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SETTING THE STAGE *Dahl makes last sprint count, wins Tour of Utah Stage 1*

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

Kristofer Dahl may be Canadian, but he didn't need any music from countryman Justin Bieber to get him motivated for Stage 1 at the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah. The finishing sprint in Cedar City had more than enough for the final push

that got him to the finish line for a surprising victory.

Dahl won a sprint over the final 250 meters and beat Colin Joyce to grab the yellow leader's jersey in front of a big, appreciative crowd on the Southern Utah campus Aug. 1.

On a warm, comfortable day with a full complement of sunshine, Dahl and the rest of

the 120-rider field got to start in Zion Canyon Village for the first time in the Tour's 12-year history. Once the race left the park, it was game on with a breakaway that reached as many as five riders. Dahl was happy to know his teammate, fellow Canadian Matteo Dal-Cin, was in the lead pack.

"Today was a pretty climby

race, but the start was absolutely beautiful," Dahl said. "Our teammate made the breakaway for us, and he's a really strong guy. We were super happy letting him go up the road and have a shot at the stage win."

Dal-Cin, who was with Simon Pellaud of Switzerland as the two-person breakaway by the time the race reached the

downhill portion, fell less than two miles short of pulling off the feat.

Once the peloton overtook the pair, there were three leaders over the last of three 2.5-mile laps in town around the SUU campus. Dahl found a way and had just enough in the tank to

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Tour of Utah Stage 1 Leaders

(Zion Canyon Village
to Cedar City – 84 miles)

Race Leader

Kristofer Dahl, Canada
(Silber Pro Cycling),
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Kristofer Dahl.

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Cedar City Council approves two parking proposals

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – During the July 20 Cedar City Council meeting, JP Melchior, a resident living along Western View Drive, brought up parking concerns for the two-lane road. Because of the road's narrow width – some suggested that it was too narrow to both park and drive on the road safely – it was proposed that it would be designated a no parking road in an attempt to prevent accidents.

The council voted to approve the designation at the July 27 meeting.

One of Melchior's neighbors, Barrie Strachan, thanked Melchior for his efforts prior to the council's vote.

"It's just a matter of time until there's going to be a nasty accident up there," Strachan said.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

CEDAR CITY MANAGER PAUL BITTMENN addresses the city council at last Wednesday's meeting.

Following the city council meeting, the Redevelopment Agency met to discuss the scope of the Lin's Fresh Market expansion. Along with the physical building improvements, the RDA discussed

the issues of the parking lot, mainly the cracking and sloping problems.

Associated Foods, Inc., who own Lin's, and the RDA have been discussing the best strategy for replacing or repairing the

parking lot.

Associated Foods, Inc. proposed to completely redo the parking lot by removing the asphalt and reconditioning the soil. They would then also be responsible for its maintenance

thereafter. The estimated cost for the project would be around \$300,000.

The second proposal was to use a special oil to seal the current cracks, reduce the sloping issues and then use an asphalt

overlay on the entire parking lot, which would include removing the cement island on the north side to increase parking availability. The estimated cost for the sealing, leveling and overlay would be around \$120,000, with a \$10,000 maintenance cost every four years.

City Engineer Kit Wareham calculates the estimated interest saved by approving the second proposal would cover half the cost of the maintenance fees and in the long run be more cost effective for the city, while still providing a structurally sound parking lot for Lin's customers.

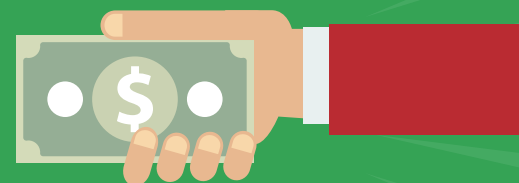
The RDA committee unanimously approved going with the second option and construction on the Lin's expansion and parking lot is scheduled to be finished by mid-November, in time for the holiday season.

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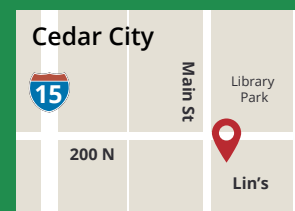
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U.S. CYBER CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS work through a team event during last week's camp at SUU.

SUU hosts U.S. Cyber Challenge

BY JEFF **LOWE**

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Southern Utah University hosted the year's final boot camp of the U.S. Cyber Challenge last week as qualified participants spent five days receiving instruction from some of the nation's leading cyber security experts.

The camp culminated with a capture the flag competition to test the participants' individual and team skills, and an awards ceremony July 30.

U.S. Cyber Challenge is a program of the Center for Internet Security whose mission is to reduce the shortage of cyber workforce, according to a statement released by the organization. It aims to identify, attract, recruit and place the next generation of cyber security professionals.

Laurel Dodgion, Academic Enhancement Coordinator for SUU's Walter Maxwell Gibson College of Science and Engineering, said the program's timing was perfect, given the recent announcement of a new master's degree offered in Cyber Security and

Information Assurance at the university.

"More people are becoming aware of SUU," Dodgion said, acknowledging that many of the U.S. Cyber Challenge participants came from outside Utah. "We are the first university in this state to carry a master's degree

receive a different course in cyber security. It's four days of learning followed by one day of challenge. They also have an opportunity to visit with people from ... the CIA, the FBI, different individuals from these high security organizations that give them information on where we stand right now in cyber security."

Given the nature of the technology-dependent world and the number of jobs needed to protect information, Dodgion said the training received by participants in last week's program is "incredibly valuable."

"There is a substantial deficit in (the number of) people working in the cyber security industry and the need is only going to grow," she said. "Training and degrees in this area are absolutely essential ... As hackers get smarter we need qualified individuals to stop them."

For more information about U.S. Cyber Challenge, visit www.uscyberchallenge.org. For more information about SUU's master's degree in Cyber Security and Information Assurance, visit www.suu.edu/programs/cyber-security-master-degree.html.

"More people are becoming aware of SUU... We are the first university in this state to carry a master's degree in cyber security"

—Laurel Dodgion

in cyber security."

Dodgion said SUU's master's degree in cyber security is an online degree and that last week's events exposed a lot of people to the possibility of enrolling at SUU to pursue an online degree in the field.

Speaking of the U.S. Cyber Challenge, Dodgion said, "It's intense. Basically every day (participants)

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An abysmal legacy of Obama's presidential overreach

Many times over the course of President Obama's second term, I have stood on the House floor and made an obvious but important observation. Our Founding Fathers got it right. They gave us a president and not a king. Knowing this, I have objected vigorously as this President pulls more and more unconstitutional powers to himself. If a future Republican president were to do the same thing, I will condemn him just as vigorously.

And while there are many reasons to oppose President Obama's policies, the longest lasting damage of his presidency may not be the policies themselves but the way he pursues them – ignoring Congress and rewriting laws to fit his policy goals.

I remember well listening to his State of the Union address when he promised to bypass Congress by using his phone and his pen, then watching my democratic colleagues stand up and cheer. Watching them, I thought, "The President has just said he doesn't care about you. He doesn't care about the 700,000 people that you represent. What he is proposing will shred the Constitution." And yet they cheered.

Even as the courts continue striking down many of the President's actions, including recently his regulation of hydraulic fracturing on public lands and his immigration amnesty, his repeated pattern of overreaching will have long-term consequences for our Constitutionally-enshrined separation of powers. There is little doubt this president has opened the door for future presidents to try the same thing. Americans of both parties should be alarmed to see the balance of power consistently tilted toward the presidency.

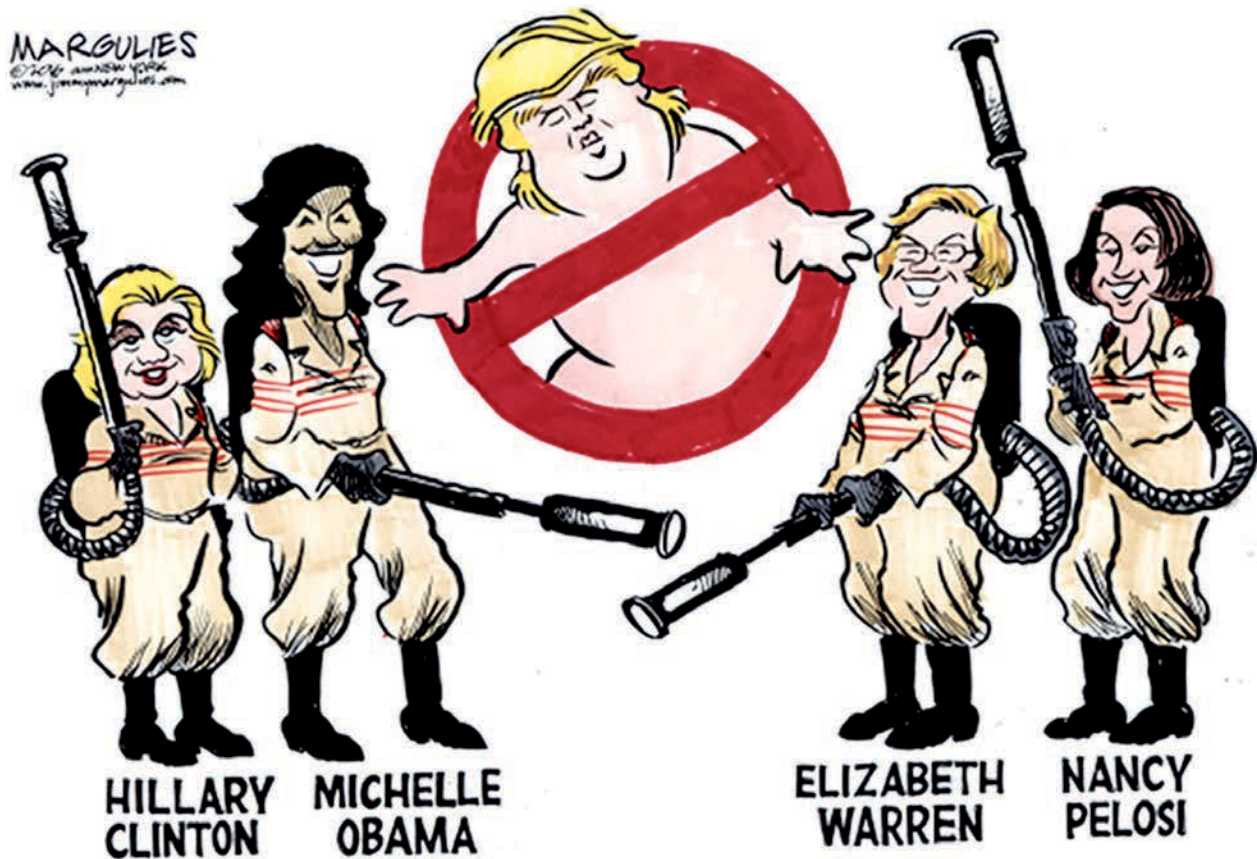
To put this in perspective, a brief review of some of the President's most outrageous power grabs is in order. The President's Waters of the U.S. rule

magically transformed the 1972 Clean Water Act into permission for the EPA to regulate every wet patch of ground anywhere in the country. His Clean Power Plan made a similar expansion of the 1973 Clean Air Act, discovering a heretofore unknown authority for the EPA to regulate the nation's entire electrical power grid. I mention the dates because in over 40 years these laws were never interpreted so broadly. With his Set-Top-Box mandate

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REP. CHRIS STEWART
U.S. House of Representatives



I have never been accused of excessive optimism, but the July holidays have ramped up my hope quota. The Republican National Convention speakers may have portrayed the country as a wanton dung heap of woe and failed promises, but rhetoric is not always reality.

Make America great again? I think it already is!

I witnessed parade routes jammed with harried parents and sun-burned young women and slow-moving old men and women and middle-aged men with ill-fitting t-shirts sticking to beer bellies – and all of them waving American flags and applauding the participants from the POW-remembrance contingents to the teenagers in the high school drum line.

Unlike the policy gamesmanship in Congress, I heard polite

America is already great

Cyclops

BY BRYAN GRAY



It comes down to the proverbial argument as to whether the glass is half empty or half full

and civil (if subdued) clapping for entrants representing both major political parties. The parades demonstrated that we can celebrate a

diverse America without finger-pointing.

I also see the "Now Hiring" signs posted at business after business. I hear professionals in my

business referral group plead for additional employees "to keep up with all the new business." Granted, Utah is in a different position than Flint, Mich., but all the economic news points to a revived economy.

Yes, we don't produce steel or fabric goods as we once did. But many industry indexes claim the U.S. now manufactures more total goods than we did 30 years ago. Not all zip codes share in the good news. The Midwest has been especially hard hit, yet my recent trip to Pittsburgh reflected how government and private partnerships can give a community an energetic bounce-back when its primary industry (steel) sags.

As the stock market hits all-time highs, analysts give much of the credit to investors in other coun-

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Brothers from Nepal bike through Cedar City to raise awareness of environmental, HIV issues

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – When Cedar City resident Matt Bartley and his roommate accepted a couchsurfing request made by two brothers from Nepal, they had no idea the impact it would have on them or the significance of the brothers' visit to Cedar City.

"My roommate told me he had accepted (some) couchsurfers and they were coming (that night) ... He said they were from Nepal and they were just traveling through, Bartley recalled. "They showed up and they had signs on their bikes and you could tell they had been traveling for a while."

Amrit and Ajit Baral started World Tour Cyclists – An Awareness Project. The tour's slogan is, "Save the Environment to Save the World & HIV/AIDS Awareness," according to the tour's official Facebook page. At the outset, the brothers shared a vision to use their expertise in these areas – Amrit is a physician and Ajit is in environmental activist in Nepal – to spread awareness across the globe.

So far, the brothers have visited 16 countries. They have been biking for a year straight with four more to go. Currently, they are traveling from San Francisco to Virginia, after which they will return home to Nepal for a brief stay before heading back out to bike across Europe, traveling from Norway to Spain.

Along their way, the brothers meet with locals to discuss issues relating to the environment and



WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WORLD-TOUR-CYCLISTS-AN-AWARENESS-PROJECT-935611576523030

BROTHERS AMRIT AND AJIT BARAL passed through Cedar City last week as part of World Tour Cyclists – An Awareness Project.

HIV prevention. They conduct awareness programs in cooperation with local government and non-government entities, universities, clubs and community groups. They are also raising funds to help people in Nepal.

"We try to look for opportunities to speak to people, to talk to groups of people. (We) share our experience, knowledge," Amrit said. "We do not claim that we can change everything around the world, but what we're doing will symbolize and leave a message that people might be aware."

Since graduating from medical school, Amrit has used his training to help others. He

conducts free medical camps in Nepal to promote awareness regarding sanitation, hygiene and other health issues important to the area.

"I have worked with HIV patients in Nepal. I have seen them suffering and I see the lack of proper knowledge," Amrit said. "(There is) discrimination for the people living with HIV in society and the family. They abandon them. They feel the stigma about this."

"We planned (to do) something to share a message around the world," he continued. "The idea of bicycling came because it is very eco friendly ... and so we decided to travel around the

world like this."

Concerning the environment, the brothers hope to spread awareness of overpopulation, ocean pollution, overuse of plastics, deforestation, water and land pollution and overfishing.

During their stay in Cedar City, Bartley and his friends showed the brothers around the area, which included a trip to go bouldering at Swett Hills, slacklining at Main Street Park and a visit to Panguitch Lake. The trip resulted in a fast friendship between the groups, all of whom learned they share more in common than they ever realized.

Before they left, Amrit and Ajit gave their new friends threads from Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha, to be worn around their wrists. The threads represent friendship, peace, love and harmony, Bartley said.

Regarding the gift, Bartley said, "It has significant meaning, especially to certain people in their culture, and even though I don't share that part of it, they were still willing to give it. There's a deeper meaning than what it (actually) is."

"It was kind of cool to see someone ... in the same point in life making this decision to pack up and try to make a bigger difference in the world," Bartley added. "Hearing their version of their culture was really neat."

To learn more about World Tour Cyclists – An Awareness Project and to follow Amrit and Ajit on their journey, visit the brothers' Facebook page at www.facebook.com/World-Tour-Cyclists-An-Awareness-Project-935611576523030.

STAGE 1

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hold off a hard-charging Colin Joyce of the Axelon Hagens Berman race team, who finished second.

"It didn't feel like a neutral start to me, but it was nice to look around and enjoy the scenery," Joyce said. "We made it over the top with the main group and I had myself positioned for the sprint with my teammates, but unfortunately, one person was faster. At the same time, can't be too bummed with that."

For Dahl, the power of teammates wasn't underestimated.

"I was able to sit back, relax and take it pretty easy on the climbs," he said. "My teammates did a great job of protecting me the whole time."

Once the finish line was in sight, general chaos reigned over the field.

"It was really quite hectic," Dahl said. "There seemed to be all sorts of things happening. Early attacks, leader trains that formed and got overtaken. I found myself with one kilometer to go on the outside of the group, gained a bunch of spots, opened up the sprint really early, and held on. It was a great day."

Rick Zabel of Germany ended up third for the BMC Racing team, while Daniel Jaramillo Diez swept both Utah Office of Tourism King of the Mountain sections to grab the early leader's jersey for that category.

The Tour of Utah continued Aug. 2 with Stage 2, a 98-mile run from Escalante to Torrey, and will wrap up in Park City on Aug. 7. Fans can see two hours of daily coverage on ROOT Sports or Fox Sports 2, plus the Tour of Utah Tour Tracker app.



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Mentoring future business leaders through a new Entrepreneurship Center

BY **SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATION**

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – Entrepreneurship – that somewhat enigmatic art of business that grows great ideas – will have a new and highly effective home at Southern Utah University in the days to come.

That's thanks to a generous matching grant from the Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation and a number of additional donors who appreciate the innovative business practice and wish to aid in its expansion. The Millers' gift came at a critical time in SUU's \$17 million business building campaign, inspiring new donors to step forward.

SUU's new business building and renovation of the existing building, now in the planning and design phase and due to be completed within the next three years, will feature The Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Center for Entrepreneurship to foster creativity, collaboration and innovation for students hoping to start their own company.

The center will include The Christy Family Incubator Lab, office space, and a place for guidance and mentoring from successful business owners. Increased efficiency will be a byproduct of the center, bringing under one roof impactful university and community efforts that have been ongoing for several years.



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THANKS TO A GENEROUS GRANT, SUU's new business building will feature The Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Center for Entrepreneurship.

Carl Templin, dean of the SUU School of Business, has long been working with faculty, staff, students and area businesses to mentor young entrepreneurs.

"We are so excited to have the Entrepreneurship Center as part of the new business building and to be associated with the Miller family, certainly one of the greatest entrepreneurs in Utah. This center will help us mentor and grow student entrepreneurs from any discipline," he said.

Larry H. Miller, one of the most inspiring figures in Utah's recent history, passed away in 2009 after building upon a simple beginning in the auto parts industry to

become the leader of one of the largest privately-owned companies in the western United States.

The Larry H. Miller Group of Companies began in 1979 when Larry purchased his first Toyota dealership in Murray, Utah, and now encompasses more than 80 businesses and properties that span 46 states. Included are more than 50 dealerships in seven western states and other enterprises such as the NBA's Utah Jazz and its well-known arena; MiLB Triple-A Salt Lake Bees; numerous auto racing concerns; Fanzz sports retail apparel stores; KJZZ-TV and radio station 1280

The Zone Network; Megaplex movie theaters, and more. His widow, Gail, today serves as chair of the Miller Group.

"As a family, our foundation is pleased to be part of the new Center for Entrepreneurship at SUU ... we should help others along the way by sharing and teaching the lessons we have learned. If we are diligent, our example will inspire others to become lifelong students, teachers and leaders," Gail Miller said.

Following the Miller pledge, funding for the Center and the Business Building campaign came quickly as 15 new donors responded within a week to fully underwrite the project. Donations were received from Mark and Julie Svoboda, Jon Christy and family, Utahns Garth and Jerri Frehner of New Harmony, Joe and Beverly Burgess and Gail and Jane Bradshaw of Cedar City, State Bank of Southern Utah, and from members of the School of Business National Advisory Board.

The new business building will efficiently educate future business practitioners and leaders who will energize the economy of our state, nation, and world, and do so with a sound ethical base as well as with solid and dynamic knowledge and experience. It will be designed to foster participatory and practical business education, as flexible learning spaces will encourage mastery of information and greater collaboration.

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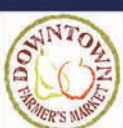




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SYBERJET'S WIRE SHOP GROUP poses for a photo.

Syberjet Aircraft ramps up wiring shop to support Sybervision SJ30i Cockpit Certification

BY **SYBERJET**

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CEDAR CITY – SyberJet Aircraft is pleased to announce that it is ramping up its wire harness shop in Cedar City to manufacture wire harnesses for the SyberVision flight test aircraft, High Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF) laboratory testing, and subsequent production aircraft.

With more than 60 wire harnesses completed and shipped and another 45 in process, work continues to support additional test and production needs.

In total, more than eight miles of wire harnesses interface with the upgraded Honeywell avionics suite in SyberJet's forthcoming SJ30i model.

SyberJet's engineering team has completed all this wire harness design in its San Antonio location to support the SyberVision program.

The SJ30i's wire harness has been completely redesigned to ease manufacturing, reduce weight, and reduce electrical power requirements.

SyberJet's engineering team has completely revamped its capability by generating 3D models of the entire aircraft (including structural/mechanical, pneumatic, fuel, hydraulic, and electrical systems).

Utilizing Zugen™ E3's 3D wire design software package, the team has designed the wire diagrams and harnesses and then routed the systems

three dimensionally through the aircraft. These digital models will make subsequent upgrades and SJ30 model derivatives easier to complete as well as facilitate efficient customer service. Harness installations have already begun on the flight test aircraft (N50SJ) which is slated to fly later this year along the path to SyberVision certification next year.

"As we prepare to deliver SJ30i aircraft as early as the end of next year, we are developing the necessary infrastructure to begin production. We are committed to having a solid foundation of business jet manufacturing capability in Southern Utah not only in aerospace structures, but in every facet of aircraft production," said SyberJet Director of Sales and Service Mark Fairchild.

"We are committed to having a solid foundation of business jet manufacturing capability in Southern Utah"

—Mark Fairchild

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Heritage Days on the Dixie National Forest a success

BY CRAIG BENNETT
Reporter

PINE VALLEY – The annual Heritage Days on the Dixie National Forest took place July 30 in Pine Valley just east of the historic Pine Valley Chapel. This year's event took on special meaning as community members celebrated the fortune of escaping more damage to the area from the recent Saddle Mountain Fire.

The Saddle fire, according to www.inciweb.nwcg.gov, burned as many as 2,298 acres and is still actively burning, but is approaching total containment. Pine Valley residents were under a volunteer evacuation order for a time, but fire crews were able to keep the fire out of the residential Pine Valley area.

Local residents and visitors to the Heritage Day Event learned about the history of pioneer and Native American cultures, packed mules and watched cross cut saw demonstrations. Smokey Bear was also there to promote forest fire safety.

Artisans displayed authentic spinning, weaving, tatting, quilting, rug making, and candle-dipping. Food vendors provided quality summertime burgers, hot dogs, drinks and authentic Indian Tacos. Community public safety personnel displayed firefighting equipment and provided important safety tips and information.

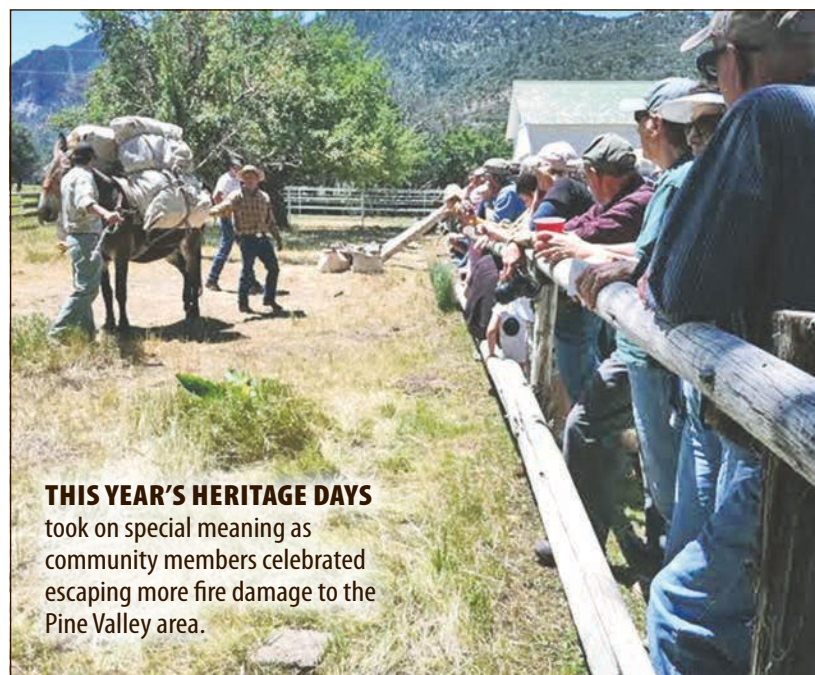
Forest Service personnel demonstrated the use of cross cut saws and other historic tools, along with the use of

pack mules.

Entertainment kicked off in the morning with local singer Sarah Sizemore followed by old-time picking by Keith Behunin. Actors portraying Jacob Hamblin and Orson Pratt even attended, provided by St. George Live, to tell stories about the past.

The event was sponsored by the US Forest Service Pine Valley Ranger District, Town of Pine Valley and the Dixie Arizona Strip Interpretive Association.

For more information or to learn more about recreational opportunities on the forest and to stay connected, visit the Dixie National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/dixie or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/usfsdnf.



THIS YEAR'S HERITAGE DAYS took on special meaning as community members celebrated escaping more fire damage to the Pine Valley area.

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OBAMA

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and Net Neutrality rules, the President has first politicized and then inserted the Federal Communications Commission into the telecom sector in unprecedented ways. The list goes on and on. From international nuclear agreements to immigration, healthcare, education, property rights, religious freedom, and drug policy the President treats laws as if they are merely suggestions.

And it's not just Republicans who are concerned. The Supreme Court has slapped down the President's regulatory overreach with alarming frequency. As legal scholar Ilya Shapiro has pointed out, the President had more unanimous losses at the Supreme Court in his first five years than President Bush did in two full terms. President Obama loses unanimously at the Supreme Court twice as often as President George W. Bush and 1.5 times as often as President Clinton. And those losses keep coming.

So what should be done? Congressional Republicans have in fact done quite a lot over the past several years. On the Appropriations Committee on which I sit, we have included hundreds of restrictions on the way the President and his agencies can use taxpayer dollars. So while the president may write aggressive and unconstitutional regulations, we have, in many cases, successfully denied him

the funding to implement those regulations. We will continue using the power of the purse to rein him in.

But knowing that the Pandora's Box has been opened, and now fearing future presidents will be even more aggressive in claiming power they do not have, it's clear that structural reforms need to be implemented. Speaker Paul Ryan's taskforce on Restoring Constitutional Authority has proposed a number of important reforms.

Two weeks ago, the House passed the Separation of Powers Restoration Act, a bill I co-sponsored, which will reform the way courts review the regulations created by federal agencies. Instead of giving strong deference to the way federal bureaucrats interpret laws, courts will be able to review those regulations under a much more skeptical standard. This is a common sense and long-overdue reform that will help keep regulatory agencies in check.

It's too late for this president to change his legacy of Obamacare, regulatory overreach, and court losses. But if our next president wants a different legacy, he or she should consider working with Congress and the Americans we represent.

Congressman Chris Stewart represents Utah's 2nd Congressional District.

This op-ed was first published in the Davis Clipper on July 28, 2016.

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tries who see America as a stable fortress.

This is not to say we don't have problems. Violence leads nightly news, yet we have less violent crime than in the 1990s. Violence against law enforcement is especially concerning, but national police statistics show fewer officers killed in the line of duty today than during the Reagan-presidency era.

It comes down to the proverbial argument as to whether the glass is half empty or half full. The gloom-and-doom crowd knows that fear makes for juicy headlines. But if the headlines often make me depressed, all it takes is a story of goodwill to bring me out of the funk. And goodwill always starts with a single human act of decency.

Last week, for instance, an 8-year old Virginia boy made the news. Worried about the excessive heat, he filled a cooler with water and Gatorade and left it outside his door wishing the mail carrier a good day.

His mother told the Washington Post, "He thinks it is what he is supposed to do. He doesn't see it as a big deal."

The kid understands. America is already great. It is in our power to keep it so.

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

Murder suspect apprehended in Colorado

BY CODY SMITH

Reporter

CEDAR CITY

— Officers from the Grand Junction Police Department arrested murder suspect Mark Mair and his alleged getaway accomplices July 25 for their alleged involvement in the July 24 shooting death of Justin Hanna in Cedar City.

Officers from the Cedar City Police Department responded to reports of multiple gunshots at 515 N. 400 West in Cedar City July 24. CCPD Sgt. Jerry Womack said witnesses reported that several shots were fired. When officers arrived, they located the dead body of 34-year-old Justin Hanna inside the residence. Witnesses on scene identified the suspect as 27-year-old Mark Mair.

Following a search of the motel room in which Mair was allegedly staying and a residence in Panguitch, Womack said officers learned Mair was likely traveling with a female, Michelle Partridge. Later, police learned Mair was

allegedly travelling with Partridge's daughter, 19-year-old Elcha Hatch. Hatch allegedly drove "the getaway car." Police believe the pair switched vehicles and changed their appearances to evade capture.



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MARK MAIR

Womack said Mair was considered to be armed and dangerous and in possession of the .40 caliber handgun he was suspected to have during the shooting, an additional handgun, an

SKS rifle, and a sawed-off shotgun.

Police believe Partridge and Robert Schexnayder assisted Mair and Hatch in fleeing to Grand Junction, Colo. Local authorities dispatched an "attempt

to locate" to agencies along Interstate 70 looking for Schexnayder's vehicle. Utah Highway Patrol officers located the vehicle during the evening of July 25 near Green River and arrested Schexnayder and Partridge for obstruction of justice, a second degree felony.

A "man-hunt" for Mair and Hatch continued to Grand Junction, Colo. where authorities located them at approximately 9 p.m. July 25, and arrested Hatch on a warrant for obstruction of justice, a second degree felony, and Mair on a warrant for aggravated murder, aggravated burglary, and seven counts of felony discharge of a firearm.

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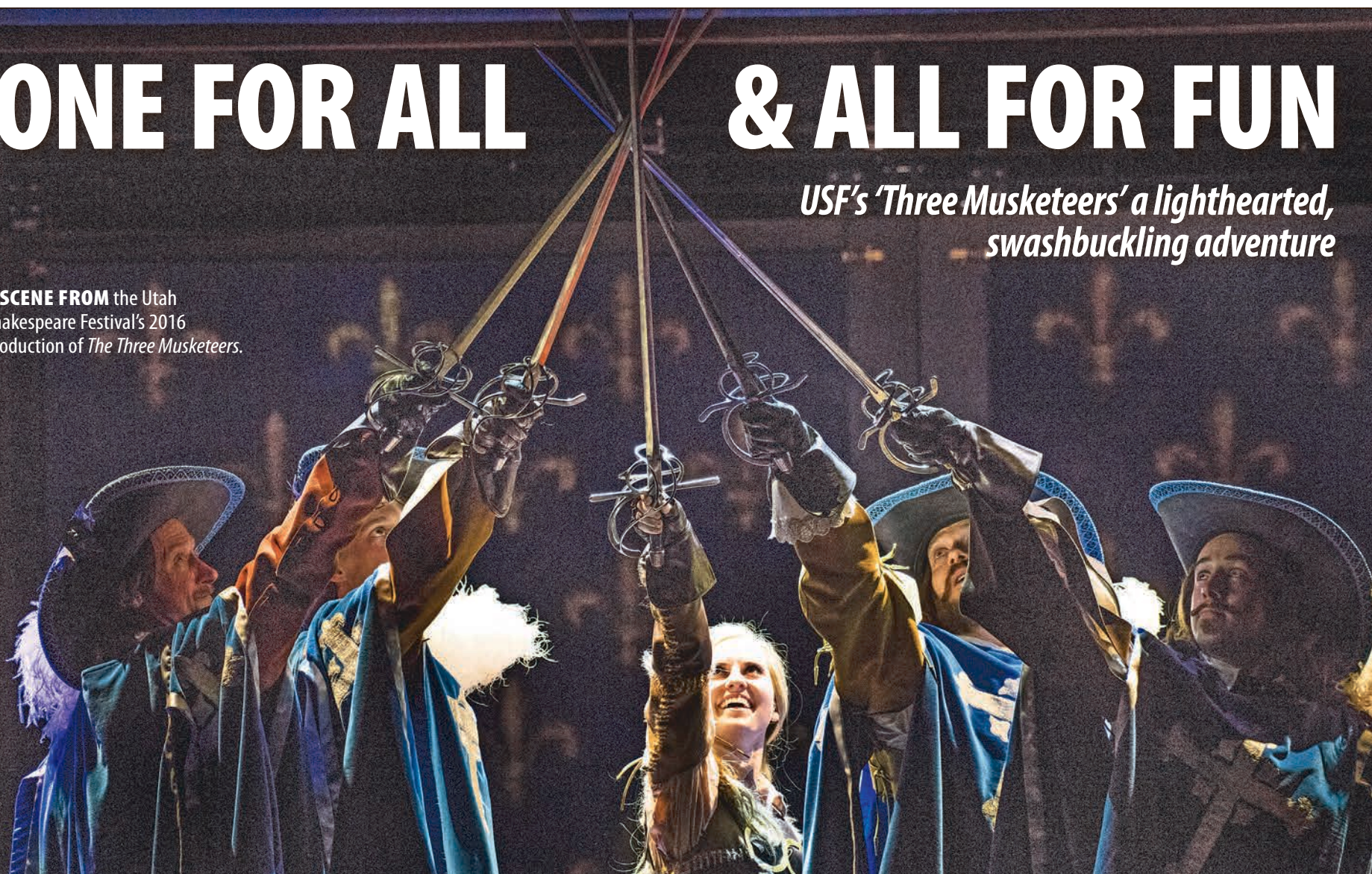
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USF's 'Three Musketeers' a lighthearted, swashbuckling adventure

A SCENE FROM the Utah Shakespeare Festival's 2016 production of *The Three Musketeers*.



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BY RACHELLE HUGHES
Reporter

If you are looking for swashbuckling, sword fights and camaraderie, the Utah Shakespeare Festival's "Three Musketeers" is light theatre fare that won't disappoint.

However, if you are looking for character development and storyline depth, I suggest USF's "Henry V."

Two plays with French and English politics and battles take the stage at the Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre this season and while they both have some fantastic sword play and battle bonding, they are very different. Really, it comes down to what experience you are looking for from USF.

Three Musketeers is light adventure (although the script tries to be moody and dark at times) that tells the story of d'Artagnan (Luigi Sottile) on his way to become a musketeer for the King of France. In Ken Ludwig's version of Alexandre Dumas' novel, d'Artagnan's spunky sister Sabine (Sceri Sioux Ivers) is sent with her brother to Paris to attend school. But she has other plans. She wants to experience the world before she gets sent to a nunnery for school.

In fact, this is a play of schemes. And the play is a race to make sure no one, especially the Queen of France, finds themselves trapped by their schemes.

Sabine poses as d'Artagnan's servant on their journey and arrival in Paris to avoid school. d'Artagnan's impetuous youthful temper gets him into a fight with almost every man that comes into his path, including Cardinal Richelieu's henchman, Rochefort, and the three friends/musketeers: Athos, Porthos and Aramis. As d'Artagnan prepares to fight all three musketeers in separate duels they are accosted by Rochefort and instead of dueling the likable but easily angered wannabe musketeer they decide they have a common enemy and choose to join ranks against the Cardinal and his men. The three musketeers, d'Artagnan, and Sabine soon find they have joined the fight to protect the Queen's reputation, each other and the status quo of France's relationship with England. "One for all. And all for one."

There is a lot to love in this play: beautiful extravagant costumes (by David Kay Mickelsen, a seasoned costume designer for USF), satisfying sword play (thanks to fight director David Woolley), and superb actors and an action-packed story.

Why, oh, why could I not love it as much as the rest of the USF plays this year? It really has everything to do with the script. While the addition of Sabine added a twist to this adaptation that was fun and sassy, the other characters never show much character development and aside from the villains, Cardinal Richelieu and Milady (who

were actually fantastic), there was little depth to the characters. They just were not written that way. I guess I was disappointed because I have seen these actors perform more demanding characters this year. A shout out has to go to Melinda Parrett for her complicated and duplicitous portrayal of Milady and Peter Lohnes diabolical Cardinal Richelieu. It's a little confusing when I walk out of a play about 17th Century heroes, thinking the villains had the best lines. I was also a little confused at whose honor deserved to be protected, certainly not the philandering queen.

Script problems aside, there are some amazing actors on the "Three Musketeers" stage and they seem to enjoy themselves in this lighthearted, swashbuckling adventure. Sottile is a lovable youth on the verge of manhood and Ivers steals the spotlight every time she is on stage. Athos (J. Todd Abrams), Porthos (Todd Denning) and Aramis (Tasso Feldman) are all great at portraying swaggering do-gooders. If you are looking for a play with some fun adventure, "Three Musketeers" is an easy night at the theatre.

LUIGI SOTTILE (right) as d'Artagnan and Kelly Rogers as Constance Bonacieux in the Utah Shakespeare Festival's 2016 production of *The Three Musketeers*.



Cedar City Arts' Council offers mini-grant program

BY MARY ANNE ANDERSEN
Cedar City Arts Council

I love it when people say, "I saw your column in Iron County Today. I have had that same experience ... " followed by a joyous account of early-morning running. Or, "Your flying experience wasn't as bad as mine," followed by a lengthy rehearsal of airport horrors. Or, "I love the new theater. From the outside it appears to be all cement walls and walkways, but suddenly you step into a Shakespearean theater tucked inside and you're in a different world."

It is comforting indeed to know that someone is actually reading those words I've strung together. Once I push the send button and hear that reassuring "whoosh," I have no way of knowing if anyone sets eyes on or cares about

carried away by the wind. We have updated the photographic equipment of a retired gentleman who can find beauty in the dilapidated barns of southern Utah. Theater groups need costumes; choirs need music.

Get this: the guy who cuts shapes into metal barrels was helped with the purchase of metalworking tools. Any number of school children have benefited when their teachers have requested help with art materials or musical instruments.

The requirements for a successful application are not very restrictive. We do not fund any organization with a budget of over \$25,000. Not-profit status is not required; in fact, I am a great champion of helping an artist to make a little money now and then. Groups may not have received funds from the county



the ideas I so eagerly share with my neighbors.

So it was with great satisfaction that I received the first application for the Cedar City Arts Council's Artists' Mini-Grant Awards Program for this term.

The applicant, even though a friend of mine, actually learned of the program from a previous article in ICT, and I thought, "Hooray! Someone is actually reading what I have to say." It is a very heady experience indeed.

The CCAC's Mini-Grant Program is one by which residents of Iron County can receive small grants of up to \$500 to further their artistic pursuits. All art forms are recognized as worthy of encouragement. We have funded supplies for the outdoor painter whose easel was

RAP tax, though, and as mentioned above, individuals or groups must reside and work in Iron County.

We do not grant funds to the student for use in the pursuit of an academic degree. A statement of accountability is required approximately six months after the grant is received.

It is possible to receive more than one grant from the Arts Council, but not in consecutive terms. The awards are made twice a year, and the current deadline is Aug. 31. If you or a friend is in need of a little financial boost with a current project, please email artistgrant@cedarcityartscouncil.org. It is not required to be a member of the Arts Council to receive a grant, but honestly, wouldn't you want to become one?



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Movie Beat: Despite Damon's efforts, 'Jason Bourne' a disappointment

There might have been more of Bourne's story worth telling, but it certainly wasn't this.

Though the action scenes are engaging, the storyline of "Jason Bourne" feels like it was created out of duct tape, chicken wire, and a desperate desire to get the character back into theaters. It's too pat, tacked on and narratively inconsistent all at once, and overall unworthy of the movies that came before. As enjoyable as it is to watch Damon once again tackle an action movie, he deserved a more worthy script.

Since the nine years between "The Bourne Ultimatum" and this one might dull the memories of even the most devoted fans, the show starts with a deft recap of all the revelations revealed in the original trilogy. The summarized version is that Bourne volunteered for an American black-ops program that turned him into an assassin, then lost his memory and came back to pull the whole rotten infrastructure down.

When we meet him again in "Jason Bourne," it's clear that the poor man has spent the intervening years feeling desperately lost.

Matt Damon leaves the character somewhere between exhausted and completely shut down, seemingly haunted by the idea that he'd volunteered to become an assassin. If the movie had been about his quest to forgive himself for that, or to seek redemption somehow for the choice he'd made, it could have been a fascinating sequel.

But no, we get a back story invented out of whole cloth, along

with a convenient "traumatizing incident" that not only wasn't a factor in the original trilogy but doesn't even seem like it factors into the first third of the movie. As is usually the case with overly convenient back stories, it's also full of not-so-coincidental ties to major conspiracies and includes shady figures who just happen to show up at exactly the right moment for the hero to do battle with them.

Tommy Lee Jones offers a surprising amount of menace as the CIA director, while Alicia Vikander is unfortunately not allowed to make facial expressions of any kind. The movie alternates between making her a creative mastermind and dense as a block of wood, outsmarting someone in one moment only to miss a very obvious con



JENNIFER WARDELL
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being pulled on her in the very next scene. I'm all for Vikander as either a clever chess player or an attractive patsy, but filmmakers need to at least be consistent.

They also have real trouble with telling, not showing. About halfway through the movie a theory springs up among the bad guys that Bourne "secretly wants to be brought in," when Damon's entire performance up to that point suggested exactly the opposite. If they meant to have Bourne still feel a tug to the assassin's life, they apparently forgot to tell Matt Damon.

And in this case, I'd trust Damon over the filmmakers. I'm all for him returning to action movies, and I'd enjoy a genuine look at whether a damaged former assassin can find peace with himself. But "Jason Bourne" isn't the place for either.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

ARLENE BRAITHWAITE'S SEASONS

Artist portrays Utah's beauty with pastel paintings

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY — Arlene Braithwaite, the well-known artist from Southwest Utah, received her master's degree from University of Utah and then spent many years sharing her passion for painting as an art teacher at Southern Utah University.

The pastel painting pro continues her artistic legacy, exploring plateaus and creating in canyons as she captures the beauty of her surroundings on the canvas.

"In my work I attempt to evoke the sense of time

and place that makes each scene unique," said Braithwaite, who also shares her skills and love of pastels and painting in workshops and special presentations such as the Arts Afire exhibit, currently on display at the newly opened Southwest Utah Museum of Art.

Braithwaite's latest pastel exhibit, currently at the Randall L. Jones Theatre, just south of the SUMA, is entitled, "Seasons." It features canvases that captivate with flowers, waterfalls, thunder clouds, canyons and of course the rivers and red rocks that make

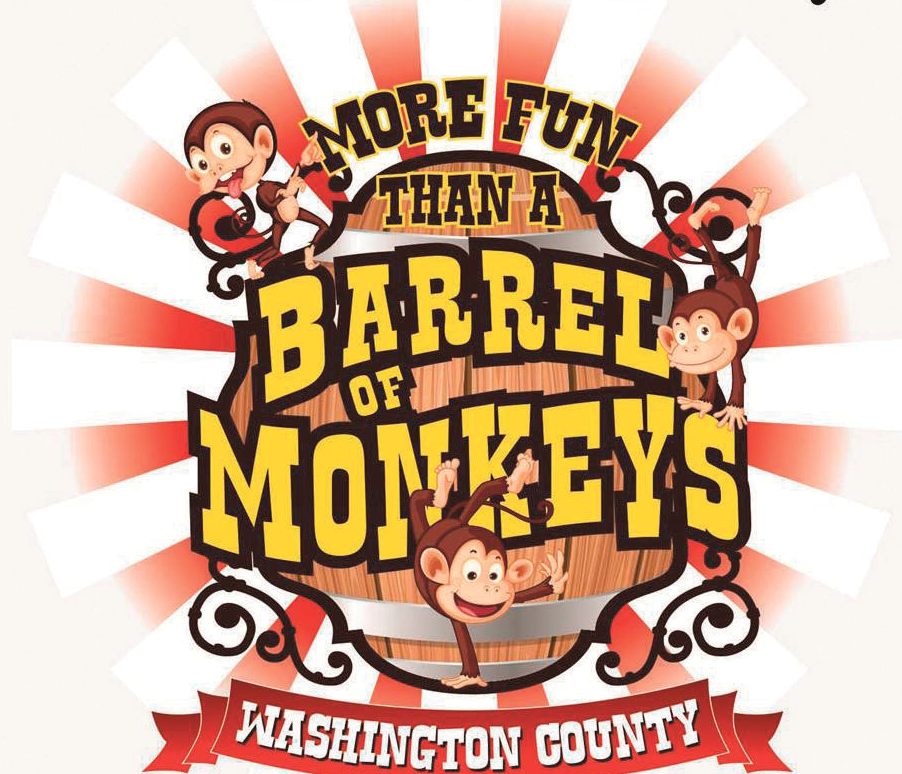
Utah unique.

"I have been called a 'romantic realist,'" she said, "my attraction to the dramatic and the transitory in the inanimate reality of rocks and sky."

The exhibit is free to the public and the pastels will be on display Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m., through Oct. 15. All of the art pieces at both the Randall and the SUMA are also for sale to the public.

To learn more about Braithwaite and view her art, visit www.arlene-braithwaite.fineartstudio-online.com.

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Southern Utah Watercolor Society presents 'Find Your Park' exhibition

BY JEFF LOWE

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – “Find Your Park,” an exhibit by the Southern Utah Watercolor Society featuring some of the area’s premier watercolor artists, is currently on display at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum. The exhibit will run through Aug. 27.

Seventeen members of the Southern Utah Watercolor Society are showcasing their work at the “Find Your Park” exhibition, displaying a total of 64 pieces of work. The exhibit encouraged artists to visit their favorite parks, whether national, state or local, to gain inspiration for their pieces.

Carole Foster, vice president of the Southern Utah Watercolor Society, said the exhibit gave artists the opportunity to explore the beauty of Southern Utah.

“We’re celebrating all parks,” she said. “We started this exhibition’s theme last year so that people would have all ... four seasons to finish a piece of work. You’ll find all four seasons represented at the show.”

Foster’s piece “Kolob Canyon Viewpoint” won first prize at the exhibition, as judged by Travis Humphreys and Eric Crain. When Foster and her husband first moved to Utah, Kolob Canyon served as a getaway – a retreat and release from the stresses of moving to a new area, she said. Given her history with the area, Kolob Canyon served as a natural inspiration for a prize-winning piece.

“Look at what we have here,” Foster said, recounting her first recollection of Kolob Canyon. “You can’t leave Kolob without taking a piece of it in your heart.”

In addition to the awards that have already been presented, visitors to the exhibit have the opportunity to complete ballots for a people’s choice award, which

will be presented to the artists after the exhibit is closed Aug. 27.

The Southern Utah Watercolor Society meets monthly to participate in presentations from guest artists, lecturers and presenters. Foster said everyone is welcome to attend, from beginning to expert painters. The society’s next meeting, “The Spontaneous Watercolor Book,” will take place at the Parowan residence of Sue Cotter. The meeting will preview Cotter’s September workshop in Kanarrville.

For more information about the Southern Utah Watercolor Society and to learn more about upcoming meetings, contact Foster at imageryfarm@gmail.com.



PHOTOS BY JEFF LOWE

Orchestra of Southern Utah offers wealth of musical opportunities

BY EMILY HEPWORTH

Special to Iron County Today

SOUTHERN UTAH – After celebrating the conclusion of another wonderful season, the Orchestra of Southern Utah is already looking ahead and gearing up for the start of the next.

The 2016-2017 season will present many opportunities for motivated musicians interested in being a part of the OSU team. The Orchestra of Southern Utah boasts having more than 200 local musicians each season, 140 for the “Messiah” choir and 60 with the orchestra itself. With a variety of ages and talents, the music resonates with passion. Each year the Orchestra of Southern Utah invites the community to join in, both as performers and viewers. Here is a list of ways one can become involved with OSU.

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To schedule an audition, please call Emily Hepworth for more information at (435) 233-8213. Come join our musical family!

Messiah Soloist

The Southern Utah Chorale is auditioning for the Messiah Soloist positions with performance dates of Dec. 11 and 12. A list of the Oratorios that we will include will be listed on the audition page on www.myosu.org. Auditions will be held for a panel of judges in the Heritage Center Theater lobby on Oct. 6, 2016 beginning at 6 p.m. Please contact Emily Hepworth to reserve an audition time at emilyosucedarcity@gmail.com or (435) 233-8213.

Messiah Choir

The Southern Utah Chorale is now accepting vocalists to sing for the 76th annual performance of Handel’s “Messiah.” Voices, especially men, come join in singing the world famous oratorio

about the life of Christ. While no audition is required, we do love singers who are dedicated, willing to learn, and can add to the strength of the choir. Rehearsals begin Oct. 16, 2016. Watch myosu.org for more details.

R.L. Halversen Young Artist Soloist

The R.L. Halversen Young Artist Concert will be April 6, 2017. It is a spectacular opportunity for talented musicians, singers, and composers between the ages of 13 and 25. Audition CDs are due by Oct. 15 and there is a \$20 application fee. Mailing and additional information can be found on the OSU website at www.myosu.org/audition-schedule.html.

The Orchestra of Southern Utah is looking forward to a spectacular 2016-2017 season. For more information, visit www.myosu.org or call the Orchestra of Southern Utah at (435) 233-8213.

Community Water Festival promotes conservation

BY CODY SMITH

Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The second annual Community Water Festival took place at Cedar City's Main Street Park July 30 showering locals with an estimated 6,000 gallons of city water in the name of water conservancy.

The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District and Southwest Plumbing Supply sponsored the Water Festival to help educate and showcase the latest technology in water conservation, CICWCD General Manager Paul Monroe said. He said the goal was to showcase water efficient home products, landscape equipment, software and technologies while offering homeowners the opportunity to meet professionals and learn about products and services that can help them become more water efficient.

"We're here to promote conservation," Monroe said, "even though there is quite a bit of consumption activities going on here. We'll use about one-sixth of the 32,000 gallons it would typically take to irrigate this park."

Dozens of vendors educated attendees, including information about steps to take in order to reduce water usage, while goods and services were available for purchase at some of the vendors' stores. Children hurled roughly 5,000 water balloons, and partook in the free hot dog lunch. Educational booths and fun included rain water harvesting, smart collectors, bounce houses, landscape alternatives, water balloon fights, water audits, fire truck water spray, water smart

professionals, and a dunk tank.

"This is to get families out to have fun, and everything is free," Monroe said at the event. "There were a lot of kids here early. We were swamped. We went through thousands of hot dogs and water balloons, and we've been continually restocking."

Monroe said at last year's festival he wanted to make it an annual event, and the CICWCD hosted the event again with even more vendors and sponsors. The idea for the festival started in 2014 and is an offshoot of the fourth grade Water Fair held each year.

"Here in the valley, we continually use more water than what is put back into the aquifer, and our water levels continue to decline," Monroe said. "We're just trying to figure out every way that we can conserve every bit of water that we currently have, and our focus is to develop future water resources."



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER AND CODY SMITH

CHILDREN ENJOY A DAY AT THE PARK, complete with a water balloon fight and a free hot dog lunch, during the second annual Community Water Festival at Cedar City's Main Street Park July 30.



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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

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.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET, 4 to 7 p.m. The market has moved this year to a new location on 100 East, north of College Avenue. Check the Facebook page www.facebook.com/ccdowntownfarmersmarket for more information.

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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.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 4

SAGEBRUSH FIBER ARTISANS, the Cedar City area weavers and spinners group, meeting at 6:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 581 N. Main St. in Cedar City, all who are interested in fiber arts are invited, free, no dues or fees.

IRON COUNTY CONSTITUTION PARTY MONTHLY MEETING, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

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

COLOR COUNTRY NIGHTWRITERS MONTHLY MEETING, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, rare books room, meeting open to all writers and would-be writers, no cost, if you are interested in writing or learning to write please attend.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTIVITY, open to all teens ages 12 to 18, 4 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, monthly meetings include crafts, book discussion, planning events, or playing games, check out ccplyac.blogspot.com for more information, come join the fun!

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

CEDAR 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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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, AUG. 5

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

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SATURDAY, AUG. 6

PAROWAN CITY HALF MARATHON YANKEE MEADOW RUN, beginning at the beautiful Yankee Meadow Reservoir and taking runners down "First Left Hand" road, on Scenic Byway 143, and through Parowan neighborhoods before ending at the Iron County Fairgrounds building. There will also be a Rebel 5K available and a "Yankee Doodle Dash" for young kids. Go to www.raceentry.com or www.parowanhalf.com to register.

NIGHT OF THE HOLLYWOOD STARS POTLUCK AND DANCE, at the Cobble Crest Dance Hall in Kanarraville. There will be a potluck at 6 p.m. and dancing beginning at 7 p.m. The Cobble Crest is at 200 S. 300 East in Kanarraville. The cost is \$10 per person (Kanarraville residents get in free). Come dance under the stars dressed as your favorite movie star. For information call Pat at (435) 531-6811.

FESTIVAL OF FLAVORS AT BRIAN HEAD RESORT, featuring Utah's finest breweries, wineries, and distilleries as well as great entertainment, artisan vendors, and plenty of kid-friendly activities including soda stations. For more information visit www.brianhead.com.

CEDAR BREAKS STAR PARTY, beginning at 8 p.m. at Point Supreme, rangars will lead a presentation 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.

YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET, 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.

CEDAR SATURDAY MARKET, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of C-A-L Ranch, including farmers, gardeners, food vendors, youth agricultural groups and artisans/crafters.

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, AUG. 7

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, AUG. 8

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, 9 a.m., commission chambers in the county courthouse at 68 S. 100 East in Parowan.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 74 IN CEDAR CITY, 6 p.m. meeting, Cedar City Library in the Park, veterans of all services are welcome to attend.

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

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TUESDAY, AUG. 9

CEDAR CITY TOP BAR HIVE BEE KEEPING ASSOCIATION MEETING, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, frameless Langstroth hives and healthy bees. All bee keepers welcome. For more information call Peggy Marton, (310) 477-2181 or email peggymarton@aol.com.

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

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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, 1 to 5:30 p.m., Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, for questions call 586-2437.

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A short list of things all fathers can keep in mind

Not long ago my 8-year-old son asked my wife, "Is dad too cool to hang out with us?"

My wife explained to him that I am a very busy man, that I would be home more if I could, that I'm trying to give them a better life. Over the next few weeks, I realized, when home, I am absent. I am often on my computer working. I am nothing more than a spectral figure in my home.

Becoming a father is a lot like becoming a pod person. I forgive my parents more every day. A child thinks their parents exist only to serve as a loving steward. A parent only wishes that were true. Last week I played Legos with my sons for the first time in years when I walked up stairs and found my oldest quietly playing alone with the plastic blocks. The next day I sat on the couch and watched him watch cartoons. We laughed together. I'm ashamed to admit that I usually tell my boys, "I'm too busy," "I can't. I'm working," and "maybe later."

I take my kids hiking and on bike rides. I have them with me while I run errands, but I don't read to them often enough. I don't ever just sit to be there for them in their moments. I asked my son if it makes him sad when I brush him off, and he said it doesn't bother him, but I can tell he is lying to me.

I don't want my kids to become parents before they understand their father, so I developed a short list of things all fathers can keep in mind.

1. Stop trying to be cool.

Your children deserve a role model who doesn't belong on the pages of a magazine or a reality TV show. It's your job to teach them how to love.

2. Find ways to be there when it matters most.

Your children don't care if you are at Disneyland, in the mountains or at home, just be there for them sometimes.

3. Children want to do grown-up things.

If all you do is yell, what do you expect them to do? They want to be like you. Teach them how to be the person you wish you were through actions, not lectures.

4. Make them laugh as often as possible – and laugh with them.

Remember that your days of being cool are over. Don't be afraid to be silly in public, play dress up, or get your nails painted.

5. Realize your prejudices and throw them away.

Ignorance is a family tradition, and every family passes down prejudices. Don't teach your kids it's wrong to love certain people, not to play with certain toys or wear certain colors. Gender roles are changing – don't hold your children from developing as the person they truly are.

6. Listen!

You will ignore your kids. We learn to do it when they are babies, and we are trying to stop. But, when you realize your child is talking to you, don't say anything that doesn't validate their existence.

7. Understand that your children are not subservient to you.

Children are not your slaves. They do not have to listen to you. It is not their responsibility to do chores. They are students. It is your responsibility to teach them how to be good people, people that will respect and understand all people are equal no matter their age, sex, religion, economic status, or any other arbitrary categorization.



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That's the way life is sometimes though, isn't it? We can get so busy fussing and focusing on the bitter that we let the sweet moments melt away. Or, we're so stuffed from eating emotional junk food that we don't even have room left for any dessert. I'm not saying we shouldn't be as responsible as possible with our daily duties, but we need to remember

to respond more reasonably and quickly to other enjoyable things, also.

In other words, we don't want to neglect our Garden of Eden only to let it wither into the Garden of Weed'n. If we don't take some time to enjoy the fruits of our labors, aren't we missing the point of growing a garden in the first place?

Life is too short to have to fix every flaw, repair every wrong, or rake every weedy mistake from our gardens before we can enjoy the

good and sweet things in life. We can worry so much about the weeding that we let our motivations and happy moments melt away in the car of carelessness or the warm window of someday.

Yes, we need the nourishing and nutritious experiences of life, but even with the best of intentions our pursuit of busyness can fill us up and wear us out, preventing us from enjoying the happiness of the delicious things too.

If we get caught up in looking only for life's luxuries it can blind our taste buds to the beauty and sweetness found all around us and put our palates in peril. This is when we begin to let our dreams die in the dark cupboards of indecision, or let our faith get frozen in the freezer of fear where far too many sweet moments have already been melted and missed.

I hope we realize and remember that there are delicious delicacies to be discovered and devoured daily if we will rest our rakes, open those dark cupboards, clear out the cobwebs and unfreeze our faith. Let's begin anew and focus on making life more palatable than pitiful.

I challenge each of us this week, no matter how much is piled on our plates, or how many bitter fruits we find on the limbs of our tree of life, to refresh our palates, reinvigorate our taste buds and start learning to eat our desserts first.

Christmas in July Arts and Crafts Faire raises money to support Utah Shakespeare Festival

BY CRAIG BENNETT

Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Community members did some early Christmas shopping July 29-30 during The Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival's Christmas in July Arts and Crafts Faire.

In the 15th year of the faire, vendor tents filled the grassy area on the east side of the SUU Auditorium.

Lynn Rogers, event chair, said, "Our vendors are always fun and have unique items found only at small events like this, from handmade jewelry to hand crocheted items, quilts and photography, and hand sewn items galore, handmade wood crafts and even books for little ones."

"I have 10 grandchildren and I never fail to find unique and wonderful items to stuff their stocking or for that special birthday," Rogers added. "We always have it the last weekend in July, it has become tradition with me and even if I wasn't running it, I would still go and enjoy the beautiful setting on the campus of SUU."



CRAIG BENNETT

Leon Bissonnett, one of the vendors at the event, said "This is our second year attending the event. We always enjoy meeting people. Friday we did well, Saturday there were less customers, but we still enjoyed it."

The Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival is a non-profit service organization founded to serve, support and promote the festival. It

does so through dues, fundraising efforts and volunteer service, according to its website.

All funds raised at the event go directly to the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

For more information about The Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, visit www.bard.org/about/guild.html.



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NEW BORN

Zandi Rae Eastmond

Zandi Rae Eastmond was born April 11, 2016 at 5:56 p.m. to Tyler and Mandy Eastmond, of Rexburg, Idaho. Zandi weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches. Grandparents are Mark and Becky Eastmond, of Lehi, Utah, and Mike and Beejay White, of Cedar City, Utah.



91ST BIRTHDAY

Ken Trout

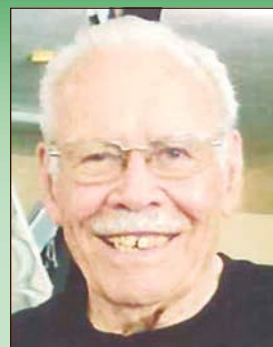
Hurricane Sky Mountain resident Dr. Kenneth J. Trout celebrated his 91st birthday on July 29 in Parowan where he and his wife, Jan Smith, are vacationing for this summer at their cabin. The shirt was a Father's Day gift from his daughter, Leslie, his greatest admirer.

Dr. Trout is an ebullient, positive, determined, friendly, happy man who loves life so much he intends to live to 105 (recently changed from 100 years since he says 100 is fast approaching). He is an avid reader (two to three books a week), has an encyclopedic knowledge of history with emphasis on WWII, where he was trained as a radar specialist in the Canadian Navy. His hero is still Harry Truman.

Dr. Trout is a retired large animal veterinarian and former drug company executive who lived in the Midwest with his late wife, Shirley, where they raised four children. They traveled the U.S. in an R.V. for two years after they retired.

Last year, his four children and spouses, nine grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends gathered for a family vacation in Caldwell, Idaho, home of his son, Paul, to honor his 90th birthday. Dr. Trout quipped in a speech to the crowd, "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself!" He works out at the Sky Mountain or Parowan gyms Monday, Wednesday and Friday without fail.

Among his many accolades, Dr. Trout is a champion golfer, a pilot, a skier, a hunter, a fisherman and is a quintessential football enthusiast. "Go Huskers," his red sweatshirt shouts. He puts the red Nebraska sign in the front yard during football season. He enjoys many Monday morning quarterbacking calls from his sons, Paul,



Kevin and Bryan. He is a proud family man and lover of ice cream (and all good food) especially hamburgers enjoyed at Oscar's in Springdale.

He's also a car nut, liking classic car shows, where his wife and he enjoyed their first date 10 years ago. Dr. Trout has owned more than 100 cars.

Dr. Trout received an early birthday gift, a glider ride over the Parowan landscape, "A wish come true on my bucket list," he laughs. He was a pilot of small aircraft during his career as an executive and has wanted to glide for years. We're waiting to hear what's next on the list.

Dr. Trout and his wife work the daily Spectrum crossword puzzles. He gets the newspaper at 7 a.m., makes a copy for his wife to complete and compare over their coffee at breakfast (after reading Dear Abby and their horoscopes). They help each other finish the "hard" words. Before breakfast, Jan sings to him every morning. They harmonize the old 40s songs, but end up laughing instead of singing. They play bridge and ping pong frequently and attend the Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church. Once in a while they go dancing. At age 91, Dr. Trout can still jitterbug.

Dr. Trout's wife decided to honor him now "as he is no doubt going to outlive me," she laughs. "I am a very lucky woman – he is a wonderful man!"

EAGLE SCOUT

Rhett C. Lee

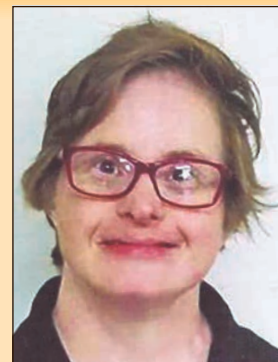
Rhett C. Lee, 16, of the Cedar Fifth Ward, received his Eagle Scout Award. Rhett is the son of Russ and Janette Lee. He is the grandson of Curt and Jane Neilson of Cedar City, Utah, and Russell and Janet Lee of Mountain Home, Utah. He is also the great grandson of Kline Irons and Beverly Neilson. We are proud of all the wonderful things you are doing in your life and the amazing person you are. Congratulations, Rhett!



RETIREMENT

Sara

Sara is retiring after 22 years! Please join us for a celebration in her honor Aug. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Dairy Queen (777 S. Main St., in Cedar City).



WEDDING

Paisley Pearson and Colten Warren

Steve and Linda Pearson of Hurricane, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Paisley to Colten Warren, son of Julie and Ron Wood of Cedar City and Kevin and Ilona Warren of Las Vegas. The couple will be married Aug. 6, 2016 in the St George LDS temple and a reception will follow that



evening at the Pearson residence in Hurricane.

MISSIONS

Wade Roche

Wade Roche has been called to serve in the Washington, Everett Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He spoke in church Sunday, July 31 at the Cedar 4th Ward Building (500 N. 400 West). He will enter the Provo Missionary Training Center on Aug. 10. His parents are Dave and Shannon Coan.



Jameson Preston Griffiths

Jameson Preston Griffiths has been called to serve in the South Carolina, Columbia Mission. He spoke in church July 31, 2016 at the Parowan 2nd Ward, 59 S. 100 West. Jameson will begin his mission Aug. 17, 2016.



Elder Richard Kade Lambeth

Elder Richard Kade Lambeth has been called to the Texas Houston South Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He spoke in church June 12, 2016 and entered the Missionary Training Center on June 15, 2016. Kade is the son of Kyle and Angie Lambeth.



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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'Willy the Kid: Shakespeare in the American West' continues lecture series

BY JEFF LOWE

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – In commemoration of the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, the Gerald R. Sherratt Library on the campus of Southern Utah University is sponsoring "Willy the Kid: Shakespeare in the American West," an exhibit in the library's Special Collections that will run until Oct. 31.

The exhibit is also sponsored, in part, by the Education Department at the Utah Shakespeare Festival and Utah Humanities, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Utahns with enriching cultural and intellectual experiences.

In addition to 16 printed artifacts, including posters and scripts from the 1800s, and stories of actors and production teams from the era, the exhibit features a lecture series with theatre and history scholars presenting their thoughts and research on Shakespeare's unique influence on the early American West.

Margo Memmott, a senior archaeologist at Broadbent & Associates, Inc. who has studied archaeological remains throughout the Great Basin for 19 years, presented "The Taming of the Comstock: Shakespeare, Archaeology, and the Audiences at Piper's Opera House," on July 29.

Memmott's presentation focused on Shakespeare's influence in opera houses throughout

the west in the 1800s, with a particular focus on John Piper's opera houses in Virginia City, Nev. She said the people of the era loved to attend Shakespeare plays and other events at the houses, describing them as having a lively atmosphere, somewhere in between a movie theater and a Utah Jazz home game.

"It was ... busy, not quiet and polite like those European opera houses," she said. "Americans were trying to distinguish themselves a little bit from Europe. They didn't want to be like those people, but they still liked their opera houses; they did like real opera and they did like real Shakespeare and they enjoyed the parodies because they know real Shakespeare."

"Whether they can read or write, or not, they know Shakespeare, it speaks to them," Memmott said of the familiarity of Shakespeare in the 1800s. "Shakespeare was a big part of American culture in the 1800s."

Because several of Piper's opera houses burned to the ground, Memmott spoke about her experiences excavating the remains of his second opera house. She and her team have uncovered the ornate flooring and objects from the theater that survived, some only in pieces, such as spittoons, buttons, marbles, beer bottles and food dishes.

She also spoke about the variety of events that took place in the opera houses, the behavior of the people and the social



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

COMMUNITY MEMBERS TAKE IN the "Willy the Kid: Shakespeare in the American West" exhibit at the Gerald R. Sherratt Library at SUU.

stigma that opera houses had in the community.

"Willy the Kid: Shakespeare in the American West" will feature two additional lectures, "Shakespeare on America's Western Frontier 1850-1870: Actors, Adventures and the Dramatic Arts," presented by Matt Nickerson on Aug. 8 at 5:30 p.m., and "From the Sacramento Valley to Ford's Theater: The Booth

Brothers, the Gold Rush and the Making of an American Tragedy," presented by Nora Titone on Aug. 9 at 11:30 a.m.

For more information about the exhibit and lecture series, contact the Gerald R. Sherratt Library, Special Collections at (435) 586-7945 or specialcollections@suu.edu.

Corey Baumgartner contributed to this article.



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Got kids? The festival features plenty of kid-friendly activities, including soda stations. The event will also include scenic chairlift rides, disc golf, mountain biking, a rock climbing wall and other activities.

For more information, visit <http://www.brianhead.com/fof>.

Schools

New culinary program receives boost from Rocky Mountain Power

BY **SWATC**

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – Southwest Applied Technology College recently announced a \$10,000 donation received from Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. This grant will help fund the expansion of the College's new Culinary Arts Program at its main campus in Cedar City, Utah.

SWATC's main campus, located directly south of Cedar High School, was completed earlier this year and includes a state-of-the-art culinary facility.

Tom Heaton, the Regional Business Manager of Rocky Mountain Power, said, "We are excited to support SWATC in their mission and this beautiful new building here in Cedar City. The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is proud to support the educational aspirations of many students who will receive industry-specific training in many areas here in this highly functional teaching facility."

"The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has been very active here in Cedar City and in Iron and Washington Counties and will continue to be in the future," he added. "We enjoy being involved in the communities that we serve and in partnering with quality organizations such as SWATC."

Brennan Wood, SWATC president, said, "We are so appreciative of Rocky Mountain Power's generous donation to the college and in helping us advance our Culinary Program. It not only provides a lift in our ability to provide this valuable training,

but has a great impact on lifting the overall job skills that are needed in our community."

The Culinary Arts Program will be guided by Drew Nehrenz, who has more than 13 years of culinary arts experience.

"I'm very excited to be a part of this new program at Southwest Applied Technology College," Nehrenz said. "There is absolutely nothing like this facility in our area and we are so fortunate to be able to offer this type of hands-on training. I can't wait to get started."

The Culinary Arts Program will officially kick-off its classes in August. Examples of classes being taught include Professional Cuisine, Culinary Technique, Culinary Artistry, Flavor Essentials, Kitchen and Equipment Safety, Baking and Pastry, and much more.

In addition, SWATC is also offering one-time evening courses for only \$20 a class. These courses include an introduction to Sushi, Braising, Southwest Cuisine, and Cake Decorating.

SWATC is an accredited technology college that provides education and job skill training through individualized, competency-based programs in response to the needs of students, employers, and the communities it serves. SWATC offers year-round schedules, flexible lab and classroom hours, and a large selection of affordable courses and programs. SWATC supports adults and high school students in exploring, developing, and upgrading job skills.

To learn more about SWATC, visit www.swatc.edu.



CHEF INSTRUCTOR DREW NEHRENZ

fires up some shrimp flambé during an event at SWATC earlier this year.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

from around the state participated in the Utah State University Extension 4-H State Contests July 11-13.

Southern Utahns to serve as new 4-H State Officers

BY **SHELBY RUUD**

Special to Iron County Today

UTAH – More than 300 youth participated in the Utah State University Extension 4-H State Contests that took place July 11-13 at the USU campus.

The event is an annual competition of youthful talent. High school students from around the state compete in events ranging from fashion review and video production to shooting sports and livestock judging. Participants who performed well may receive an invitation to participate in the national competition at the Western National Roundup in Denver, Colo. next January.

"Participating in 4-H State Contests is a very important part of positive youth development for our 4-H members," said Kevin Kesler, USU Extension director of 4-H and youth programs. "The contests give the youth an opportunity

to experience and demonstrate mastery, independence, caring, leadership and many other components of the 4-H program."

In addition to competing, 4-H youth had the opportunity to participate in events that promoted service, science, healthy living and leadership. Participants directed a blind-folded teammate up a climbing wall, learned nutrition facts as they made gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches and experimented with the basics of soldering.

The state contests culminated at a closing banquet, where several top competitors displayed their talents and received awards, including many participants who received blue ribbons for outstanding performances and will compete in Denver.

"I enjoy watching our youth excel in their program areas," Kesler said. "You cannot

believe the talents and skills they have developed through the 4-H program."

The Utah State 4-H Office also announced new 4-H State Officers for 2016-2017 at the state contests. Madison Allen from Washington County, Devin Bunnell from Utah County, Judd Jensen from Salt Lake County and Carter Goff from Washington County will lead youth across the state in different 4-H events, representing each of the 4-H Mission Mandates throughout the year.

Key sponsors that made this year's contests possible include the Utah 4-H Horse Council, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Dairy Council of Utah and Nevada, Dallas and Leann Holmes, the USU College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and Speeds Power Equipment.

For additional information about 4-H youth programs, visit www.utah4h.org.

D'On Ivo Hansen (Papa Dee)



Friday, July 22, 2016, marked the end of Dad's (Papa Dee's) earthly journey. He entered life Nov. 5, 1926, to wonderful parents, Neils Hyrum and Angeline Welker Hansen and had three wonderful brothers and two amazing sisters.

As a builder and land developer in life, he raised neighborhoods, created communities, and his most important project in life was building family. He shared 32 years with Bobbie Anne raising five children. His last 22 years were shared with Marjorie building more memories with family.

He proudly served during WWII in the Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater. His call to serve as a builder of chapels took him and his family to Australia for several years and once again he did so willingly. He had a testimony of his Savior Jesus Christ and always said, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord" and so he did.

His genuine interest in what was happening with "you" inspired many of us to share our dreams and exciting life events with him. As his posterity, we will miss his storytelling, sense of humor, advice, and hugs. His parting words to each of us would have been something like, keep family close and love unconditionally. We will miss this noble man.

We know his love for us is forever and we will count on his encouragement for each one of us as we continue our life's journey . . . Until we meet again, Dad.

He is survived by his girls, Joy (Kevin) Cutler, Jiaunna (Randy) Holmquist, Janie (Paul) Arnold, and Darla (Don) Swenson, and his 30 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Marjorie Hansen and his son, Mark D'On Hansen.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Paragonah Chapel (79 N. Main St., Paragonah, Utah). A viewing was at the church before the services. Interment was in the Paragonah Cemetery under the direction of the Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be shared at www.sumortuary.com.

Louise LaRue Lightfoot Fackrell



Louise LaRue Lightfoot Fackrell was a loving mother to five, a giving grandmother to 12, an inspirational great-grandmother to 14, and a compassionate great-great-grandmother to one.

Louise was born on Sept. 29, 1933 and passed away on July 20, 2016. Not only did she create an extensive family, but she devoted her life to them. She was happiest when taking care of children and while she did so she instilled love and protection into each of us.

We will never forget the lessons she taught us and we will miss her dearly while she looks after her loved ones from heaven.

Maureen A Nicks



Maureen A. Nicks (Moe), 74, of Fleming Island, Fla., formerly of Parowan, Utah, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Nicks of Parowan. She is survived by her daughter, Lori Witte of Fleming Island, son, Steve Witte of San Diego, stepson, William Nicks Jr of San Diego, and stepdaughter, Lisa Nicks-Quintero of San Diego, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 20, at 11 a.m. at the 3rd/4th Ward LDS Church at 90 S. Main St., Parowan.

Paul James Williams



Husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, teacher, and friend has gone to be with his Heavenly Father while in Victor Valley Hospital in Victorville, Calif., on July 21, 2016. Born in Rock Springs, Wyo., on Feb. 9, 1941. Son of P.J. and Alenna Williams.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Margie, daughter Cheona (Joe) of Barstow, sisters Carol Williams and Cheryl Bleak (Joey) of Utah, grandchildren Rose, Jasmine and Jesse, Nephew Mike Bleak (Amy) and niece Jenny Webster (Nick) of Utah. Paul was raised in Cedar City, Utah. He was a resident of Barstow since 1963 where he was a teacher for the Barstow Unified School District until 1998 where he taught fourth and fifth grade. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he kept busy with many church assignments. He directed the Family History Center for 13 years. There he enjoyed searching for his ancestors and their stories.

Funeral Services were held Aug. 2, 2016, viewing at 4 p.m. service at 5 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2571 Barstow Rd, Barstow, Calif. 92311. Graveside services will be Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016, held at Cedar City, Utah at 11 a.m.



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PBL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WINNERS pose for a photo with their awards.

SUU students rank in top 10 at the PBL National Leadership Conference

BY CAMI MATHEWS

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — More than 1,700 of America's best and brightest college students traveled to Atlanta, Ga. to connect with top future business leaders and showcase their talents as they vied for the opportunity to win more than \$92,000 in cash awards.

Phi Beta Lambda is a nonprofit education association with a quarter million members and advisors in over 6,500 active middle, high school, and college chapters worldwide. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

The PBL National Leadership Conference was held in June. Participants from across the United States attended this conference to enhance their business skills, expand their networks, and participate in 60 business and business-related competitive events.

To get to nationals, the club had to first compete at the state level on various topics related to business. These competitions can consist of testing, presenting, or producing a product. In the testing competitions, the student must place in the top three in the state in order to qualify for nationals; presentations and product productions require a top two finish.

Students from Southern Utah University have been competing in the national competition since 2010. For the past six years, the club has taken 40 students to the national stage and has come home with a total of 29 Top 10 finishes.

Carl Templin, Dean of the School of Business, as well as the club's advisor, has been helping the club get to the national stage for the past seven years. He emphasized that the fact that all six students who made it to the national stage earned a Top 10 finish is truly remarkable.

"These students take what they learn in the classroom and demonstrate that knowledge through testing and/or case presentations," Templin said. "That is quite extraordinary and demonstrates the quality of students we have at SUU."

Tyler Edgel graduated last spring with a major in both Accounting and Finance. He is from Las Vegas, Nev. and received national recognition when he placed first in the Nonprofit Management competition, receiving \$500 in prize money. He also competed in Cost Accounting and Financial Concepts, taking second and fifth respectively.

Kelsey Haddox, a recent graduate with a major in Graphic Design, from Ogden, Utah, earned a first place finish and \$700 in prize money for leading the club's community service project over the past year. The service project helped organize a March of Dimes Teddy Bear Den which helps provide free baby care products to low-income pregnant women as an incentive to stay healthy during their pregnancy. The prize money will be donated to the Teddy Bear Den as part of the service.

"The Teddy Bear Den has received a big award and the biggest thing this has done is help provide funding," Haddox said. "We will now have the money to get the supplies that we need and help the mothers in need."

The PBL club looks to use their wins at the national competition to help boost their club success on Southern Utah University's campus. Students like Tyler Edgel acknowledge that graduates these days have to find a way to set themselves apart from their competition; a club like PBL does just that.

"Anyone serious about getting out of local markets such as Las Vegas and Salt Lake City must set themselves apart," said Edgel. "Phi Beta Lambda sends me to national conventions and competitions where I showcase the education of Southern Utah University and land national titles."

The other four competitors also placed in the top ten in the following events:

- Brant Parker- Financial Analysis and Decision Making (10th)
- Dylan Swallow- Cyber Security (6th)
- Allie Roundy, 2016 graduate in Graphic Design- Website Design (4th)
- Kipp Lewis and Brant Parker- Forensic Accounting (2nd)

The award was part of a comprehensive national competitive events program sponsored by FBLA-PBL that recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. For many students, the competitive events are the capstone activity of their academic careers. In addition to competitions, students immersed themselves in interactive workshops, visited an information-packed exhibit hall, and heard from motivational keynotes on a broad range of business topics.

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FROM LEFT, DAMINO CUNEGO, Greg Daniel, defending Tour of Utah champion Joe Dombrowski, Chris Horner, Tanner Putt and Kiel Reijnen get ready for a press conference in Cedar City July 31.

TOM ZULEWSKI

Cedar City makes positive impact for Tour of Utah

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – When the Tour of Utah switched its race route away from the southern part of the state – specifically Cedar City – in 2015, race announcer Dave Towle admitted the organization “made a minor mistake.”

One year later, all was rectified and has been made well again.

For the third time in the past four years, Cedar City and the Southern Utah University campus played host to the finish of Stage 1 of the Tour of Utah on Aug. 1. Tour Chair Steve Miller said there was never an issue about returning to the town.

“We knew from the first

time we came here, we wanted to come back,” Miller said at the introductory press conference July 31. “This is a phenomenal town. It’s got a tremendous vibe, great restaurants, and it’s just a terrific destination. This is a town that knows how to host world-class events.”

Prior to the start of the press conference a video was shown that backed up Miller’s claims. It’s estimated the Tour of Utah has an economic impact of \$22 million statewide, and attendance during all seven stages last

year was around 380,000, an increase of 30 percent.

Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson said the conversations with Tour of Utah officials to get the race to return started a

Stage 1, we have the media and everything leading up to the big day.”

With the economic impacts in full effect, including lodging and restaurants, Wilson related

a conversation she had about one restaurant on University Boulevard.

“When it was announced the Tour

would be coming to Cedar, some of the Tour of Utah staff pulled me aside and said ‘now, Centro’s still in Cedar City, right? And it will still be there when we get there?’ I said, ‘Yes, Centro’s not going anywhere,’”

Wilson said. “I’ve heard raves from everyone about how great the volunteers are and how much they love being here.”

For the first time, the race kicked off at Zion National Park. Miller related how far the Tour had to go to get permission to open there.

“(Executive Director) Jenn (Andrs) and I have talked about the map that hangs in our office and how Zion National Park was circled a long, long time ago,” Miller said. “This is one stage I’m personally looking the most forward to.”

Andrs said the process to get approval to race through the park took three years with plenty of help from Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Farmington).

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“We knew from the first time we came here, we wanted to come back”
–Tour Chair Steve Miller

full year ago.

“The tour approached us about potentially coming back,” Wilson said. “It’s a major commitment from a community to have the Tour in their town, especially where we are.



TOM ZULEWSKI

LEHI NATIVE T.J. EISENRATH, second team member from the left, riding for the BMC Racing team, debuted in his first professional race in his home state at the 2016 Tour of Utah that finished on the Southern Utah University campus in Cedar City Aug. 1.

Eisenrath makes his pro cycling debut on home turf

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – The world of professional cycling may literally be more like a worldwide sport, but for Lehi native T.J. Eisenrath, the chance to make his debut couldn’t have come at a more perfect place.

Eisenrath, riding for the BMC Racing team, debuted in his first pro-

fessional race in his home state at the 2016 Tour of Utah that began Aug. 1 at Zion National Park and finished on the Southern Utah University campus in Cedar City, covering 84 miles.

The 22-year-old had plenty of support from friends and family members who wore black T-shirts with the last name emblazoned across the top and is more than ready

for the challenge of seven stages that will cover more than 700 miles through Aug. 7.

“It’s a dream. I’ve been with BMC since the beginning, they’ve raised me since I turned 18,” Eisenrath said at a pre-race introduction on the grounds of the Utah Shakespeare Festival on July 30. “Four years on the

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DESTINED TO COACH

Todd Simon's Journey to SUU

BY **SUU STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – Destined to coach since day one, Todd Simon remembers playing basketball with his GI Joes and watching Magic Johnson on TV – Johnson grew up just 30 minutes from Simon's hometown.

Years later, Simon is making his dreams a reality as he steps in as the new Southern Utah University men's basketball coach.

Simon grew up playing basketball in small town Fowler, Mich. Though he always played the game, he constantly thought about coaching; he knew that he would play for as long as he could, but looked forward to the step after where he became a coach.

After high school, he attended Central Michigan University where he double majored in Sports Studies and Management Information Systems. Afterward, he lived in Los Angeles for a year, moved to Las Vegas where he earned his master's degree in Sports Education and Leadership at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), helped start Findlay Prep (a premier high school basketball program), and returned to UNLV to be an assistant coach before taking the helm at Southern Utah University.

His coaching experience, ranging from assistant to interim head coach at UNLV, has taught him a lot. In fact, though Simon has always been a student of the game, he said that there were some parts of coaching that he could not have learned or that did not make complete sense until he was leading practices and standing courtside during the game.

"I think you underestimate the bigger part of coaching, which is not the X's and O's but the part where you have to be a tactician and study the game in order to know how to teach," Simon said. "The part that gets overlooked is that these are people. We say all of the time in our meetings that we are not recruiting athletes, we're not recruiting players, we are

recruiting people."

Throughout all the moving and coaching across the nation, his wife Kati stood by his side. The two of them grew up just five minutes apart, dated throughout high school and college, and then started a family together. They now have three boys, Rece (5 years old), Raylan (3 years old), and Ryder (7 months old). Todd and Kati have so far loved their move to Cedar City, reminding them of their small hometowns, which are roughly 30 times smaller than Cedar. They said it is taking them back to their roots and away from the craziness of cities where they have lived over the past few years.

"More than anything I just love the community here; the people here are unbelievable," said Simon. "I feel like if I'm going to drop something, there's going to be two people there to pick it up before I even have a chance. It makes me want to rush, sprint in fact, to hold open a door for someone."

Though Simon and his family are looking forward to going to all of the parks and eating at local restaurants, he is also excited for all of the hard work his team is putting in for the upcoming

season. He said he knows they have a long way to go, but he cannot wait to showcase these players and the new program.

As for the community and fans, he's hoping for a little bit of blind faith from everyone. The team, just like any team, will need cheers and support from not only the crowd at the games, but the community as a whole.

"Understand that everything is new," said Coach Simon. "It's a new era for these players and it's a new era for this program. It's easy to wait back and see how we do. It's a lot harder to say hey, I'm going to support these guys and grow with them while this program develops – I'm going to be a part of it from the ground level."

Simon, along with his staff and team, will start their pre-season this fall. They will all look forward to bettering their record, bettering themselves, and making an impact on the community.

"It's a new era for these players and it's a new era for this program"
–Todd Simon



NEW SUU MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH Todd Simon with his family.

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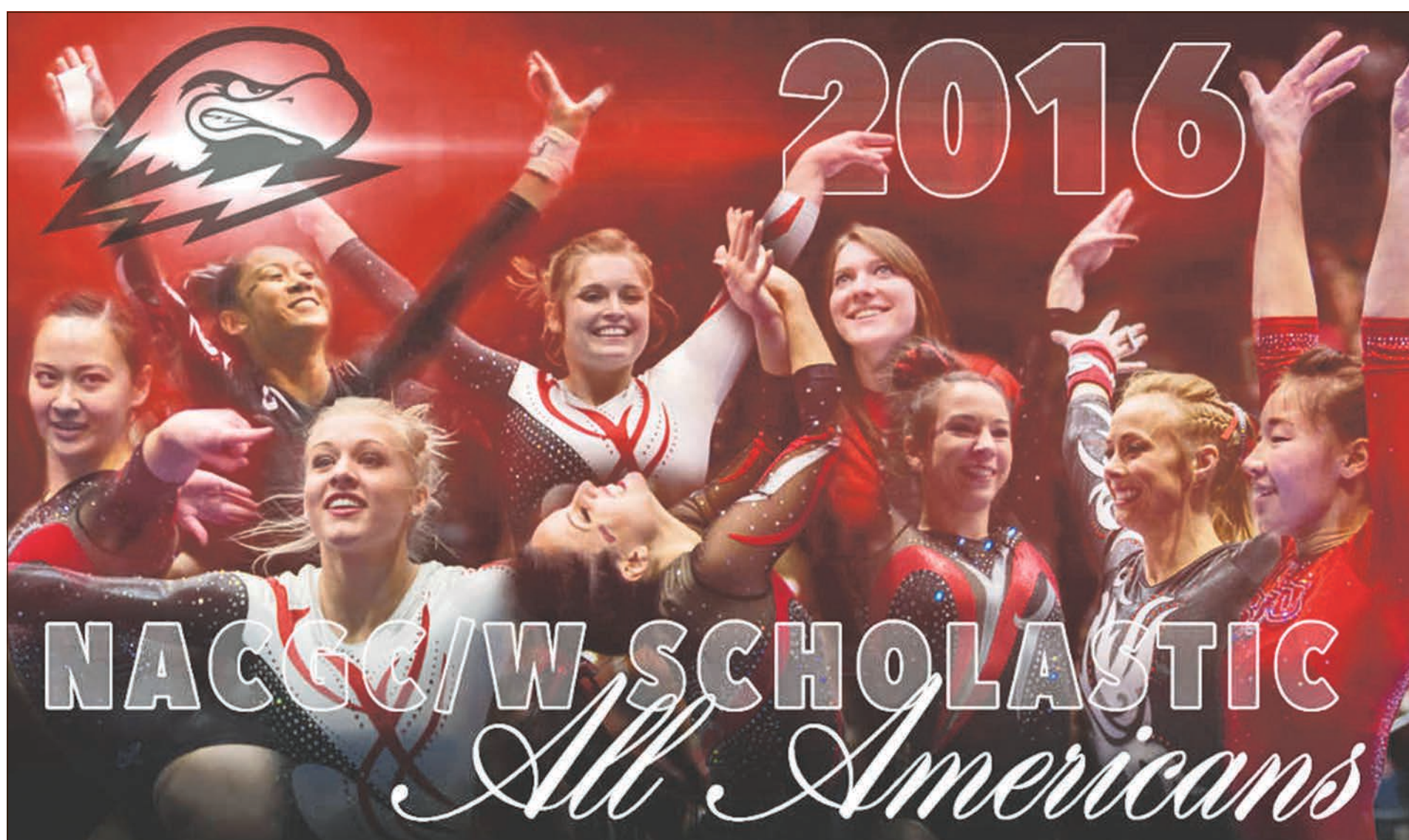


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NINE SUU GYMNASTS WERE RECENTLY HONORED as Scholastic All-Americans by the National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches/Women.

Nine SUU gymnasts earn scholastic All-American honors

BY **SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**

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CEDAR CITY – Nine members of the Thunderbird gymnastics team have been honored as Scholastic All-Americans by the National

Association of College Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W) for their performance in the classroom during the 2015-16 academic year.

"This is a great honor for these young ladies, and it really shows their hard work and dedication they put in not only in

the gym, but in the classroom as well," SUU coach Scott Bauman said. "It's a fantastic accomplishment for them."

The nine gymnasts who were honored from SUU were Amber Heltemes (3.80), Arlyn Amor (3.86), Kamryn Bayer (4.00), Kirsten Yee (3.86), Madyson

Blake (3.80), Memory Shettles (3.97), Natalie Trejo (3.65), Stacie Webb (3.64) and Virginia Brownsell (3.64).

"I want to give a big shout out to Kamryn Bayer for her straight 4.0 average, that level of excellence is amazing," Bauman said.

Student athletes considered for the award must have a year-long or cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher.

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Before the riders arrived in town, the community partook in a pancake breakfast and kids ranging in age from 5 to 12 got their chance to participate in the same three-lap circuit around the SUU campus used at the close of the Tour's first stage.

As far as the racers themselves, defending champion Joe Dombrowski of the Canondale race team said the hard part of the 705-mile race will be staying safe.

"We just want to stay out of trouble on the course," he said. "We have some guys who are pretty

fast finishers, a lot we can attack the race with."

For riders like 23-year-old Greg Daniel of the Axeon Hagens Berman team, being young and inexperienced on a development team doesn't matter all that much.

"All of our team guys are under 23," said Daniel, who won last year's King of the Mountain award. "We make up for our lack of experience with big hearts and being ambitious."

Kiel Reijnen, who won the opening stage in 2015 and held the yellow leader's jersey through Stage 3, said his main goal for the week ahead involved keeping an eye on Park City's Tanner Putt, who rides for United

HealthCare Pro Cycling.

"I don't want to get taken out by him," Reijnen said.

"Good luck," Putt replied to laughter from the assembled media.

As for returning back to the U.S. after racing overseas, Reijnen offered his own laid-back description.

"It's righteous," Reijnen said. "I definitely dig racing in the U.S., and mostly it's good racing with your friends on roads that you know."

The Tour of Utah continues through Aug. 7, with the final stage running in Park City. Fans can follow along with two hours of daily live coverage through Fox Sports 2, ROOT Sports or the Tour of Utah Tour Tracker app.

EISENRATH

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development squad, and they finally have seen I have the capability and am ready to move up. What a great present and great reward to go out to Utah for my first pro race."

Among Eisenrath's BMC teammates is Greg Van Avermaet of Belgium, who won Stage 1 of the Tour of Utah in 2013 in Cedar City.

Eisenrath is more than familiar with Southern Utah, having lived and trained in St. George over the winter months. The opening stage of the Tour returned to the area after a one-year absence, and he'll be racing in his "born and raised" home of Lehi

at the start of Stage 4 on Aug. 4.

"I'm really excited about the course," Eisenrath said. "It couldn't be any better with the team we have here with BMC. We're ready to go for the win."

Including Eisenrath's most recent run through Italy, his seven BMC teammates have competed in the Giro d'Italia, Tour De Suisse and Criterium du Dauphine to prepare.

"We're all carrying really good form right now," Eisenrath said. "I couldn't think of a better team more prepared and more ready to conquer this course and this race."

While the race lasts a full week, Eisenrath cautioned against early overconfidence.

"The first stage won't win the GC (general classification)," he said. "In the second stage, you won't win the GC, but you can sure lose it. We're going to stay safe, keep (team leader Darwin) Atapuma (of Colombia) safe and relaxed, then get Richie (Porte of Australia) up there for the sprints. He's a quick sprinter and quick finisher."

Even with challenging fellow American and defending Tour of Utah champion Joe Dombrowski, Eisenrath said there won't be any mind games.

"We're super-nice guys. Cycling's not like football," Eisenrath said. "We're more calm, relaxed. On the bike, we let our legs do the talking."

As Junior recovers, Gordon keeps on giving

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

Let's face reality here for a moment. In our society, there's a "what's in it for me?" mentality, more often than not.

Some people are able to push personal glory aside long enough for the good of not only a team, but for fans everywhere. Such is the case with none other than Jeff Gordon.

We got word earlier in the week from Dale Earnhardt Jr. that his recovery from concussion-like symptoms is going to take a little while longer. He's been out for three weeks, and Gordon has driven the No. 88 Nationwide Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports for the last two.

And now, as it turns out, we may get to see Gordon for a little while longer.

Following Earnhardt's announcement that he won't be back in the car until his doctors tell him it's OK, Gordon said in an ESPN.com story that he will race as long as he's needed.

Earnhardt tweeted July 30 that there hasn't been any real change in his progress.

"Symptoms have plateaued over the last week. Balance/Gaze

Stabilization are only issues. Docs preaching patience," the tweet said.

So that leaves Gordon, who has all the time in the world with his duties at Fox Sports finished for the season, as the man behind the wheel until further notice.

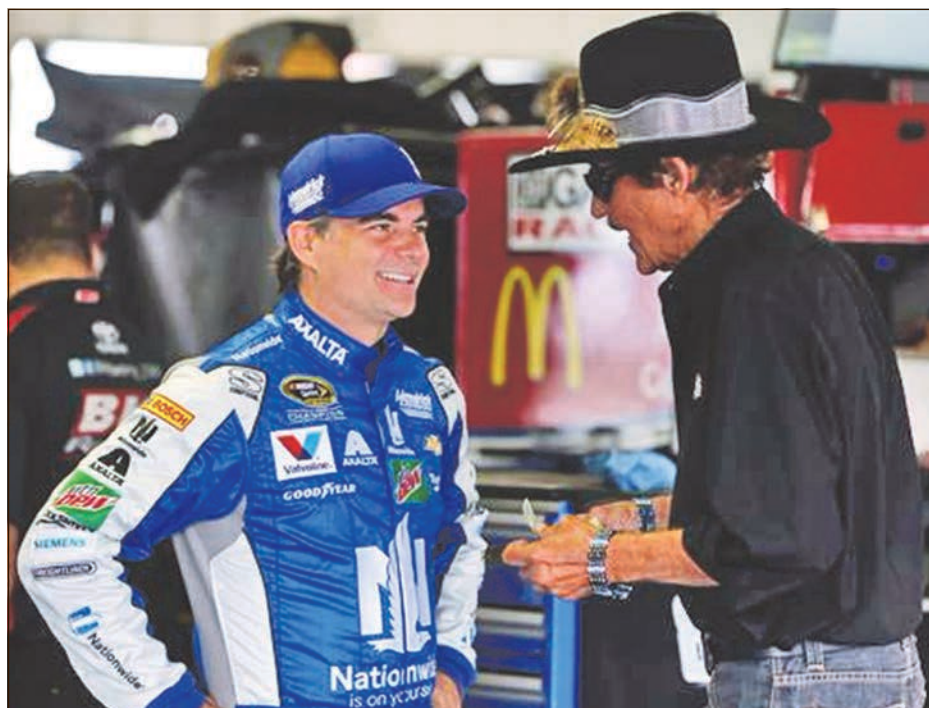
For fans of the four-time champion, there's plenty of reason to celebrate, although nothing is set in stone just yet. A story in USA Today stated no official word is forthcoming with regard to Earnhardt's possible return, and Gordon said "I'm not speculating anything at this time."

As of this writing, Gordon was waiting to make his second start subbing for Junior after rain forced postponement of the Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono Raceway after qualifying 24th. If he's allowed to continue, next week's race at Watkins Glen would set an amazing milestone.

Gordon would become only the ninth driver in NASCAR history to make 800 career starts.

That's pretty special, and it was made possible all because he stepped up for the team.

Gordon turns 45 years old Aug. 4. After finishing 13th at Indianapolis in his



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JEFF GORDON, driver of the #88 Nationwide Chevrolet, and NASCAR Hall of Fame driver Richard Petty talk in the garage area during practice for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono Raceway on July 29.

return to racing one week earlier, he admitted to USA Today he was "struggling with heat and muscle soreness" afterwards, but otherwise felt fine.

With his teammate, who is only on a 13-year streak as NASCAR's most popular driver, on the shelf trying to get healthy so he can race again, Gordon seems like the most logical choice behind the wheel.

Alas, the native of Vallejo, Calif., knows it will only be a temporary thing.

After Watkins Glen, the Sprint Cup series doesn't return until the night race at Bristol

Motor Speedway on Aug. 20. Both tracks can be hard on drivers.

Brad Keselowski destroyed a car on the 2.45-mile road course during a test at the Glen

on July 26, and Bristol provides its own set of physically-demanding challenges.

With all that on the plate and doctors taking no chances, it's only right that Earnhardt gets himself right first before getting back behind the wheel. He turns 42 in October and knows what's at stake for the long term.

"I'm not going to go against that (doctors') advice, no matter what," Earnhardt said in an ESPN.com story. "I can't play around at this age. And with my history, I definitely don't need to get cute."

There's absolutely nothing cute about recovery from any head injury. Putting in the work, one day at a time, is all that matters.

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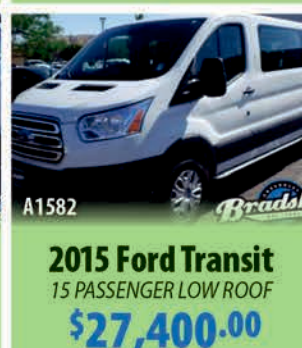
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