

BY CODY SMITH
Reporter

PINE VALLEY – The Saddle Mountain Fire grew to 1,329 acres June 26 while fire crews attacked its west side and contained 5 percent of the fire.

As of press deadline June 27 the Washington County Sheriff's Office had asked property owners were still being asked to voluntarily evacuate to reduce the number of people in the threatened area. Fire crews had identified 500 threatened properties.

At press deadline, firefighters were using aerial ignition operations to check the fire on the southeast side along the main ridge west of the avalanche chute in Forsyth Canyon. Air tanker and heavy helicopter pilots dropped thousands of gallons of retardant and water to prevent the fire from spreading to the southern face of Saddle Mountain.

Color Country fire crews continued the fight to improve existing fire breaks to help Pine Valley and Central residents prepare for when the fire descended the rocky ridges of Saddle Mountain into an area in which firefighters could take control.

Authorities had assigned 675 firefighters and support resources to the area.

"While day crews improve fuel breaks and scout the terrain, night crews, including engines and hotshot crews patrol areas threatened by the fire, prepared to pick up spot fires and encroaching flames if needed," said Christian Venhuizen, Public Affairs Specialist at the Color Country District of the Bureau of Land Management.

The fire was burning primarily in the Lloyd and Forsyth canyons. Authorities stated the fire was expected to continue to grow to the east, northeast and southeast in Lloyd Canyon with limited spread to the northwest and west.

Authorities continue to restrict access to the

Pine Valley Recreation Area in the Dixie National Forest.

The fire has been difficult for crews to extinguish, reports stated, because it burns in an area that is not safe for firefighters to attempt suppression. Authorities received reports of the Saddle Mountain fire June 13 and believe lightning caused the fire. Three days in a row last week, unauthorized drones flying over the fire shut down aerial suppression.

"This is an attack on the safety and wellbeing of our flight crews and our

Cedar City. The third incident occurred during water-dropping operations on the fire.

"We told the residents of Pine Valley and Central that the objectives of the incident are to ensure firefighter and public safety through the use of sound risk management and hazard mitigation, and protect infrastructure in communities, campgrounds, private lands, water systems, and municipal watersheds," Henrie said. "We can't do that with these drones."

According to reports, area residents received



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COLOR COUNTRY FIRE CREWS continued suppression efforts last week to improve existing fire breaks to help Pine Valley and Central residents prepare for when the fire descended the rocky ridges of Saddle Mountain.

aircraft," said Chris Henrie, the Saddle Fire incident commander. "News articles, videos, social media posts, flyers, posters ... our message isn't getting out to the right people. This stopped a significant effort to protect the residents of Pine Valley and could have killed our flight crew."

The first drone interference occurred when a drone flew over a helicopter just after it landed. The second occurred when an aerial tanker spotted another drone; the crew aborted the mission and returned to base in

reverse 911 calls regarding the drone pilot and the suspension of aerial resources responding to the fire. A door-to-door campaign is also planned by the incident management team.

Those with information regarding drones flying in the area of the Saddle Fire should contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (435) 634-5734. A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.



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Drones present potential hazards for firefighters

BY CRAIG BENNETT

Reporter

IRON COUNTY – Fire authorities halted aerial fire drops three times last week due to drone interference on the Saddle Fire in the Pine Valley area.

The use of small drones is a rapidly growing field, with new pilots being drawn daily to the opportunities many drones present. Drones are used by movie studios, real estate agents, wedding photographers and individuals because of the high definition, inexpensive pictures and video they provide.

Drones are relatively inexpensive and can be bought over the internet or locally at some electronics stores. They can be easy to learn to fly and can stay aloft for up to 30 minutes at a time. The range of most drones is a mile to a mile and a half.

Brady MacPherson, commercial pilot, flight instructor, and owner of Custom Drone and Hobby, in St. George, a supplier of commercial and recreational unmanned aerial vehicles, said he understands the concerns.

“I understand the importance of safety in the science and the technology of a new kind of aviation,” MacPherson said. “The technology is new, fresh, and intriguing to every age group from young to the retired.”

MacPherson called the FAA’s continued efforts to draft legislation for drones a “win-win situation.”

“It is senseless not to use one of these drones when they are available to us,” he said. “Never before have we been able to analyze airspace below 500 feet in populated areas.”

The bad news for the Federal Aviation Agency, fire agencies, police agencies, and airport managers is that drones are a fairly new technology and because of their ease of use, can be flown by virtually anyone. Sometimes people fly drones into areas and airspace they shouldn’t be, occasionally putting others at risk.

Area Manager for Forestry, Fire and State Lands Mike Melton said, “Drones are good so long as they are used in the right circumstances.”

“Drones are cool things, emerging technology, but they have a place and a time,” Melton said. “Used in the wrong hands though, at the wrong time, private folks make it unsafe for firefighters ... Drones are a double-edge sword. They can complicate things.”

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–Mike Melton

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Melton went on to say, “If you fly, we can’t.”

Flying drones in the fire environment can bring a halt to all air operations, which is what occurred on the fire in the area of Pine Valley.

“It could cause injury and death to firefighters and hamper their ability to protect lives, property, and natural cultural resources,” Melton added.

“Folks need to realize by taking a peek at the fire from their personal drone, it could cost lives, not only to fire pilots observing and dropping retardant on the fire but also to civilians in the area by stopping air operations.”

In an effort to address the drone controversy and remedy the situation, the FAA has partnered with several industry associations to promote a program called “Know Before You Fly,” a campaign to educate the public about using drones and other unmanned aircraft safely and responsibly.

According to the FAA website, individuals flying for hobby or recreation are strongly encouraged to follow safety guidelines, which include the following.



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The FAA has also stated, “Unless you are flying only for hobby or recreational purposes, you will need FAA authorization via a Section 333 grant of exemption to fly your unmanned aircraft system (UAS) for your business. This applies even if you are only flying to supplement or aide your business and not charging fees for doing so.”

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Lions Club to host annual 4th of July celebration

BY CHARLEY WALQUIST
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The Cedar City Lions Club will host its annual 4th of July celebration with traditional Independence Day activities, including a parade and activities in the park. The day will conclude with fireworks at dark.

The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. and will begin at 200 South and end at 400 North on Main Street.

Main Street Park will also be full of activities for all age groups throughout the day. This is the Lions Club's 100-year anniversary, and the club is excited to host another year of fun for the community.

As is tradition, the day's celebration will begin with the annual 4th of July parade, themed "Freedom Isn't Free." The parade will feature a helicopter fly-over and the Grand Marshal for the 2016 celebration is Fred C. Adams, founder of the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

Adams began the festival in 1961 with its first shows premiering in 1962. The city was brainstorming ideas to bring more tourists to Cedar, and Adams came up with the idea of starting a Shakespeare Festival. The festival is now one of the oldest and largest Shakespeare Festivals in North America.

Because of the new structures being built by Southern Utah University and the festival, Adams was the perfect choice for the Grand Marshal.

"With it being the

Lions Club's 100th birthday and the Shakespeare Festival and their new buildings, it's been a good year in our community," said Heather Carter, coordinator of the parade.

The community is encouraged to remember that the parade begins on 200 South. Therefore, if they want to see as much as the parade as possible, they will need to set up to watch the parade between 200 South and 400 North.

"With it being the Lions Club's 100th birthday and the Shakespeare Festival and their new buildings, it's been a good year in our community"

–Heather Carter

Those wishing to participate in the parade can still sign up. Participants need to be signed up by July 1, and the parade lineup will be posted on the Cedar City Lion's Club website at www.cedarlionsclub.com.

Following the parade, the Lions Club will coordinate the park activities; volunteers and participants are excited for an afternoon in the park with families.

The club will provide food at the event, with sale proceeds going back to helping the community. Included in the food choices are hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, nachos, chips, candy bars, snow cones, and cotton candy.

Traditional games at the park will include a dunk tank, fish pond, mini-golf, baseball toss, dart throw, and a center booth with other available purchases.

Businesses and others interested in adding additional games can use the "Contact Us" page at www.cedarlionsclub.com with their ideas. Those people willing to participate must supply their own manpower, and they can advertise their businesses on their booth. All proceeds go to the Lions Club, which in turn benefits the community.

Richard Batt will provide sound equipment for music and karaoke at the park for those providing entertainment. Any additional bands or performance groups that would like to participate should contact Jeremy Andrews at (435) 406-4312. Those interested can also use the "Contact Us" page.

Independence Day will conclude with fireworks at dusk at the Cedar City Airport.

"This is a great community event," said Mark Nelson, member of the Lions Club. "Remember, everything we make goes back to the community," he added.

For more information, including the final parade line-up, visit the Lions Club website.



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THIS YEAR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS will begin with the annual 4th of July parade, themed "Freedom Isn't Free."

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of interesting spreads, such as pesto, tapenade or flavored soft cheese. Everyone can build a custom sandwich for a fraction of what it would cost at the deli.

Sometimes the fun of a summer picnic is the spontaneity, and having fruits and vegetables on hand will make packing a breeze. Simple finger food, like carrots, celery,

sliced jicama and sliced bell peppers are cool, crispy additions to any picnic plate and a great way to include vegetables. Add a vegetable dip, and you have a quick and easy side dish.

5. Keep supplies on hand.

If you plan to picnic frequently this summer, make a standard packing list for spur-of-the-moment jaunts, and keep your pantry stocked with food that is suitable

for a picnic. Include the following items on your supply list: napkins, plates, cups, dinnerware; garbage bags; plastic bags that seal; serving utensils and cutting knives; can opener; cutting mat or board; salt and pepper, packets of condiments; blanket to sit on; hand sanitizer, wet wipes or a wet washcloth in a plastic bag; paper towels; insect repellent; extra water; and don't forget equipment for activities including balls, games, Frisbees, etc.

Man allegedly stabbed during fight in Cedar City

BY CODY SMITH
Reporter

CEDAR CITY - An adult male was allegedly stabbed in a Cedar City park June 24 during a late night fight with two juveniles.

A Cedar City Police officer stopped a driver for speeding June 24 around midnight. According to a CCPD press release, the driver pulled into the Cedar City Hospital parking lot where the officer discovered that the driver was rushing to an adult male passenger to the hospital after a juvenile suspect reportedly stabbed the passenger during an altercation at the Bicentennial Park. The victim suffered a single stab wound to the

abdomen. Police report that his injuries were non-life threatening.

CCPD officers began investigating and discovered that multiple subjects were fighting at the park, according to the CCPD report. Officers also

found evidence that during the altercation property was stolen from a male subject. Authorities booked two juveniles into Iron County Youth Corrections for Robbery.

The CCPD report stated

officers will continue to process evidence and interview witnesses. The motive for the altercation and subsequent stabbing is still under investigation. Until the investigation is complete, no further details will be given.

Police report that his injuries were non-life threatening

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to their over-worn policy corners and demagoguery. Let me be clear, there are no simple policy answers ... Today we need fewer Republicans and fewer Democrats. Today we need more Americans.

"But just because an easy solution doesn't exist, doesn't mean we shouldn't try. The greatest generations in the history of the world were never innately

great. They became great because of how they responded in the face of evil ... Can we, the citizens of the great state of Utah, lead the nation with love in the face of adversity? Can we become a greatest generation?

"I promise we can. But I also promise it will never happen if we leave it to the politicians ... It must happen at a personal level. We must learn to truly love one another.

"The Prophet Muhammad is reported

to have said: 'You will not enter paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another.' Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.'

"And so may we leave today, with a resolve to be a little kinder ... For my straight friends, might I suggest starting with someone who is gay ... On behalf of the 3 million

people of the state of Utah, We Are Orlando. We love you. And I love you."

In the 33 years of this column, this is only the second time I have turned the space over to someone else. This week it was not because I was lazy, it is because I couldn't have said or written it any better.

The opinions stated in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the ownership or management of this newspaper.

A promotional poster for the July Jamboree 2016 Car Show. The poster features a large, stylized orange classic car in the foreground. Above the car, the text reads "July JAMBOREE 2016 Car Show 17th Annual". In the top left corner is the Rotary International logo. The background is a rustic wooden texture. At the bottom, it says "Historic Downtown Cedar City, Utah" and "SATURDAY, JULY 9TH".

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PURPLE HEART

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SUU currently has 385 student veterans, including several Purple Heart recipients, according to a statement released by the university. The veterans are supported by the Veterans Resource and Support Center on campus.

SUU President Scott Wyatt was humbled and grateful to receive the designation.

"I'm not sure who feels more honored today, those that have earned the Purple Heart or those of us that are here expressing our gratitude in honoring them," he said.

Again expressing his gratitude, Wyatt shared a story from a recent trip to Normandy, France where he was able to stand on Omaha Beach and reflect on the events of D-Day.

"As we stood there and thought through the events of that particular day ... where our servicemen, exposed to the rain of fire, walked that long stretch of beach seeking to take back freedom, so many being killed, wounded ... it was hard to not feel an enormous sense of gratitude (and) sorrow."

Wyatt said he visited French churches adorned with stain glass windows depicting American para-

troopers falling from the sky and soldiers storming the beach.

"Today the grandchildren of these grateful French people are leading tours through their beautiful villages, telling the story of sacrifice on the one hand and deep gratitude on the other," he continued.

Wyatt said he has felt this same gratitude in South Korea, the gratitude of taxi cab drivers and people on the street, who wanted to thank him because he was an American.

"There have been many other conflicts, wars, engagements that have been fought over the years, and for all of those there is somebody whose life is better, and someone who gave service to make it so," Wyatt said.

Following Wyatt's remarks, community veterans and Purple Heart recipients were recognized with an ovation before Wyatt, Eric Leavitt, chairman of the Southern Utah University board of trustees, and representatives from the Military Order of the Purple Heart signed a document declaring SUU as Utah's first Purple Heart Campus.

For more information about the Military Order of the Purple Heart, visit www.purpleheart.org.

ADAMS

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about those with whom he works, he noted that he feels the added pressure of protecting his officers. He said he will also focus on officers' wellness by making sure they have the necessary tools to stay safe and be successful physically, emotionally and mentally. Adams said this will create an exponential increase in their public service delivery.

During the interview process, Wilson was impressed with each of the candidates and the members of the city council were quick to unanimously approve the appointment.

"I think I speak for the council, you have our full support and endorsement," expressed Council member Fred Rowley.

Adams shared a few words with those present and introduced his family.

They are my greatest support and why I am successful," Adams shared. "I'm grateful for this opportunity," he continued. "I'm very humbled. I appreciate the trust that you've placed in me."

"I really appreciate Chief Allinson for his leadership and mentorship," Adams concluded. "He's done such great things and this is a bitter-sweet day for us with his departure, but a well-deserved retirement and I publicly thank him and express my gratitude for his leadership."

"I'm ready to serve and want you to know that I will do my very best to lead and guide the great men and women of this department. I'm extremely proud of them and grateful for this opportunity."

Adams will be officially sworn in as the new Cedar City Police Chief at the July 6 Cedar City Council meeting.

New medical school coming to Southern Utah

BY **UTAH OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

Special to Iron County Today

SOUTHERN UTAH – Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine-Southern Utah (RVUCOM-SU), Utah's newest medical school, is currently under construction in Ivins and is scheduled to be completed by summer 2017 to accept its inaugural class.

The new medical school is a response to the shortage of physicians in Utah and the nation, particularly in rural areas. Dr. David Park, DO, the RVUCOM-SU Campus Dean, said, "Primary Care Physicians are in great shortage in Utah as well as the rest of the United States. RVUCOM-SU hopes to inspire and train primary care physicians to serve the many underserved rural areas of Utah."

Osteopathic medicine

represents a growing and substantial physician workforce in the United States that emphasizes primary care, although many also pursue specialty medicine such as surgery. Doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, receive a similar education to their MD counterparts such as attending a four-year medical program, fulfilling residency, and fellowship if desired. However, osteopathic medicine supplements the core science and clinical curriculum with hands-on manipulative treatment to assist in diagnosis and treatment of injury or illness.

This additional education stems from the holistic approach and philosophy of osteopathic medicine to treat the whole individual.

"Osteopathic medicine aims to promote good health and prevent disease. With the use of

osteopathic manipulation, less prescription drugs and surgeries may be possible for various pain conditions," Park said.

The Utah Osteopathic Medical Association will be recognizing the leadership of RVUCOM-SU at its annual Continuing Medical Education Conference Aug. 18-20 in Salt Lake City. This will be a great opportunity for the physicians and healthcare leaders in the state to learn more about the incoming school as well as to learn how they can be involved in this momentous development.

"We look forward to many physicians in Utah to become involved in medical education," Park said. "From classroom lectures, hands-on lab teaching, small group facilitation, and clinical supervision, RVUCOM-SU would welcome all qualified physicians to join our faculty."

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Community gathers to honor groovy legacy

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Bands and fans, including the famous Groove Crew and Tim's Army, gathered at Main Street Park June 25 to honor the groovy legacy of local music pioneer Tim Cretsinger.

Cretsinger and his wife, Lisa, moved to Cedar City with a vision and a passion to add to Cedar's Festival City atmosphere. They opened their music store Groovacious and became the catalysts behind Cedar's

popular Groovefest Music & Art Festival.

Cretsinger passed away earlier this year after a battle with cancer, yet through the hardship his energetic spirit shined through. He was a philanthropist, a father and true friend.

In lieu of a traditional program for the memorial concert,

Lisa decided a mini music poster would be more fitting. The poster featured a photograph of Tim and a poem, penned by Rabindranath Tagore, that Lisa found while grieving her loss. The poem reads, "Let love melt into memory and pain into songs. Let the last touch of your hands be gentle like the flower of the night ..."



LISA CRETSINGER ADDRESSES THE CROWD at a gathering at Main Street Park June 25 to honor the late Tim Cretsinger.

PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

The back of the poster included more photos of Cretsinger and words written by Lisa.

"His glory will continue through our ongoing journey of discovery and openness to all things that bring joy and build community," she wrote. "He would want us to share ourselves, our love and talents and knowledge with each other. He would want us to bear witness of all these wonderful things that we have learned from him."

During the several performances throughout the day, band members and audiences gave shout-outs to Cretsinger. They wrote messages to him on Frisbees, which were thrown out to audience members later in the evening.

In between band changes, music that Tim had specifically chosen for his funeral was played over the speakers. It was inspiring music from movies and included a touching song, "My Love," written by Paul McCartney for his wife.

Cretsinger was a lover of nature and animals. He was the president of the Southwest Wildlife Foundation and friend to its founders, Martin and Susan



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PERUSE the "First Peek" collection at Southern Utah Museum of Art June 25 during a celebration of the opening of SUMA.

Friends of SUMA hosts 'First Peek' at SUU's new Southern Utah Museum of Art

BY JEFF LOWE

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Friends of SUMA hosted a "First Peek" look at the newly constructed Southern Utah Museum of Art June 25 as a way to thank the community and local artists for their support.

The gala evening was also a celebration of the opening of SUMA and featured a juried exhibit and sale of 37 pieces of art donated by regional artists.

The "First Peek" exhibit was selected by a three-person jury from 262 pieces submitted by 105 artists, according to the exhibit's program notes. The exhibit featured pieces from a variety of media with a portion of the proceeds going to Friends of SUMA to fund future exhibits and educational programs.

Arlene Braithwaite, whose piece "Sunrise View, Angel's Landing," was one of the featured works at "First Peek," said she was honored to be a part of SUMA's opening exhibit.

"It means a lot. I've lived

here since 1974 and came here when this space was very small and limited," she said. "This is a world-class museum. It will have exhibits from all over the world."

Speaking of SUMA and the "First Peek" exhibit, Braithwaite added, "I've taken people on tours through the building when it was being constructed and when it was empty, but the energy of the crowd combined with the beautiful setup is thrilling."

In addition to "First Look," community members will be treated to "Kevin Kehoe: Western Therapy," "The Grand Circle Tour: National Parks Historical Photography Exhibit," "Find Your Park," a juried show of SUU student art, and "Jimmie Jones: Final Paintings," a permanent collection at SUMA, when the museum opens July 7.

Standing next to a wall lined with Jones' majestic landscapes of Southern Utah, Shauna Mendini, Dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts at SUU, welcomed those in attendance and spoke of Jones' vision for SUMA.

"(Jones) was admired and loved for his integrity and character, as much as for his art," she said. "... For those friends who knew Jimmie, along with those friends who knew his art, it is evident that he is truly a remarkable man."

"Jimmie is the premier artist of Southern Utah. How fortunate Cedar City is to have him as our



Cedar City Rotary Club to present July Jamboree Cruise-In

BY NEAL SMITH

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – The 19th annual Cedar City Rotary Club July Jamboree Cruise-In, presented by the Cedar City Rotary Club, will take place July 9. Cedar City's Historic Downtown Main Street will once again be closed off for the event, which will feature live bands, vendors of all kinds, food and a great car show.

Pre-registration for the event will take place July 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Frontier Homestead State Park, where you can enjoy a food by Sonny Boy's Barbecue and music.

On July 9 at 8:30 a.m. a full breakfast buffet will be served at the Cedar City Main Street Park. A Poker Run is planned after breakfast followed by the Show and Shine on Downtown Main Street that afternoon and evening.



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CLASSIC CARS LINE CEDAR CITY'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET during last year's July Jamboree. This year's event, presented by the Cedar City Rotary Club, will take place July 9.

T-shirts, goodie bags and awards will be presented during the evening. The entry fee is \$30, with all proceeds going to humanitarian, community and charitable proj-

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native son," she continued. "Jimmie was inspired by museums ... He knew the power of a museum and its ability to share inspiration, particularly with future artists, children, who like Jimmie, are completely entertained by holding a pencil, a piece of paper, a crayon and creating. How appropriate that his vision aligned so closely with Beverley Taylor Sorenson's Center for the Arts and Beverley's vision herself."

At the start of the museum project, just months before Jones passed away, he wrote a letter of introduction and invitation to SUMA, Mendini said.

"I invite you to join with me in the creation of something exceptional and enduring, something that will be a legacy from you and me to all who live in or visit this extraordinary region," the letter read. "I propose to give all that I have to the building of the Southern Utah Museum of Art. I have a home, paintings and work by artists I have known and loved over the years. These, I propose, will be the seed from which, with your help, this project will grow. The building must be big and it must be beautiful. It will be a landmark in a city that will be a magnet for collections, for students and for all who

love the visual arts. It will be a heritage for the people of Cedar City and far beyond."

"What vision," Mendini continued. "The magnitude of his gift is seen behind me. His final paintings, his final dissertation, that go beyond anything anyone could ever imagine, as they stand side by side in orchestration creating a magnificent symphony of our remarkable region, seen through the eye of a master artist, they create the wow moment for Southern Utah Museum of Art.

"This is the house that Jimmie built and the doors are wide open to enhance the lives of all of those who enter."

Friends of SUMA also took advantage of the occasion to honor Anne Marie Gardner with the LaRae King Friend of Art Award. Described as a tireless volunteer supporting visual arts, Gardner was a founding member of the Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery and dedicated time and effort to the gallery's exhibits and educational programs. She was one of the "driving forces in convincing former SUU President Michael T. Benson that the university and community needed an art museum," according to the program notes.

For more information about SUMA and its current and upcoming exhibits, visit www.suu.edu/pva/suma.

ects. Visit www.julyjamboree.com for car registration and vendor information. The event is free to the public.

The event's Signature & Special sponsors include Rally Stop, Southern Utah University, Cherry Creek Radio, KSUB & Kick'n Country, Sonny Boy's Barbecue, Coca-Cola, LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Grifols Plasma Center, Cedar City Motor Company, Convergys, AMPAC, Zions Bank, Southwest Applied Technology College, Iron County Today, Raindance Car Wash and Fiddlers 6 Theater.

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Oh, well; we're on vacation

BY MARY ANNE ANDERSEN
Cedar City Arts Council

I thought I had better take seriously the news about long airport lines, so I arrived at the airport early in case my travel companions and I had to stand around.

I got a taste of how the better half lives by flying with a companion who uses a fancy card that shot us to the TSA-approved area. No removing shoes, belt, and no invasive pictures. We were about seven minutes from drop off to assigned gate. Now what were we to do in the Salt Lake airport for an hour?

It turned out we were to sit at a little table, order a coffee and soda, and play a card game. I generously said I'd get it, but gulped when the tab said \$7. Oh, well. We were on vacation.

When we boarded, one of our seats was occupied by a sour-looking guy who said he was supposed to have the middle seat and would move over if we really wanted the aisle. He then proceeded to lean over into my sister's space from Salt Lake to Detroit. Oh, well, again. At least he didn't talk.

We were a little worried when our plane was a bit late into Michigan as our connection was only 40 minutes out, but people helped us and we were at our new gate in plenty of time for our flight leaving at 5:40. Only our flight was now leaving at 6:30. Fine. Time for a restroom stop and a short walk. Back at our gate; we checked the desk to find that our plane was now leaving at 7:15.

We found a new little table in a cheaper spot this time. Surely McDonald's wouldn't charge \$7 for a coke and a mini-parfait. We settled in and got the cards out again, peri-

odically checking the departure listing. Plane now leaving at 8:16.

My sister in New Jersey said we'd better eat dinner there as it would be late when we finally got to her house. I wasn't planning on a fast-food salad for dinner but it was quite good and we checked the departure time, just to make sure. Plane now departing at 9:45.

Suddenly it was time to board and the airline employee was frantic to get us all loaded in 15 minutes; it had something to do with union rules governing the flight crew's hours. We hurried to find seats, and applauded when the pilot pulled away from the gate, only to stop at the end of the runway and announce that the messed-up schedule was going to keep us on the ground for 40 minutes. He turned off the engines, they served

beverage, and allowed us to walk around. My grand-

children would have been mortified as we began to talk to all those strangers around us (Why does this embarrass teenagers so much?). We checked the score of the NBA game, found out that the guy across the aisle had never heard of LeBron James, and asked for some of the peanut M&Ms that the lady behind us was munching. I told the story of the airline pilot who had ordered take-out pizza for the whole plane under similar circumstances a few months back. No one else had heard it, but thought it was a great idea.

This time when the plane really took off, there was applauding and cheering. Even Newark, N.J. is beautiful at night, but we were nearly five hours late. I'll bet that grumpy guy who wanted the aisle seat would have been gleeful.



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Movie Beat: Steven Spielberg's 'The BFG' a children's story at heart

Childhood can be magical.

Steven Spielberg's latest, a live-action film version of the Roald Dahl classic "The BFG," bottles that magic and puts it onscreen. The movie is a child's fantasy in its purest form – whimsical, visually gorgeous, and possessed of the most well set-up fart joke I've ever seen – and will undoubtedly delight any under-12's or Roald Dahl fans in the theater.

Adult audience members may wish for a movie that doesn't cling quite so firmly to a child-only perspective, but even that is faithful to the original story.

For those not familiar with the book, "The BFG" starts with a young orphan girl who gets spirited away by a nice giant who doesn't share the other giants' habit of eating humans. Still, she's constantly at risk of being eaten by the bad giants, at least until she realizes that she and the

Big Friendly Giant need to recruit the Queen of England to help out.

That last sentence tells you a lot about the sensibility of the film, which is charming but feels very much like a story told by a 10-year-old. That's the age where someone would think "Let's ask the queen for help" when trying to solve a problem, seeing her as a sort of supreme mother figure for the country and therefore possessed of the parental invincibility that young children give their parents. Also, the only two groups of people who love farting quite as much as



JENNIFER WARDELL
Member Utah Film Critics Association

"The BFG" does are small children and teenage boys (I will say, though, that the movie is the first in decades to actually make me laugh at the set up for a fart joke. The joke itself was no more entertaining than any other fart joke I've seen, but the journey there was lingered over so lovingly that I gig-

gled despite myself).

The visuals are absolutely beautiful, particularly a sequence where our young hero, Sophie, and the BFG go out hunting dreams. The BFG himself threatens to tip over into Uncanny Valley territory a time or two (aka that vaguely uncomfortable feeling you get watching CGI Tom Hanks move his face in the movie version of "The Polar Express"), but mostly the exaggerated, expressive face is charming and just a little bit heart-breaking. Mark Rylance is amazing in the role, giving the character a depth and empathy that the script doesn't quite have room to build on its own.

Ruby Barnhill is also good as Sophie, who is mouthier than the usual child protagonist (but not

more so than plenty of actual children I've run into). I doubt I'd want to babysit her, but she's a lovely audience stand-in and can be both fragile and spunky when the situation demands.

The movie actually follows the book pretty closely, though like with previous screen adaptations of the story the ending has been changed somewhat. There's a faint melancholy tone to this one that may speak to parents, a bittersweet tinge that feels like a comment on growing up, but I'm not sure the kids will notice that part.

Because in the end, this is very much a story for the kids in the audience (and possibly the kid inside all of us). And those kids may not know how the world works, yet, but they definitely believe in giants.

Rating: PG for action and peril, as well as some scary moments and brief rude humor

Screenplay: Melissa Mathison, based on the novel by Roald Dahl, with Christopher Abbott as story editor

Director: Steven Spielberg

Starring: Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton, Rebecca Hall, Bill Hader, Jermaine Clement, Rafe Spall, Matt Frewer and more

Grade: ★★★★★

CRETSINGER

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Tyner. Martin Tyner, along with many of Cretsinger's friends, attended the memorial to pay special tribute to his memory.

"This stage is a testament to Tim," said Martin Tyner. "Tim built this stage

with his work and his dedication, but he did not build this stage for him. For every musician that stands on this stage and plays some of the most amazing music, Tim built this stage for them and for all you to enjoy. That is the kind of man that we need more of in this community."

Brian Passey, arts

reporter for the Spectrum & Daily News, presented Lisa with a personal message from Cretsinger's favorite band, Calexico. Passey reached out to the band and Calexico responded with gratitude and gifts, including an autographed calendar and a music poster, which will be part of a silent auction

at the Groovacious store.

The money from the auction will go to creating a special bench or other special marker to be placed in a memorial space for Cretsinger on the Southwest Wildlife Foundation property. On Cretsinger's birthday (Sept. 30) there will be a special public birthday celebration in his honor.

Butterfly Release Memorial sees record turnout

BY CODY SMITH

Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Members of the Intermountain Homecare and Hospice team hosted the third annual Butterfly Release Memorial June 22 in Cedar City's East Canyon Park.

The hospice team started the memorial for families that have experienced the death of a loved one within the previous 6 months. Those families gathered together for a program honoring their loved ones and to release butterflies.

Following speeches and stories, each participant took a paper triangle, which held a butterfly, and spread out across the park to release them.

"There were three times as many people as we've had in previous years," Stacy Oswald, an



CODY SMITH

FAMILIES GATHERED AT CEDAR CITY'S EAST CANYON PARK June 22 for a program honoring lost loved ones.

Intermountain Hospice volunteer, said, "and everything went relatively smoothly, all thanks to

our volunteer coordinator, Gena Bixman."

Helene Andrew, a member of the Hospice

team, said members of the hospice team hold grief for the people they cared for, and the memorial

helps them as well as the families.

"It's a release," Andrew said. "We're able to let go

and say goodbye to our loved ones. Sometimes when we grieve we hang on to our loss and we can't get free from that. If we let go, we heal better."

The team hosts two memorials, a butterfly release in the summer and tree lighting in the winter, which are important, Oswald said, because they give the bereaving families a chance to reconnect with the hospice team in a positive environment and remind the family they are not alone.

A person is admitted to hospice when doctors believe that they have fewer than six months to live.

"Quality of life is more important than sustaining a longer, possibly more miserable, life," Oswald said. "We try to ensure the patient is as comfortable as possible during their last months of life."

Cedar City Lion's Club sponsors rodeo pageant



DURING THIS YEAR'S GREAT AMERICAN STAMPEDE RODEO AND PAGEANT, sponsored by the Cedar City Lions Club, young women from Iron County got to show off their horsemanship skills and their personalities, too. They were judged on their horsemanship skills as well as their interview, modeling and speech skills to help them acquire more confidence in their capabilities to be successful in every arena of their lives. This year's rodeo royalty members are Queen: Mikey Burton, Queen 1st Attendant: Danielle Russo, Princess: Aubrey Shafer, and Princess 1st Attendant: Graceanne Erickson.

This summer I learned a lesson



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CODY SMITH

IRON COUNTY TODAY REPORTER CODY SMITH HIKES RATTLESNAKE CREEK in the Ashdown Wilderness of the Dixie National Forest last week.

The beginning of any venture is filled with spirited ignorance. When my boots hit the dirt just outside of Brian Head, I was spirited, energized and unaware of the experience to come.

Every summer, I tell my wife I'm going to climb a mountain, travel the world, and basically become a gypsy. By winter, wanderlust is frozen, stuck somewhere deep in the fissures of my mind where dreams go to die. I've experienced enough death – it's time to live.

I planned to backpack through the Pine Valley Wilderness starting June 23, but when a massive fire caused a closure of the entire area two days before my trek was set to begin, my new friend, Cecil Elliott, and I had to quickly scrap our detailed plans and choose a new course. We chose Rattlesnake Creek in the Ashdown Wilderness of the Dixie National Forest.

I heard the trail was a day hike, so I told Cecil we would keep walking from the trail's end to Cedar City.

We started beside Cedar Breaks National Monument without an ache or a clue. The hike snaked to and from Cedar Breaks viewpoints. Large trees fell covering the trail, which filled us a sense of accomplishment as we conquered each. We soon came to the first switchbacks and began our descent. Halfway

through that first day, Cecil complained of a headache, nausea and shortness of breath. We were concerned of Altitude Sickness; he had only recently moved from Portland, Ore. He soon vomited, which seemed to alleviate his symptoms.

We continued through grandiose meadows and steep switchbacks all while surrounded by the orchestra of male Cicadas trumpeting their mating song.

By the time we heard the stream at the end of the last switchback, we were ready for its cooling embrace. I took everything off but my cargo shorts and lied in a pool. The water took my breath away as I tried to talk to Cecil. I rested my feet out of the

Bananas do not hold up well in a full backpack. I ate cashews and trail mix for dinner. Cecil ate canned soup – beef burrito. I changed into my blue jeans and long-sleeved flannel, but the darkness still bit at me. By morning, I was lying next to the fire to escape the cold.

With the sun came almost immediate heat and we continued on the trail. We skirted a cliff after an hour and came to a slightly larger stream. We crossed it, but found no trail. We followed a game trail up a hillside and found a dirt road. At the base of a large green hill, a sign said "Potato Hallow."

We chose to follow the road after a pair of hikers

from my feet. We walked up hill and down, around mountains instead of over, and eventually came to another trail. Blowhard Trail offered little more shade than the road but more visual appeal and lead us to a canyon which was an oasis that spit us onto SR14. We rested, ate, drank, and after I turned down a ride into town, we continued our trek along the road.

We made it to Milt's Stage Stop before Cecil expressed a fantasy in which he accepted the ride we were offered. We were so close to the end, and I told him I would feel cheated if we accepted a ride on any part of the trip. He was done. I wanted to continue, but was tired, soaked with sweat, and my head pulsed with hot blood.

My feet ached from the new blisters, formed on the asphalt, and the old blisters, which popped as I walked. I was done, too, but I didn't know it until I changed my socks and saw my feet.

What remained of my energetic ignorance fell away at that moment, and I hobbled into Milt's and called my wife to pick us up. With Cedar City closer than any one leg of our trip, I quit, and I was devastated. But, I didn't realize I was suffering from Heat Exhaustion.

This summer, I learned a lesson. Next summer, I'll climb a mountain.



CODY SMITH
Reporter



water to dry the blisters. We stayed there for a short time before continuing along the stream until we made camp.

Cecil called it "Pack:30" when he wanted to take a break, and I was usually thankful. We came upon a camp site that cradled the trail, and we hung our hammocks for the night.

told us it eventually led to State Route 14. The pebbles on the road tested my blisters. Sweat poured from my body, and we desired nothing but shade. My flannel now covered my red shoulders.

Thinking became more difficult with each step, and my mind was focused on the pain emanating

Summer PHOTO CONTEST

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

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).

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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 at 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.

"WHO YOU REALLY ARE" BY LEONARD JACOBSON, "at the deepest level you are pure consciousness without form or content," 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 30

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

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CEDAR 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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FRIDAY, JULY 1

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PAROWAN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, beginning with a food truck rally on Main Street at 5 p.m., with live music from Raven Cain from 8 to 10 p.m. at the corner of Main and Center Streets. Attendees should bring their own chair. Free.

DUCK CREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, beginning with live music and dancing at 6 p.m. For details visit www.duckcreekvillage.com.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT MEETINGS WITH THE LA LECHE LEAGUE OF CEDAR CITY, 10 a.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, bring your babies and small children and enjoy a community of like-minded moms, for more information or breastfeeding questions call Sally at (435) 319-9518 or find us on Facebook.

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PLANET PARTY WITH THE SOUTHERN UTAH SPACE FOUNDATION, at 9 p.m. at Three Peaks Recreation Area. Jupiter's four large moons will be visible as well as Saturn's rings, and Mars is very close to Earth right now. The event is free and open to the public. All donations help buy better equipment for the community. Bring a blanket or chair. Telescopes are available for use. For more information visit www.susf.org.

CEDAR BREAKS STAR PARTY, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at Point Supreme, rangers will lead presentations on night-sky related topics. As the skies darken, visitors may get an up-close look at celestial wonders through park telescopes. Dress warmly. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cebr.

DUCK CREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, including a pancake breakfast, parade, a laser light show, and more. For details visit www.duckcreekvillage.com.

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.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 3

PATRIOTIC INTERFAITH PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE CEDAR AREA INTERFAITH ALLIANCE, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 690 S. Cove Drive in Cedar City. Admission is free. The program will be followed by an ice cream social. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day

CEDAR CITY INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES, parade at 9:30 a.m. down Main Street, followed by activities in the Main Street Park. Fireworks will be at dusk and will be set off from the Cedar City Airport.

ENOCH INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS, 5K Freedom Run at 7 a.m., parade going east on Midvalley Road, then north on Enoch Road at 2 p.m., car show at the Old Enoch Park, hot dogs served by the mayor and city council at 6 p.m., and fireworks at dusk. For more information visit www.cityofenoch.org.

PAROWAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, parade at 10 a.m. on Main Street, games in the park after the parade to benefit the fire department, and fireworks at dusk.

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

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

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TUESDAY, JULY 5

NEIL SIMON FESTIVAL BENEFIT NIGHT PREVIEW PERFORMANCE, Heritage Center Theater, to aid local charities, at which the 2016 company will show off its extraordinary talents and give the audience a taste of the great performances to come. For more information visit www.simonfest.org.

CURTAIN CALL LUNCHEON, presented by the Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Events include lunch and question-and-answer sessions with Utah Shakespeare Festival actors and artists, throughout the summer. Luncheons will be at noon at the SUU Alumni House. Tickets are \$17.50 in advance through the festival ticket office or \$20 at the door.

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, JULY 6

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

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

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

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 Sunrise 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 at 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.

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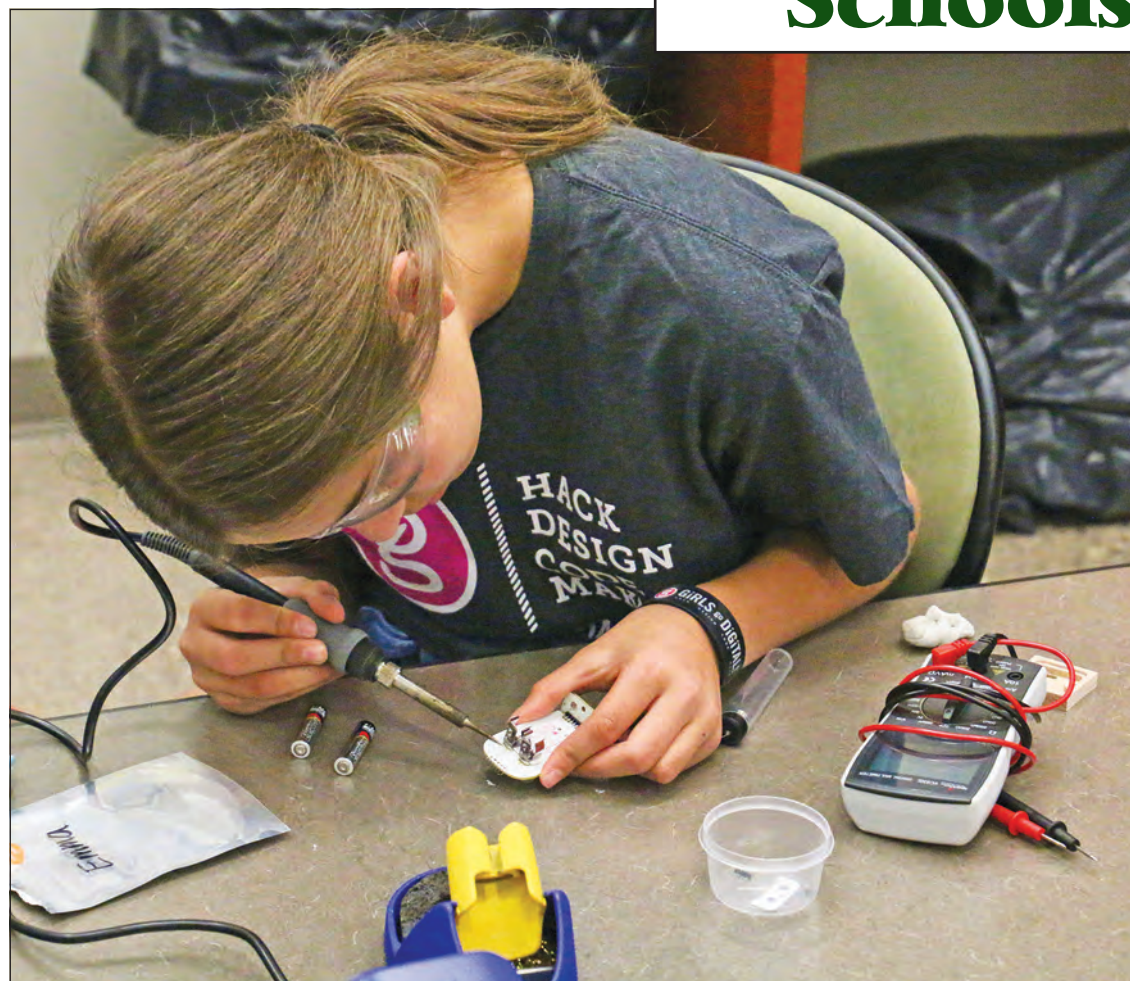
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WOMEN'S MEETING, noon, Cedar City Library in the Park.

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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PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY HOSTED A GIRLS GO DIGITAL! CAMP last week filled with activities designed to foster a passion for STEM-related educational pursuits and hobbies.

Local girls build robots and confidence at Girls Go Digital! camp

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – More than 40 girls participated in Girls Go Digital!, an all-girls camp at Southern Utah University June 20-23 aimed at fostering a passion for STEM-related educational pursuits and hobbies.

Camp classes were divided based on age and experience levels with subjects focused on computer programming, photo editing, electrical circuits and soldering, hacking, binary code, pixel art, programming robotics, web design and more.

Rachel Ramsay, professor at Dixie State University, created Girls Go Digital! as part of her master's thesis in 2013. According to the Girls go Digital! website, Ramsay "coined the phrase 'positive disruption' to describe the influences in our lives that cause us to think, grow and even change for the better." The positive disruptions in her life inspired her to help other young girls pursue education in STEM subjects they might not naturally

choose to explore.

Since its inception, Girls Go Digital! continues to expand on that initial disruptive influence. This year, SUU's camp was extended to include more days and enrollment increased as well.



Laurel Dodgion, Academic Enhancement Coordinator at SUU, said there is a significant need for women in the STEM field. She said the program is designed for girls, ages 8 to 18, and includes activities

selected and designed by girls for girls. Subjects are presented by women and men who are seeking to engage young girls in activities that cultivate interest in engineering and computing.

"The camp is designed to catch those girls who are interested in STEM education and information systems at those key points where we see the drop off in interest with girls in those fields," Dodgion said, adding that she enjoys seeing the girls' confidence grow as they participate in the camp.

"We ... show them that this is something they can do, and even if they decide to do something else, that's fine, but they know they can do this," she said. "They are not choosing not to go into STEM fields because they're not able to; they know they have the ability.

"It's definitely a confidence booster for some of them, some of them come knowing they can do this," she added.

For more information about Girls Go Digital!, visit www.girlsgodigital.org.

Local youth selected to serve on International Youth Advisory Board

BY CINDY **ROSE**

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – A local youth was selected to serve on Youth Volunteer Corps' International Youth Advisory Board, representing the local YVC on an international level.

Sammie Buschman will be a freshman at Canyon View High School and has served 377 hours with YVC and was selected as one of 24 youth to serve on the International Youth Advisory Board.

"The International Youth Advisory Board is such a valuable part of YVC, so we look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish this year," said David Battey, president and founder of YVC. "We love seeing all that can be achieved when outstanding youth

from throughout the U.S. and Canada come together."

Buschman will serve a one-year term as an International Youth Advisory Board member providing input on all aspects of YVC programming on an international level while also bringing new ideas back to YVC in Iron County. Board meetings will take place remotely once a month with the exception of one in-person meeting at the YVC

Summit in October. Sammie will be traveling to Philadelphia, Pa., to represent the local YVC group at the Summit.

"I'm so excited for this opportunity to represent my community on an international level," Buschman said. "Volunteering with YVC of Iron County has had a great impact on my life, and I look forward to meeting youth from other communities."

More than 7,000 youth volunteer with YVC each year throughout communities in the U.S. and Canada, and these 24 board members will be representing each of these volunteers on the board.

Youth Volunteer Corps of Iron County focuses on promoting a lifetime commitment to service among youth by offering volunteer projects for youth

ages 11 to 18 on Saturdays, after school, in school and during the summer. YVC of Iron County is one of nearly 40 affiliates of Youth Volunteer Corps, headquartered in Kansas City. For four years, YVC of Iron County has engaged young people from diverse backgrounds in service projects helping the community. Nearly 50 youth served more than 4,000 hours with YVC of Iron County during the last program year.

"Volunteering with YVC of Iron County has had a great impact on my life, and I look forward to meeting youth from other communities"

–Sammie Buschman

SAMMIE BUSCHMAN, FAR LEFT, has been selected as one of 24 youth to serve on the International Youth Advisory Board.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CINDY ROSE

People

NEW BORN

Harrison Franz Jones



Harrison Franz Jones was born April 28, 2016 to Bevin and Austin, of Cedar City. Harrison weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was welcomed home by big brother Jaden, and a host of family and friends that were so excited to meet him. Welcome to the world baby Harrison!

EAGLE SCOUT

Brady Mitchell Smith



Brady Mitchell Smith, age 18, of the Cedar 5th Ward, has earned his Eagle Scout award. His parents are Brady and Jill Smith, of Cedar City. Grandparents are Dennis and Karen Smith, of Cedar City, and Roger and Caroleen Chamberlain, of Glendale, Utah.

ADOPTABLE PETS IN IRON COUNTY

Patra



Meet Patra. She is a spayed female and is approximately 2 years old. She loves attention and is very sweet. She doesn't seem to mind other cats or the dogs. She has all her vaccines. Patra's adoption fee is \$10. She is located at Cedar City Animal Control, (435)586-2960.

1ST BIRTHDAY

Ella R Macfarlane



Ella R Macfarlane celebrated her first birthday Oct. 11, 2015. Her parents are Bob and Vanesa Macfarlane, of Cedar City, Utah. Ella loves to laugh and smile and she brings so much joy to our family! She loves to play with her siblings, Ethan and Lizzy. Her grandparents are Cathy and the late Todd Macfarlane of Cedar City, Utah and Ignacio and Rosa Perez of Cordoba, Argentina. We love you baby Ella Bella.

WEDDINGS

Kelsey Wilkey and Sajel Gale



Kelsey Wilkey and Sajel Gale will be married July 9, 2016 in the St. George Utah LDS Temple. A reception will be held in their honor that evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at 515 N. 100 West, Parowan, Utah (in case of inclement weather: 87 W. Center St., Parowan).

Hailee Holt and Daniel Rau



Hailee Holt and Daniel Rau were married on June 24, 2016 in the Payson, Utah LDS Temple. Parents of the bride are Todd and Nanelle Holt of Delta, Utah. Parents of the groom are Allan and Susan Rau of Cedar City, Utah.

70TH ANNIVERSARY

George and Audree Slack



George and Audree were married in the St. George LDS Temple on July 2nd, 1946. They have six kids, 21 grandkids, and 36 great-grandkids. Join us for a celebration on July 2 at Brookdale Cedar City (995 S. Regency Road) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Cake and light refreshments will be served.

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

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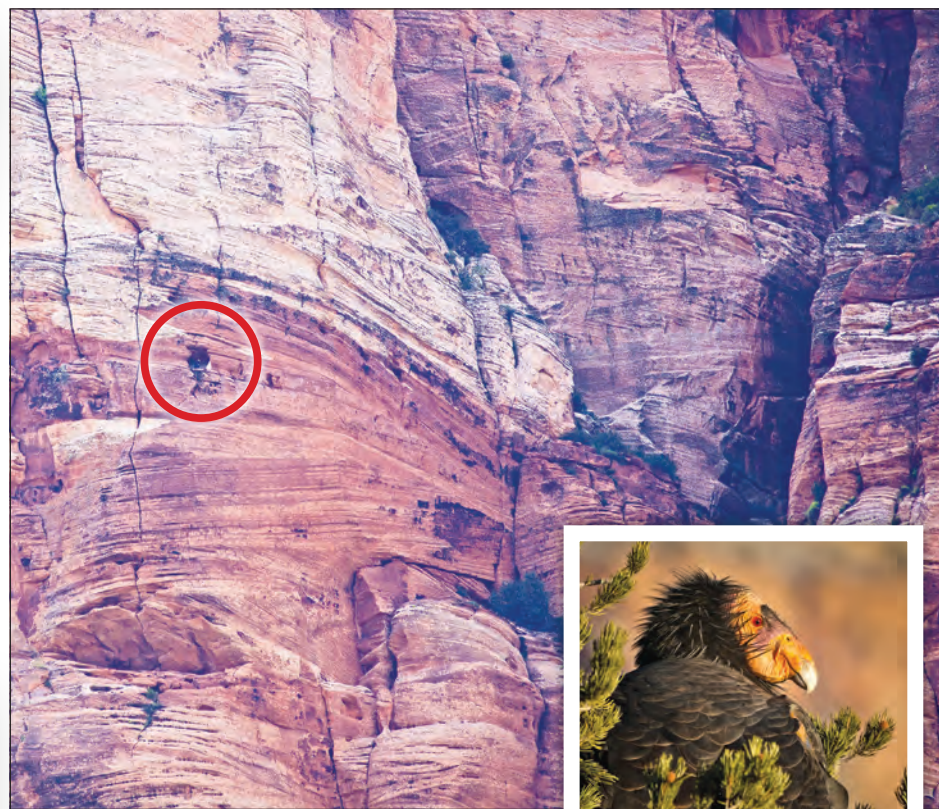


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COOPERATING AGENCIES ARE HOPING A CONDOR CHICK in Zion National Park will be the first condor chick hatched in Utah to join the wild population.

Condor chick confirmed in Zion National Park

BY **ZION NATIONAL PARK**
Special to Iron County Today

SOUTHERN UTAH – Condor program personnel have verified the presence of a condor chick at Zion National Park, but recent events have everyone on high alert.

Biologists from The Peregrine Fund, the non-profit conservation group responsible for releasing and monitoring condors, began noticing last week that a male, Condor 337, was exhibiting odd behavior. Instead of routinely traveling to the feeding grounds to find food for his family, he had become sedentary. The biologists went to his location to take a closer look and found him sick and in need of care.

Initial assessments after capture revealed that the 16-year-old male was lethargic, dehydrated, and severely emaciated. A field blood test revealed elevated levels of lead in the bloodstream, so the bird was given supportive care, fluids, and chelation treatment to help reduce dangerously high lead levels. Despite best efforts to stabilize his condition, Condor 337 died the next day. Authorities from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were noti-

fied, and the body is being transferred to pathologists who will determine cause of death.

Meanwhile, biologists are monitoring a chick and its mother to determine whether or not they might be in danger, but so far, they appear healthy. The

Lead poisoning is the leading cause of diagnosed death for condors in southern Utah

chick is estimated to be old enough to maintain body temperature, and that may allow the female to find enough food to feed them both. Cooperating agencies, including The Peregrine Fund, Zion National Park, Utah Division of Wildlife resources, and the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service are hoping this will be the first condor chick hatched in Utah to join the wild population.

Lead poisoning is the leading cause of diagnosed death for condors in northern Arizona and southern Utah. Programs are in place to reduce the presence of lead from big-game hunting in the fall. The current lead poisoning case, however, has occurred in summer, and it highlights the little-known fact that gun-killed animals other than deer and elk can poison condors. Lead used to dispatch any animal, domestic or wild, whose remains might be left in the field, can poison scavengers.

Officials are asking for the public's support in using non-lead ammunition to dispatch domestic stock, harvest game animals, or when shooting varmints or small game. An alternative is to simply remove the remains of animals shot with lead-based ammunition from the field.

For more information on non-lead ammunition, see www.huntingwithnon-lead.org. If you plan to hunt big-game in the southern Utah hunting units next fall, Utah Division of Wildlife is offering coupons for free non-lead ammunition.

Church Service Directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Potters House Christian
Fellowship Church**
732 North Main,
Cedar City
11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Sunday's
7:30 p.m. - Wednesdays
695-8212

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Gwen Elmeda Petty Hirschi



Gwen Elmeda Petty Hirschi was born Nov. 5, 1930 in Holden, Utah to Arnold and Elizabeth Petty. She passed away June 21, 2016 in Cedar City, Utah.

Gwen married Phil Hirschi 67 years ago in Cedar City. Together they had three children: Dale (Judy) Hirschi, Cedar City; Bonnie (Kent) Adams, Cedar City; and Doug (Nikki) Hirschi, Cedar City. She had seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Gwen had 11 siblings: Lloyd, Bud, Lula, Bulah, Glen (a twin), Helen, Merlin, Billie, Kaylynn, Evelyn, and Jeanie; all deceased but one sister.

Shortly after Gwen was born, her family moved to Cedar City where she spent the rest of her life living the good life of being a homemaker, gardening and canning her harvest, and raising her family. She enjoyed her cabin on the mountain with her family and her pinocle club with her longtime friends. She worked as a meat wrapper at several locations around town for a few years. Her favorite pastime was putting a few coins in the slot machines whenever she had a chance.

A viewing will be at Southern Utah Mortuary in Cedar City on Wednesday, June 29, 2016 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A graveside service will be at the Cedar City Cemetery immediately following under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Daniel Alexander Weber



Daniel Alexander Weber passed away on June 20, 2016 in the Springfield Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev. due to complications from Crohn's Disease, which he suffered from for three years.

He was born on March 23, 1962 in Oakland, Calif. to Charles Joseph Jr. and LaKay Matheson Weber. He grew up in San Lorenzo, Calif. as the youngest of five children.

He served an honorable LDS mission in Tampa Bay, Fla. Daniel was the definition of unconditional love, loyalty, integrity, true forgiveness and understanding. He loved his family more than anything. He had faith in God even during the three years of chronic pain.

On Aug. 25, 1984 he married the love of his life and soul mate, Christine Corson, at the Oakland LDS Temple where they were sealed for time and eternity. He worked at the Alameda Naval Air Base from 1986-1993 before being transferred to Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania.

In 2001, Daniel took employment with the Federal Aviation Administration in Cedar City Utah as a radar technician where he officially retired in 2015 due to medical complications.

Daniel was an intellectual individual who invented the Selective-Sampling-Receiver and owns three patents, one of which is a first action issuance patent. This technology has many possibilities, one of which is developing the next generation of hearing aids.

He is the founder of Weber Technology Incorporated, Spectrum Unlimited, and Color Country Honey. Daniel was an original member and the first president of the Iron County Citizen Review Board.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Christine; his daughter, Crystal (Daddy's little girl); his sons, Christopher (Kenzie), Devin, Curtis and Andrew; and his granddaughter, Kairi; as well as his mother, LaKay; his brother, David (Kathy); and sisters Kathleen, Laura Anderson (Craig), and Charla Conover (Jon). He also had a longtime childhood best friend, Mark Bush, who he thought of as a brother. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Joseph Weber Jr., and his grandparents Alva and Zella Matheson.

A viewing was Sunday, June 26 at Southern Utah Mortuary. A second viewing was before the funeral on Monday, June 27. The funeral was at the Cedar West Stake Center at 725 S. 1100 West. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Flowers can be sent to Southern Utah Mortuary or your donation can be sent to the Alva & Zella Matheson Scholarship Fund through Southern Utah University.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CORDERO

THE RUBY'S INN "DOLLAR CHECK-OFF" PROGRAM has raised more than \$600,000 for the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association.

The Ruby's Inn 'Dollar Check-Off' program raises more than \$600,000 for Bryce Canyon

BRYCE CANYON CITY – The Ruby's Inn "Dollar Check-Off" program has passed the \$600,000 mark in total funds raised for the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association.

The program allows guests at any of Ruby's three properties (Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn, Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel and Bryce View Lodge) the option to donate one dollar for each night of their stay. The money supports special educational events, enhanced interpretive materials and other activities in the park.

"It is truly commendable that Ruby's Inn and the Syrett family continue to demonstrate so much zest toward the mission of Bryce Canyon National Park," said Gayle L. Pollock, executive director of the BCNHA, the park's non-profit education and research partner. "These donations are integral to our ability to deliver interpretive and educational programs that inspire our visitors."

Lance Syrett, General Manager of Ruby's Inn, said the Dollar Check-Off program began in 2004 as a way to try to raise money for several essential

improvements, including repairs to portions of the iconic Navajo Loop trail.

"We embrace our roles in this ongoing commitment," Syrett said. "Ruby's is known throughout the world for its tremendous Western hospitality, which would not be possible if not for the glowing attraction that Bryce Canyon has been for so many years."

The Dollar Check-off program continues to thrive. Ruby's Inn boasts a 98 percent participation rate among eligible participants, and through the first five months of 2016 the program has raised

\$30,000.

"We really appreciate the generosity of so many of our Ruby's Inn guests over the years," said Jean Seiler, Marketing Director of Ruby's Inn. "It is our responsibility to be good stewards to the park and help preserve this natural wonder for future generations."

For more information on activities inside the park, visit www.nps.gov/brca/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm.

For more information on activities at Ruby's Inn, visit

www.rubysin.com/activities-in-bryce-canyon.

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Riggs sets new bench press lifting standard

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

For Cedar City resident Jory Riggs, life has always involved movement. At the age of 18, a snow tubing accident changed everything.

While the accident left Riggs a paraplegic, it hasn't slowed him down in the least.

The 33-year-old set a new world record in the bench press for his weight division by lifting 126.2 pounds in the bench press at the World Association of Benchers and Dead Lifters (WABDL) Rocky Mountain Regional in Salt Lake City on June 18. Riggs was entered in the 123-pound division and lifted a full 12.2 pounds more than his actual weight of 114.

"Jory started lifting about five years ago," Riggs' mom, Tina Dickinson, said. "He got some help from a couple of prominent local trainers and it's been very, very positive.

Riggs set the record in the first weightlifting competition he entered. And it was all done while battling through illness.

"It's not close to what he can usually do, around 150, easy," Dickinson said. "He's been in and out of the hospital, so he went with the easiest lift and had no idea it was a world record. Not too many paraplegics can do that."

Dickinson said it's all

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JORY RIGGS SET A NEW WORLD RECORD IN THE BENCH PRESS

for his weight division by lifting 126.2 pounds in the bench press at the World Association of Benchers and Dead Lifters (WABDL) Rocky Mountain Regional in Salt Lake City on June 18.

Borst signs with Snow College

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

Mikel Borst loves the game of soccer, but wasn't sure if he'd get a shot to play at the collegiate level. With the help of a tip from his older sister, Borst took a chance on a tryout at Snow College.

The Canyon View grad made enough of an impression to earn an offer to join the new Badgers men's team.

Borst finished with four goals in his senior season for a Canyon View team that blitzed through Region 12 and won its initial playoff game for the first time in school history. He credited the team's success for helping make his overall game better.

"If we didn't have the season we had, I may not have done so good," Borst said. "A lot of the seniors I played with really improved, and it taught me more about playing soccer at a higher level."

Borst grew up in Apple Valley, Calif., and moved to Cedar City along with his two sisters and two brothers in time for freshman year at Canyon View. The long climb up the competition ladder was capped when Brianna Borst, who was already a student at Snow, told him about the opportunity to join the men's team.

The tryout happened a day after the regular-season finale, and Mikel admitted to a touch of nerves as his sister watched from the stands.

"A lot of the guys were aggressive, really good players," Borst said. "I was nervous seeing who I would compete against, but I did better than I thought I would do."

Borst scored a goal during the tryout on a header off a corner kick to the high post, and by the time the tryout was done, he was among the final players standing who will report for the team's first workout Aug. 8.

"The guys at Snow had a good touch on the ball. It was a quicker, faster game," Borst said. "Playing 90 minutes will take some getting used to, but I ran cross country, so I have the endurance. I'm ready for it."

The Badgers open the season at Adams State on Aug. 20 and will travel to play at Hansen Stadium against Dixie State on Aug. 27.

Borst draws inspiration for the game from Argentina superstar Lionel Messi.

"I've always looked up to him," Borst said. "He proves that smaller guys can do just as much as everyone else, and that goal he had against the US was insane."

Borst became the 11th student-athlete from Iron County and fifth from Canyon View to sign on at the college level to continue playing their respective sports. He will join Cedar's Nicole Jenkins and Makenna Clark, who will play for the women's team at Snow.



TOM ZULEWSKI

CANYON VIEW BASKETBALL COACH ROBBIE POTTER speaks with his team following a game at the SUU Team Camp at the Centrum on June 24.

Falcons put in summer hoops work at SUU

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – The cast has seen significant turnover for the Canyon View Falcons boys’ basketball team with the departure of seven seniors, but coach Robbie Potter brought them to the Centrum for the SUU Team Camp tournament that wrapped up June 25.

For one of its games the day before, CV looked impressive at times in racking up a big win over American Leadership, but Potter knows the adjustments are just beginning.

“When you lose seven guys, you just want to get people together so they get time (on the floor) again,” Potter said. “I really like our up-and-coming guys, and a couple who were on the varsity team last year but didn’t get a lot of playing time are working their butt off.

“We’ve seen positive things, but it’s hard because it’s summer and you have a lot of distractions.”

But once those distractions go away, Potter believes the Falcons have potential to surpass their fourth-place state finish in the 3A playoffs last season.

“That’s my expectation,” he said. “The kids have talked about it, but one thing having success can do is cause you to relax a little bit. One thing

we appreciated from last year’s group is how those kids spent so much time in the gym.

“Basketball is a skill sport. You can’t just show up and play. You gotta match the time with the ball in your hands.”

Adding to the challenge for some of the players is the work they’re putting in with other sports in addition to basketball.

“For a lot of us multi-sport athletes on the team, we don’t really get a break,” Miller said. “We’re only in high school once, so if I stay busy, I’m glad. It sucks waking up (early) and I don’t want to go to open gym sometimes, but I enjoy being busy year-round.”

And with the rebuilding process, Miller, who will be a junior in the fall, said team chemistry should be as strong as it was in one of CV’s most successful basketball seasons in a long time.

“We have a pretty close bond, and the juniors that are coming up dominated in border league,” Miller said. “We may have to rebuild the chemistry again, but I don’t see a problem.”

Fellow Junior Brantzen Blackner agreed.

“Summer is the perfect time to rebuild,” Blackner said. “We lost some key guys, but a lot of key guys are coming back. The best thing to build in the summer is chemistry.”

Local soccer team seeks donations

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

The Iron FC 3x3 youth soccer team continued to impress within the past month, winning a tournament in Ivins last month and moving up to first in the West Region rankings for its U-11 age group.

For its efforts, the team won a spot at a regional tournament being played in Denver on July 23. Assistant coach Joel Hilkert said Iron FC has kept its group together for a long time, helping it be successful.

“We’ve been together three to four years, the same core of boys, other coaches and myself,” Hilkert said. “We have a really good thing going.”

In its most recent tournament, Iron FC won bronze in its age group at the Utah Summer Games.

The game of 3-on-3 soccer isn’t played on nearly as big of a field, around 40 yards long by 30 yards wide. The goals are around five feet tall by three feet wide. Teams play two 10-minute halves and Hilkert said Iron FC runs players in and out

every five minutes.

“It’s very fast-paced, a lot of quick offense,” he said. “Full-sided has more strategy, linking offense and defense. With three-on-three, you switch more quickly. There are faster rotations and players get gassed more easily.”

Adding to the differences, there is no offside, and no one in the “position box” is allowed to block goals.

“It’s all about not letting the offense get around you,” Hilkert said. “On defense, you can’t stab at the ball. As long as the offense has one step, they can get a shot off. Always stay in front of the guy with the ball.”

With age-group qualifiers for the national 3-on-3 tournament in August, Hilkert said there could be more than one winning team eligible. Iron FC will be playing a tournament at BYU over the July 4 weekend in preparation for the regional.

The team is seeking sponsorships to help pay for the trip, and those businesses who help will have names printed on shirts the players will wear at the tournament. The team members are: Daxton Whicker, Bubba Ludlow, Tanner Hilkert, Asher Slack, Parker Ross and Shaw Cox.

Any and all donations are welcome. For more information, contact Bryce Ross at (435) 704-1438 or Hilkert at (435) 263-5687.



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ASSISTANT COACH JOEL HILKERT, far left, stands with the Iron FC 3x3 youth soccer team, from left to right, Daxton Whicker, Bubba Ludlow, Tanner Hilkert, Asher Slack, Parker Ross, Shaw Cox and head coach Bryce Ross.

MLB legend Dale Murphy instructs local players



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THE DALE MURPHY BASEBALL ACADEMY held its own ceremony for the second day of its two-day baseball camp in conjunction with “World Olympic Day” on June 23. Around 100 youth players received instruction from the two-time National League Most Valuable Player.



BRADLEY COLLET RECENTLY QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT SUU at the Utah State Amateur Championship.

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Collet qualifies for State Amateur Championship

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CEDAR CITY – SUU men's golfer Bradley Collet will be representing the Thunderbirds at the 118th Utah State Amateur Championship.

Collet was a medalist at the qualifier at the SunRiver Golf Course in St. George. He shot a three-under-par 68, putting him in a tie for first place and among the top 13 in

the field that qualified.

Collet will join teammate Fidel Concepcion in the field at the Utah State Amateur.

Alpine Country Club is the host site for the event, and Fox Hollow Golf Club is the second site for the Championship.

To stay up to date on the Thunderbirds, fans may follow @SUUGolf on Twitter and Instagram, as well as SUU Men's and Women's Golf on Facebook.

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part of the determined spirit her son has shown.

"It's been pretty tough for him," she said. "If he couldn't be moving, he wasn't happy."

Riggs has also run two half-marathons, but had to stop due to lack of a racing chair. Dickinson said her son's next big goal is to "do the Paralympics with

wheelchair basketball."

"We've gotten in touch with a coach who can help him with that goal," she said.

Riggs graduated from SUU with a degree in graphic design and works part-time as a peer sport tutor at Red Rock Center for Independence. He will compete again at a WABDL meet in Las Vegas in November to try and top his new world weightlifting record.

Stewart finally breaks winless drought at Sonoma

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

Since I began my career in sports writing, one of the bigger lessons I was taught was when it comes to being a good reporter, you simply have to keep cheering out of the words you put on a page.

With what went down at Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., on June 26, it was next to impossible to jump up and down like a kid about to be let loose in a candy store.

For all the heartaches, all the bad luck, all the stress and pain, Tony Stewart finally grabbed a dose of nirvana at a track he's more than familiar with.

Stewart got a break when a well-timed caution flag put him in front, then he worked a final restart to perfection and had to hold off a hard-charging Denny Hamlin to win the Toyota/SaveMart 350. It was Stewart's eighth road-course win (third at Sonoma) and 49th career Sprint Cup win, but it meant so much more than an average race day.

The last time Stewart won came at Dover on June 2, 2013. Three years and 24 days later – a stretch of 84 races – Stewart found his way back to Victory Lane.

And if you can't appreciate how it unfolded, please go back and check yourself for a pulse, heart or soul.

At lap 83, Stewart and his No. 14 Chevrolet sat in 17th place. Five laps later, the race's fourth and final



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TONY STEWART, DRIVER OF THE #14 CODE 3 ASSOC/MOBIL 1 CHEVROLET, celebrates with his crew after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway on June 26.

caution came out. All of a sudden, Stewart found himself in front of the field.

He didn't let it go over the final 22 laps, including one precarious restart and two bump-and-run exchanges with Hamlin in the final three turns.

Just like Kyle Busch before him one year ago, Stewart – despite missing the first eight races – has met the first requirement for making the 2016 Chase. One checkered flag in the win column.

Now comes the harder part. Stewart still needs to get to the top 30 in points, but he's closer than you think.

With 10 races to go until the Chase, Stewart is 32nd in points, but only nine behind Brian Scott and three behind Regan Smith. Since he returned eight races ago, Stewart had struggled with only one

top-10 and three straight early exits.

But after a seventh-place run at Michigan two weeks ago, it had the feeling of a turn-the-corner moment for the entire Stewart-Haas Racing organization.

When the checkered flag flew, the picture captured by the Fox cameras of Stewart's father, Nelson, wiping away tears showed you just how special the breakthrough moment was. Stewart led laps only one other time on the 2016 season at Kansas, but ended up 12th.

In the bigger picture, Stewart may have the win, but he can't afford to backslide into finishes he endured at places like Dover (34th), Charlotte (24th) and Pocono (34th) if he wants one last shot at a fourth Sprint Cup title.

Smoke is also one win

away from becoming the 13th driver in NASCAR history to reach 50 career wins. After what he's been through since his last one, from the broken leg that cost him 15 races in 2013 to the tragic accident involving Kevin Ward and missing the first eight races this year due to a non-racing injury, Tony Stewart has definitely risen from the ashes.

Stewart said he wasn't having much fun driving a Sprint Cup car to the media on Friday. What a difference a well-timed pit stop can make to improve the feeling.

Tom Zulewski is passionate about racing and his blog can be found at www.throughthegearbox.blogspot.com. Follow him on Twitter @Tomzsports or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

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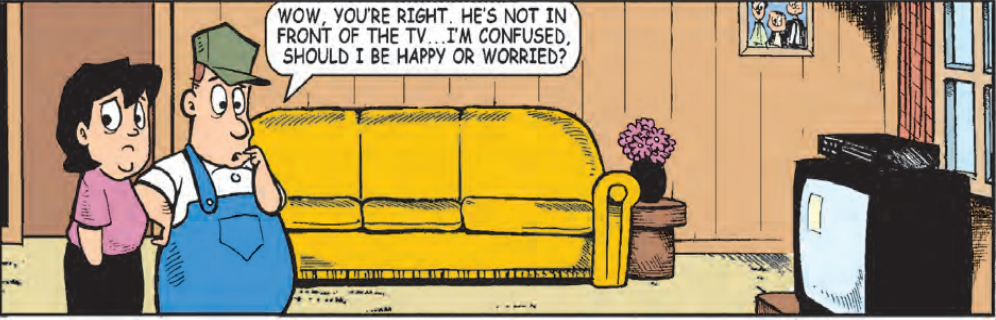


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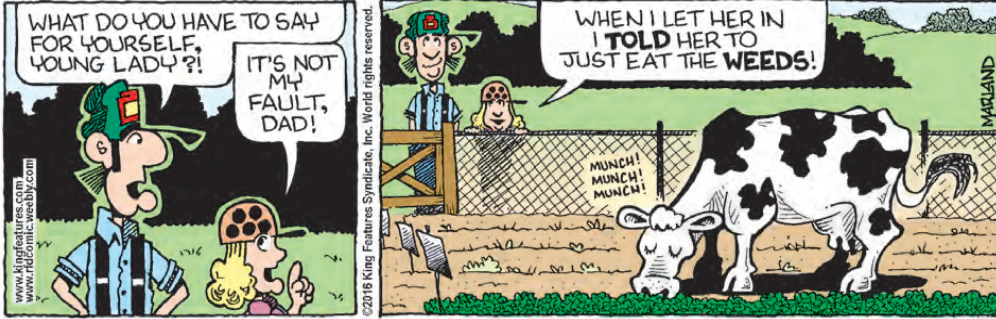
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pealed
- 5 Work with
- 8 "Ali --"
- 12 Gin flavoring
- 13 "Kidding!"
- 14 Hollywood clashers
- 15 Eight on a sundial
- 16 Ratatouille ingredient
- 18 Carrot cousin
- 20 Redhead's secret?
- 21 With it
- 22 Petrol
- 23 Discard
- 26 Salad base
- 30 Gorilla
- 31 Intention
- 32 Quarrel
- 33 Coleslaw or sauerkraut
- 36 Door holder
- 38 "-- had it!"
- 39 Droop
- 40 1,000 kilograms
- 43 Popeye's strengthener
- 47 Floret veggie
- 49 Wolf's look
- 50 Adam and Eve's third son
- 51 Arctic diving bird
- 52 Leeway
- 53 Stage show
- 54 Ball prop

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53						54				55			

- 55 Henhouse output
- 10 German city
- 11 One side of the Urals
- 17 Converse
- 19 Pinch
- 22 Jewel
- 23 Pouch
- 24 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 25 Civil War soldier
- 26 Falsehood
- 27 Grecian vessel
- 28 Gar tooth
- 29 Ram's mate
- 31 Time of your life?
- 34 "Tara Road" author Maeve
- 35 With (Fr.)
- 36 "Bali --"
- 37 Snub
- 39 Rail nail
- 40 Recipe meas.
- 41 Pitcher
- 42 Part of N.B.
- 43 Pivot
- 44 Quite eager
- 45 Stop up
- 46 Fixes a skirt
- 48 Feedbag morsel

DOWN

- 1 Answer an invite
- 2 Inter --
- 3 Type of film
- 4 Oriental companion
- 5 Loosen, in a way
- 6 First course
- 7 And so on (Abbr.)
- 8 Command
- 9 Not "fer"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8			1				9	
	2				4			7
		3		7				5
9					1			4
	4		8	2		3		
		1			5		6	
		5	6				3	
3					2			1
	7			4		5		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY:** Which American Revolution conflict featured "the shot heard round the world"?
- FOOD & DRINK:** From what plant is the spice saffron obtained?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What mythical monster had a lion's head, a goat's body and a snake's tail?
- LANGUAGE:** What is xenophobia?
- MOVIES:** Who played the lead character in "Hellboy"?
- MEDICAL:** What is the medical term for a nosebleed?
- LITERATURE:** This 19th-century poet wrote "Leaves of Grass"?
- MUSIC:** How many notes are in a major scale?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is an atoll?

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1	7	8	9	4	6	8	7	2
3	6	4	7	5	2	8	9	1
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6	8	2	3	6	1	7	5	4
4	1	3	2	7	6	9	8	5
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

P	L	A	V	E	S	E	G	S			
S	E	T	H	A	K	R	O	O	M		
B	R	O	C	O	L	I	O	G	L	E	
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I	L	V	E	S	A	G	I	L	E	S	
C	A	B	B	A	G	E	H	I	N	G	E
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V	I	L	I	Z	U	C	H	I	N	I	
S	L	O	E	N	O	T	E	G	O	S	
R	A	N	G	U	S	E	B	A	B	A	

Solution time: 21 mins.

1. Battles of Lexington and Concord; 2. Crocus; 3. Chimera; 4. A fear of foreigners or strangers; 5. Ron Perlman; 6. Epistaxis; 7. Walt Whitman; 8. Seven (the eighth note duplicates the first at double its frequency); 9. Omega; 10. A ring-shaped coral island surrounding a central lagoon