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A RISE IN REPORTED AUTOMOBILE BURGLARIES is in part due to too many unlocked vehicles on streets and in driveways.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES ON THE RISE IN CEDAR

THINKSTOCKPHOTOS

by Tom HARALDSEN
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — Over a two-week period earlier this month, the Cedar City Police Department received 15 reports of vehicles being broken into or entered unlawfully. There have been a few instances where the suspects have broken windows, but the majority of the vehicles have been unlocked.

That has prompted both a warning and a suggestion from law enforcement officials to car owners in Cedar City, as well as all of Iron County.

"These have been crimes of opportunity," said Sgt. Jerry Womack of the Cedar City Police Department. "Most of the vehicles have been in driveways or

"Owners should always make sure their car doors are locked if they are leaving their vehicles outside"

— Sgt. Jerry Womack

parked on the street, so owners should always make sure their car doors are locked if they are leaving their vehicles outside."

He added that car owners should be sure not to leave valuables in their cars, particularly where they could be visible

to suspects.

"This is the time of year when we see people putting holiday gifts in their cars while they shop, or when they are parked outside. Those are particularly attractive to thieves," he said.

Chief Darin Adams has authorized the issuance of a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects involved. The vast majority of the thefts have happened in the Fiddler's Canyon area, but there have been a few in the Leigh Hill area and other parts of town.

Other parts have not included car theft, Womack said. He added that anyone with information about the burglaries should contact the Cedar City Police Department at 435-586-2956.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CEDAR! City turns 165

by Kelsey KEENER
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — Community and city council members celebrated Cedar City's 165th birthday on Nov. 16 by giving out awards for the winner of the Birthday Contest and sharing cake.

The city's birthday is Nov. 11. This year it fell on the same day as Veteran's Day, so out of respect the celebration was held a few days later during the city council meeting.

Five elementary schools participated in the "What Makes Me Smile About Cedar City" Birthday contest: East Elementary, Fiddler's Elementary, Iron Springs Elementary, North Elementary and South Elementary. Students aged kindergarten through fifth grade had the opportunity to submit either a written entry or an artwork entry. One winner in each category was chosen from each of the five schools that participated.

The city's birthday is celebrated Nov. 11 because that was the day in 1851 when settlement began in Cedar City. A group of 35 men traveled here from Parowan to build an iron works, and originally gave the city the name of Fort Cedar.

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Fundraiser begun for toddler with rare form of leukemia

by Klarissa WILLIAMS
Iron County Today

ST. GEORGE — Fifteen-month-old Gavin Moon was recently diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia. The disease affects about three in one million, and Gavin's specific mutation only has 50 reported cases. This means that there is very little research on the disease and treatment options for Gavin are limited.

So now, a fundraising effort is underway to aid Gavin's family in the medical and travel expenses they are incurring while traveling from their home in St. George to hospitals in Salt Lake City and San Francisco.

When Gavin was nine months, he was taken in for a regular checkup. At this point it was noticed that he had an enlarged spleen. An ultrasound and blood tests were recommended, and over the next six months, Gavin was put through



COURTESY OF MOON FAMILY

AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO RAISE FUNDS to help Gavin Moon's family with expenses for his medical treatment.

numerous blood tests and biopsies in order to discover what was making him sick. After months of stress, the diagnosis finally came: Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML).

Gavin's parents, Jenny and Brad Moon, met with the best doctors on JMML they could find, who were located in San Francisco. Gavin has been started on low dosage chemotherapy with the hope of easing the swelling of his spleen, but his best chance at long term survival is a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, Gavin's sister, Jasmine, is not a match, and his future is unclear.

A Go-Fund-Me account has been set up online to aid the family in their medical and travel expenses. To donate to the fund, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/zx-gavins-medical-fund>. Any contributions would certainly help this family in the long road they have ahead of them.

Enoch Orchestra to give 100th anniversary performance

ENOCH — The Enoch Orchestra will perform a 100th Anniversary Tribute program on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. The location is at 1190 West Midvalley Road in Enoch. In addition to the musical performance, an historic narration will be performed by the Enoch Dramatics Company.

Songs will include "Beautiful Zion Built Above," "Log Cabin Quadrille," "Put Your Left Foot In (Hokey Pokey)" "Somewhere My Love," "Wild Irish Rose," "Sugar in the Morning," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and many more. The Enoch Orchestra members are residents or descendants of the original orchestra members.

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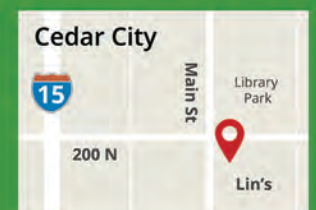


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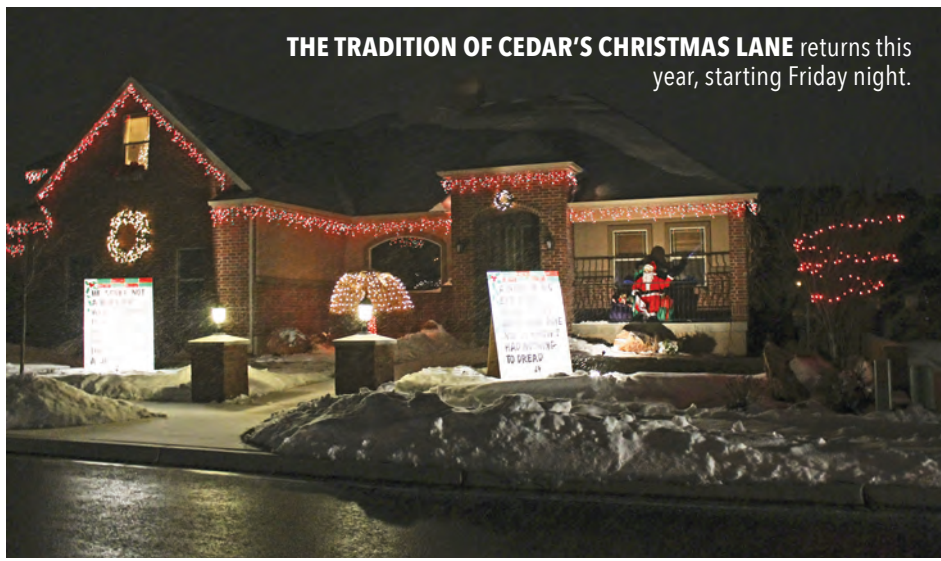
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'Christmas Lane' opening on Nov. 25 in Cedar City

CEDAR CITY — A holiday tradition returns this year with the opening on Friday of Christmas Lane. Neighbors in the Cedar Ridge neighborhood have once again assembled a grand display of Christmas lights, as well as 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' story.

On Friday, the lane is shut down to traffic so community members can walk through this display. Free hot chocolate

and cookies will be offered, Santa will be there, and live Christmas carolers will sing as those who attend enjoy roaring fire pits and holiday cheer.

The festivities on Friday will run from 6 to 8 p.m. After Friday night, vehicles are welcomed to drive down the lane every night through New Year's Eve.

Christmas Lane is located at 400 East 1250 North, behind Parkway Ford by the golf course.

New police officer takes oath in Cedar City

by Kelsey **KEENER**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — Officer Ryan Horton was sworn into the Cedar City Police Department as part of the Cedar City council meeting on Nov. 16. Chief Darin Adams introduced Officer Horton to the council before he was sworn in. Officer Horton started his career in 1997 with the first portion of the police academy. He has spent time in Richfield, Paiute County and Beaver County.

"He's got a lot of wisdom and experience to offer," Chief Adams said.

"We're glad to have him."

City Recorder Renon Savage administered the oath of office. Officer Horton was on duty during the ceremony, so he did not have any family with him. He did, however, address

the council after being sworn in.

"Thank you very much for the opportunity to come here and serve the community," Officer Horton said. "My wife and I are very excited. We've certainly found our home here and we think

this is a great place to raise our kids. I look forward to finishing my career in Cedar City."

"He's got a lot of wisdom and experience to offer. We're glad to have him"


— **Chief Darin Adams**



KELSEY KEENER

OFFICER RYAN HORTON TAKES HIS OATH from Cedar City Recorder Renon Savage at the Nov. 16 city council meeting.

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Opinion



What I'm thankful for this year

With Turkey Day upon us, it's time to offer thanks for the good things that happened to us in 2016. Here are a few of mine:

I'm thankful that the presidential election has ended. No longer will I have to hear Rep. Chris Stewart compare Donald Trump to Benito Mussolini, but then encourage people to vote for the man... Ditto for Gov. Gary Herbert's waffling on his presidential pick... And I'm thankful I won't see any more silly mailers or television ads from Democrat Doug Owens in his campaign against Rep. Mia Love.

I'm thankful that I'm not on Facebook. Not only can I sit down and enjoy a meal without constantly looking at someone's unimportant post, but I also don't have to consider who to "unfriend" for bad manners or unkind, bullying texts.

I'm thankful I didn't spend good money on a Samsung telephone. I'll be even more thankful if some idiot doesn't try to smuggle one of these fire-prone gadgets in his airline luggage.

I'm thankful I went to the movie theater to see "Hello, My Name is Doris," "Hell or High Water," and "Sing Street." I'm equally thankful that I didn't waste money on "Dirty Grandpa," "Tarzan," or any of the many over-hyped super-hero movies.

I'm thankful I didn't wait in line and pay an exorbitant price to see a bunch of middle-aged men and women in costumes at ComiCon. (The election was bizarre enough.)

I'm thankful my wife hasn't figured me out by now and decided she could have done so much better.

I'm thankful that Utah's restaurant scene

is expanding with independent eateries using locally-sourced ingredients. As chain restaurants struggle, I do my best to see local entrepreneurs beat the odds by serving what they love.

I'm thankful for municipal services (mosquito abatement, public libraries, etc.) who deliver bang for our tax bucks.

I'm thankful I didn't have to show up hours early at a Target, then make a mad dash bumping other customers out of the way in order to purchase a hard-to-find Hatchimal Christmas toy. (Okay, I confess - I asked someone else to do it for me!)

I'm thankful that the American medical system is helping to keep people alive longer.

Over the next 15 years, over 10,000 Americans will reach the age of 64 every single day and 4,000 will turn 85 years old. Now, if we can just find a way to keep age-related costs in line along with the Republican-dominated

Congress expanding Pres. Obama's avenues for health insurance.

I'm thankful for National Public Radio for thoughtful and interesting news, not the inflammatory craziness on other talk radio stations.

I'm thankful that I have never had the desire to follow the "in crowd" and eat kale, or quinoa.

And I'm thankful for friends and readers. This includes all of you, even those who regularly disagree with me, but continue reading because they appreciate substance.

Have an extra slice of turkey, ladle of gravy, and a piece of pumpkin pie on me!

The opinions stated in this article are solely those of the author and not of Iron County Today

To the Editor

Funny that the election results in Iron County changed by over 2,000 votes today, Thursday, Nov. 10. This is a more than 30 percent difference from Tuesday night.

Iron County was one of the last three counties to report after midnight on election night. The ability to track your ballot, if it was dropped off or mailed in, was taken off the website, so you cannot see if your vote counted. The unorganized system of voting at the Cedar City Offices was not able to efficiently take care of early voting let alone the hours long lines of voters waiting on election day.

Citizens of this country should not have to pay postage to vote, which is what was required in the 100 percent mail balloting in Iron County versus going to one of three sites on election day or early voting. Had people been aware of the delays, they would have been better prepared, but one should be able to vote on election day after all of the news and campaigning has been completed.

Inexcusable poor planning by the county during a very important election.

Sue Ebersole
Cedar City

Tree before turkey?

It's that time of year again.

The leaves are crisp and colorful and the smell of pumpkins wafts through the air. Orange replaces the black of Halloween. Walking down the sidewalk you muse about all your favorite Thanksgiving foods, when all of a sudden a car comes tearing down the street blasting "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" by Meredith Wilson.

Now your thoughts of Turkey Day are ruined. So you shout after them, "It's NOT Christmas yet!" This scene occurs all too often in many neighborhoods across the nation. Christmas music plays on the radio, in stores and especially from personal music devices. Lights and decorations adorn houses and buildings. And it's becoming more prevalent.

A recent polling from the Business Chronicle showed that 43 percent of approximately 2,500 people surveyed around the country decorate for

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Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY
Columnist

Opinion

To the Editor

A plea to Mormon missionaries

Dear Mormon Missionary, my wife and I do not mind when you come to our home; in fact, we invite you to do so. We are more than happy to speak about our Christian faith as you share what you believe. However, please do not say to us that, “we basically believe the same things.”

As we are born-again Christians (see John 3.3; 1 Peter 1.3), we certainly do not believe “basically” the same things as Mormons with regard to vital points of the historic Christian faith.

(1) According to The First Presidency, “The Bible, as it has been transmitted over the centuries, has suffered the loss of many plain and precious parts.” However, as born-again Christians, we do not believe the Bible has suffered any loss. We believe that it alone is the authoritative word of God. We believe the Bible all by itself is sufficient to instruct us regarding all we need to know about God, humanity, and salvation. Therefore, we do not accept your books as the word of God.

(2) According to Brigham Young, “The doctrine that God was once a man and has progressed to become a God is unique to this Church.” However, as born-again Christians, we believe that God is eternal in that He never had a beginning and will never have

an end (See Psalm 90.2).

(3) Your own Seventy Bernard P. Brockbank is quite clear that the Mormon Jesus and the Jesus of historic Christianity are not the same when he states, “It is true that many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus Christ that is worshipped by the Mormons or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” To this statement, my wife and I agree. As born-again Christians, we believe that the Jesus we worship is different from your Jesus. The Jesus we worship is the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Triune God, and that He is not the brother of Satan (see John 1.1-4; John 20.28; 1 John 5.20-21).

(4) For the Mormon, Joseph Smith and his “restored” gospel is the cornerstone of the LDS faith. Therefore, wouldn’t you agree that if you did not have Joseph Smith, you would have no religion at all? As born-again Christians, we do not believe Joseph Smith to be a prophet of God. He has made prophecies that have failed (see Doctrine and Covenants 87:1-3 for one example). Therefore, Joseph Smith fails the test of a prophet as given in Deuteronomy 18.22 which states, “When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the

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TOM'S Tomes

by Tom **HARALDSEN**
Managing Editor

I decided a long time ago that I’m neither a Republican nor a Democrat. In fact, I don’t like being labeled “an anything” politically. In my career in journalism, I’ve interviewed and found favor with politicians on both sides of the aisle—and a few in between. And I’ve voted for many candidates accordingly.

Still, I was somewhat shocked and surprised by the results of last week’s presidential election. Whether you supported Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, if you had read or seen all the polls showing her slightly ahead, you probably expected a Clinton election as I did. And in fact, she did win the majority of the popular vote, which doesn’t mean anything thanks to the Electoral College.

What I do know is that now, the Republican Party is in the driver’s seat. With a president and both houses of Congress held by Republicans, the GOP finally has a chance to do something it has bellyached about for years—breaking the gridlock in Washington and getting things done.

None of us know for sure what “getting things done” means. Will the ultra-conservative faction of the electorate see its wishes come true with regard to Supreme Court appointees, immigration issues, LGBT rights and tax reform? Will the now terrorized liberals realize their greatest fears of a Trump Wall of Fame along the border with Mexico, the reversing of government-mandated health care and destruction of the environment? Both sides have best/

Okay GOP— you’re on the clock

worse case scenarios. Both sides are, in my view, probably a bit more optimistic/pessimistic about what a Trump presidency will mean.

But to my earlier point, now it’s up to the Republicans to see what they can do. No Nancy Pelosi or Harry Reid roadblocks. No Barack Obama veto pen or executive orders. You’ve campaigned for years with the message that you can do it better with majority rule. It’s your move.

This isn’t the first time in recent history that the American voters have cast ballots for change. Remember the Tea Party—not the original one that actually did bring about change, but the right wing political group that came on board

in 2009 after the recession? They called for change, they pledged that if elected they’d make things happen. Well, they didn’t. Ask Ted Cruz and

Marco Rubio why their presidential campaigns failed this year. As Rubio himself said when he dropped out of the race, “We were swept into office six years ago because we ran on the platform of change, and nothing did.”

So whether you were happy or distressed with the results of last week’s elections, remember that not much lasts forever. What Americans will be watching over the months ahead is whether this latest collection of Washington politicians can end the gridlock, truly make the country come together, improve and grow. If not, the midterm elections of 2018 aren’t that far off. Time is ticking, and GOP—you’re on the clock.

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Bell ringing volunteers needed for holiday fundraising



CEDAR CITY — One sure sign of the approaching holiday season is the sound of volunteer bell ringers who help raise money for those in need. And again this year, Salvation Army representatives are in the process of coordinating this year's volunteer groups—and more bell ringers are needed. They will begin collecting money outside of Walmart just after Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as at other times. Fundraising efforts will continue each day until at least Dec. 24.

The money raised by the bell ringers will go to help people in need right here in Iron County throughout the year. It all stays local, benefitting programs such as the Iron County Care and Share, Valley View Medical Center, Bread of Life Community Kitchen and other social service organizations.

For more information or to volunteer to ring bells, call Tain Walker at 435-868-5458 or 435-868-8405. tom@ironcountytoday.com

THE SALVATION ARMY is recruiting volunteers to help with bell ringing again this holiday season.

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Bookings

Below are bookings as reported by the Iron County Sheriff's Department and Cedar City Police Department. Those arrested are innocent until proven guilty.

November 14

Randall G. Benn, Cedar City
Intoxication, Aggravated Assault

Mariah L. Bradley, Parowan
Retail Theft

Olive E. Olson, Steamboat Springs Colo.,
Retail Theft

Michael S. Patterson, Cedar City
Public Urination

Ryan C. Reep, Cedar City
Intoxication, Assault

November 15

Michael G. Williams, Cedar City
Possession of Stolen Credit Cards

November 16

Jason Thibeault, Cedar City
Controlled Substance, Drug Paraphernalia, Parole Violation

November 17

Joann S. Secrist, Missoula, Mont.
Warrant, Driving on Revocation, Head Lamp Violation

November 18

Andrew L. Shiozaki, Cedar City
Retail Theft, Criminal Mischief

Hendrickson J. Yazzie, Cedar City
Assault

Austin M. Sass, Murrieta, Ga.
Minor Alcohol consumption, Possession

November 20

Derek C. Ashdown, Enoch
Domestic Violence in presence of child, Aggravated Assault

Steven B. Clegg, Cedar City
DUI

Taylor M. Bickley, Cedar City
Possession, Minor Alcohol purchase

Allison D. Davis, Henderson, Nev.
DUI, Open Container

Joshua K. Hoyt, Cedar City
Intoxication, DUI, Open Container

Gavin E. Oshley, Lehi
Possession, Burglary, Retail Theft, Intoxication

Kanab Christmas Light Parade set for Nov. 26

KANAB — The 8th Annual Kanab Christmas Light Parade & Festival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, with festivities and fun for the whole family taking place at Main Street Plaza.

The Parade of Lights is a magical display lighting up the night with floats made by businesses and people in the community. The theme for the Parade of Lights this year is "Welcome Home for Christmas". There will be free hot chocolate, cider, and donuts for everyone to enjoy at 6 p.m., and then the magic of the Parade of Lights will begin at 7 p.m.

After the parade, come on down to Main Street Plaza (in front of the courthouse) for the free S'mores School by Chef Shon. Enjoy making a variety of specialty gooey and delicious S'mores with one of Kanab's greatest chefs while enjoying festive music and good times with the people of the community.

"I am excited to see the community come together for this great event. It is such a beautiful time of year with Thanksgiving. Families are home

together and they can come to the Light Parade and Festival, which is free and fun for everyone to be a part of. There is just so much to be thankful for," said Vicki Hooper, Director of Kane County Events & Volunteer Center, in a release.

The festival will culminate with the magical Wishing Lantern launch at 8:30 p.m. in front of the courthouse. The Wishing Lantern launch is a fundraising event sponsored by the Kane County Office of Tourism and Events & Volunteer Center. Each lantern will be \$10 or 2 for \$15, and all proceeds will go to help local families in need. There will be markers to personalize the lanterns with your Christmas wishes before sending them heavenward.

This year, the Wishing Lantern Launch will raise money for the newly organized Kane County Assistance Program, which helps local families in times of crisis. There are times when low income families have emergencies come up and they struggle with bills to pay, they can't replace those broken glasses,

or get their flat tire fixed. The Kane County Assistance Program will provide funds for these families, giving them an opportunity to get what they need and pay the program back over time or through community service.

Chinese Wishing Lanterns will be sold to anyone who would like to contribute to this great cause. The "Wishing Lanterns" will be available for advance purchase at www.KanabChristmas.com and available for pickup before the event on Main Street. They may also be purchased the night of the event at a table on Main Street beginning at 6 p.m.

The lanterns are 100 percent biodegradable but the county is offering \$1 per lantern "bounty" to incentivize the community to help clean them up quickly. The lanterns gathered may be turned into the Event & Volunteer Center Monday morning, Nov. 28 to claim the "bounty."

For more information on the line up of events for the Christmas Light Parade & Festival, go to www.KanabChristmas.com

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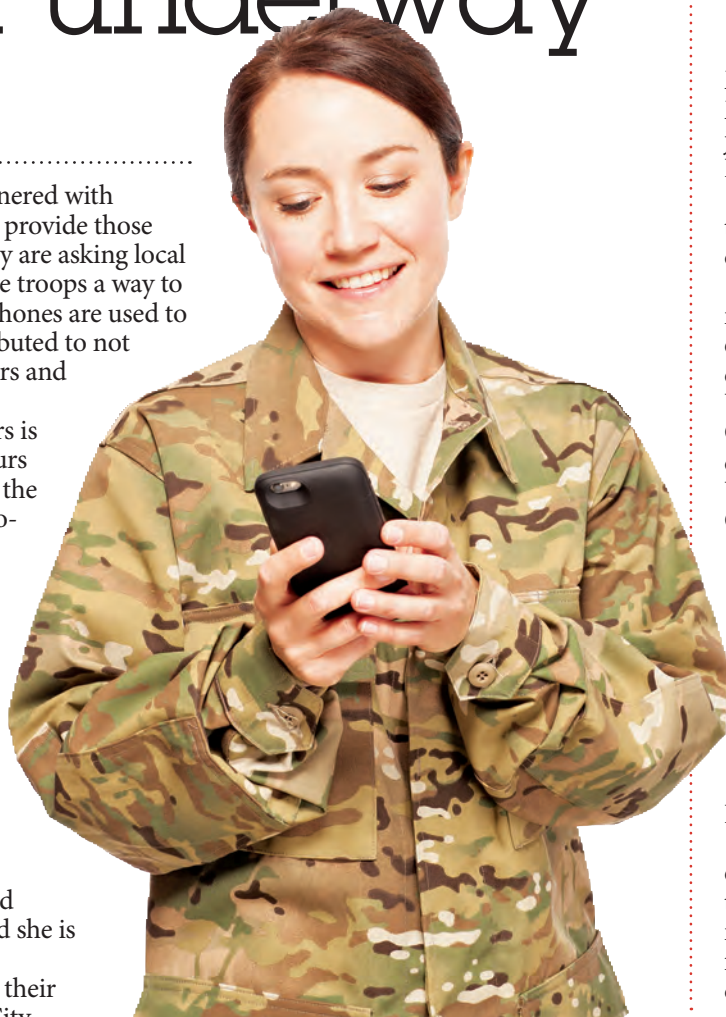
by Klarrissa WILLIAMS
Iron County Today

RealtyPath, a local Cedar City company, has partnered with the Cell Phones for Soldiers organization in order to provide those serving in the U.S. military with free calls home. They are asking local residents to donate their used cell phones to help give troops a way to call home. The funds raised from recycling the old phones are used to purchase prepaid calling cards, which are then distributed to not only soldiers stationed overseas, but returning soldiers and veterans as well.

For every phone donated, Cell Phones for Soldiers is able to provide a calling card with two and a half hours of talk time. These are then shipped to bases around the world, CARE package programs, deployment ceremonies, and VA hospitals. The nonprofit has provided over 216 million minutes of talk time to service men and women, and has recycled or repurposed 11.7 million phones since 2004. They send out an average of 1,500 calling cards per week.

RealtyPath and Cell Phones for Soldiers collect phones all year round, but are running a campaign to raise awareness until Jan. 15. Debbie Smith of Realty Path says the company offers a 20 percent discount on services for all military personnel as well as fire and police department and first responders. Smith mentioned that the UHaul Company next door also offers this discount. She said they were able to get 75 donated phones last year, and she is hopeful of getting at least 100 this year.

Residents can turn their phones in at any time to their local location: 2142 West 850 North #102 in Cedar City.



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Cardiologist joins Cedar Heart Clinic

CEDAR CITY — Melody Covington, MD, a cardiologist, has joined the Cedar City Heart Clinic located at 1303 N. Main St., part of the Cedar City Hospital campus.

A South Carolina native, Dr. Covington earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She then completed an Internal Medicine Residency and a Cardiology Fellowship from Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. For the past 10 years, she worked at Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute, part of the Carolinas Healthcare System, in Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. Covington has a special interest in the cardiac effects of sleep disordered breathing and its role in triggering paroxysmal atrial fibrillation. When she's not working, Dr. Covington focuses her attention on family and church. To learn more about Dr. Covington, call (435) 868-5570.



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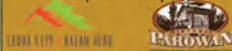
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International students from 50 countries study at SUU

by Nikki **KOONTZ**
SUU Marketing Communications

CEDAR CITY — Southern Utah University's Division of International Affairs fosters globally engaged communities by supporting the exchange of values, cultures, and ideas in an effort to advance a more just, empathic, and prosperous world. This year there are more than 500 international students from 50 different countries studying at SUU.

One international student that has become highly involved with the University is Arnold Nyatanga, a senior communication major from Harare, Zimbabwe.

Arnold was born and raised in Zimbabwe where he attended private British schools, and spent some time in an exchange program in Paris, France. Arnold said his family in Zimbabwe still plays an important role in his life, even from so far away.

"It's always nice to be in touch with those people who have known you for your whole life and have seen how far you've come," said Arnold. "They get to celebrate with you from afar."

Since relocating to Utah, Arnold has made many friends and achieved success in student government and school, but said it wasn't always easy. During his first month in the U.S., he expressed that he felt out of place and considered returning to Zimbabwe.

"It was challenging for me because I was not part of the majority race or religion and I was 3,000 miles away from home by myself," said Arnold. "In the beginning I felt a disconnect."

After a month of feeling isolated and homesick, Arnold decided to involve himself in as many organizations as he could. He joined the Snow College's activities board, Black Student Union and he became a Resident Assistant.

Arnold decided to transfer to SUU because of his relationship with President Scott L. Wyatt during Wyatt's time at Snow College. He was also impressed by the personal care of his SUU advisor when he began speaking to her about coming to the University.

"SUU is a place where they make you feel like an important person," said Arnold. "To me that's what makes the difference in your college experience because I want to feel like a valued person at this University and not just a figure ... SUU is really good at making students feel like they are part of something special. That's something that was really unique about SUU."

Since coming to SUU Arnold has been involved as President of the SUU Black Student Union, brother of Sigma Chi and has held various positions within SUUSA before earning his present title as SUUSA Vice President of Activities.

"I wake up every day and I'm so humbled and blessed to know that I get to serve the student population of Southern Utah University as the VP of Activities," said Arnold. "It's been one of the best things I could ever



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ARNOLD NYATANGA IS ONE OF MORE THAN 500 international students who are pursuing their education at Southern Utah University.

imagine."

Arnold devotes 40 hours or more every week to planning and directing events on campus. He also has maintained a strong relationship with those that work around him in SUUSA and his activities branch.

"I don't treat people like they are a worker," said Arnold. "I treat them as if they were one of my brothers (or) one of my sisters. My activities planning board is my family. I know them individually. I love getting to know about their personal life and I love seeing them grow."

Arnold will graduate in May and said he will pursue a career in public relations or event managing, but he hopes to keep up with the people who made him feel at home in Cedar City.

"I would love to stay in contact with all the people I have met at SUU," said Arnold. "This is truly my home away from home. I have my family here and continuing those relationships would mean the world to me."

Like Arnold, international students at SUU are presented with great benefits and personal attention. The school's small class sizes - which average fewer than 30 students in 73 percent of its courses - allow professors to work closely with students, and give students the confidence to grow inside and outside of the classroom.

One of SUU's core themes speaks to exploring diverse ideas, cultures, and places. International Affairs provides opportunities for SUU students, faculty and staff to do so through programming that connects and educates, fostering international student presence on our campus, learning abroad programs and much more.

by the grace of God; that belief in Jesus Christ alone is all that is needed for salvation." (See also 2 Nephi 25.23 which states that people are saved by grace "after all we can do"). However, as born-again Christians, we unashamedly believe that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, and not in any measure is salvation according to the works of the law (see Ephesians 2.8-9; Galatians 2.16).

In conclusion, because of just these five points - five points that are not insignificant in the least -

please do not say that born-again Christians and Mormons believe "basically" the same things. That is tantamount to me saying that I am basically a Mormon. Let's be honest - the very fact that we don't agree on these vital points is exactly why you are knocking on our door. Again, we invite you to do so. We would be happy to continue the discussion. What are your thoughts? Contact me at mail@newlifechurchcc.org.

Pastor Scott Miller
New Life Church
Cedar City

CHRISTMAS

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Christmas before Thanksgiving (Caldwell, 2015). Is this wrong? Or are we just over-reacting? To get a better context for the dilemma, we need to understand why this is happening.

This has been going on for longer than we realize. Andy Rooney, a CBS correspondent, wrote a segment back in 2002 reporting, "Christmas is far and away the most commercial holiday we have. Some stores do 30 percent of their whole year's business in the period before Christmas. That's why they try to make it last a long time by starting it earlier every year." It's all about the money for retailers and distributors; there's no money in Thanksgiving, so they want Christmas to come as soon as possible. So people buy Christmas stuff in November.

Do they really have to start celebrating it then too? Something that might be good to remember when coming across such people is the freedom of expression guaranteed in our Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech." Christmas is an expression of religion is it not? And the way people celebrate it is their own choice as well. Including the choice to not celebrate it. All in all, people will always hold differing views. But do we really need to harass them for it?

Surely not everyone who decides that Christmas is coming a little earlier than usual for them says to themselves, "Today I feel like really annoying my co-workers, so I'm going to play my Christmas station on Pandora." Maybe some do, but likely very few. Comparatively, there are those that need Christmas earlier.

Amy Beth Mayfield of Huntsville described her situation this way: "With my husband being deployed, I've decided to start earlier and go brighter than ever." (Vollers, al.com) She continues, "Christmas creates such sense of wonder, and why wouldn't you want to experience that as long as possible?"

Whether you agree or not with people who start to celebrate Christmas before Thanksgiving, we could all be a little more understanding and kind. After all, isn't that what this holiday is all about? Let's come together in our communities and support each other in our personal, traditional or religious views. We may celebrate at different times, but it's for the same purpose.

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thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." (KJV) As born-again Christians, our faith and hope rests solely in Jesus Christ, who has not failed us in one way.

(5) According to your President Spencer W. Kimball, "One of the most fallacious doctrines originated by Satan and propounded by man is that man is saved alone

SUU professor to lead STEM research team

by Nikki **KOONTZ**
SUU Marketing Communications

CEDAR CITY — The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded Dr. Carrie Bucklin, assistant professor of biology at Southern Utah University, and her two research partners a grant aimed to increase educational opportunities for minorities in STEM-related programs and fields.

The project, which will receive over \$280,000 with \$19,000 specific to SUU, will target students in the Virgin Islands, a place with a very diverse demographic student population, and will gather data on what engages students in STEM fields and what may turn them away.

Bucklin will be working with associates Monica Medina, associate professor of biology at Penn State, and Kristin R. Wilson Grimes, research

assistant professor of watershed ecology at University of the Virgin Islands.

“This project will provide research opportunities to SUU students – specifically those interested in science education,” said Bucklin. “Having the opportunity to survey students and analyze data is a huge educational opportunity for our students that can strengthen resumes, provide interesting experiential learning projects, and give students a chance to be published in academic journals and present at regional, state and national conferences.”

This is one of 37 programs with initial awards totaling nearly \$14 million that make up the “Inclusion Across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science” program.

NSF is a granting organization run

by the government, with include grants being given once a year. This is a new program, so for Bucklin’s team to be awarded it the first year is noteworthy in the realm of NSF grants and scientific research.

“I like to focus on how students learn – that’s my particular path in education,” said Bucklin. “For this grant project, I plan on finding instruments that will help us determine student interests in science, attitudes toward the field at varying educational levels and what is actually being learned and

retained in STEM classrooms.”

Bucklin’s research will include surveying in middle schools, high schools, undergraduate and graduate level programs. Studies have shown that in middle school, students lose interest in science, also known as the leaky pipeline metaphor.

Her surveys will focus on minorities in education, including gender and ethnicity. The Virgin Islands demographics is prime testing ground for this study, as over 85% of the population is either African American or Hispanic.



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DR. CARRIE BUCKLIN is leading a study on STEM education for minority students.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The concert will take place in the Heritage Center Theater at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for alumni with a card, \$3 for youth. SUU faculty, staff, and students are free with a current ID.

The program includes pieces such as Frosty the Snowman by Steve Nelson and Walter Rollins, Overture to the Nutcracker Suite by Peter I. Tchaikovsky, Haunted Mansion by Melody Bober, and Concerto for Four Pianos in A minor, BWV 1065 by Bach and Vivaldi.

Christian Lee, a junior Piano Performance and Composition major from Fairview, Utah, said, "The most

rewarding part of preparing for this concert is seeing everything come together. That point when we're all in sync, we give it everything we've got, and we can perform something truly amazing is what makes it all worth it."

He continued, "Music is something that anyone and everyone can enjoy. As an anonymous author once said, 'For heights and depths no soul can reach, music is the soul's own speech.' That's how I feel about music, and I want nothing more

than to share that with the audience as we perform."

Rachel France, piano teacher at The Music Store in St. George, said, "This is such a unique concert to have so many pianos on stage played by so many pianists at once. The hall will be filled with sound. A great way to support and enjoy the piano playing in our community?"

While preparing for the concert, Krystal Goetz said that the difficult, but exciting part of the process has been

"bringing all of the details and players together. There are 110 pianists, many of whom are children. It's an adventure to see the kids progress and get so excited about a good run through! You can tell they feel special to be playing in a piano ensemble."

Ty Redd, Chair of the Department of Physical Science at SUU, will play the drums in this epic concert. He said that his favorite part of the rehearsal process is, "Seeing all the young musicians practicing their parts and how well Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel works with them."

For more information, visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

"The hall will be filled with sound"

— **Christian Lee**



COURTESY PHOTO

R. SCOTT PHILLIPS, left, is presented the Mark R. Sumner Award by members of the Institute of Outdoor Drama.

USF leader receives national award

CEDAR CITY — R. Scott Phillips, executive director of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, was recently named as the 2016 recipient of the prestigious Mark R. Sumner Award, granted yearly by the Institute of Outdoor Drama (IOD). The award was presented at the National Conference on Outdoor Drama in Chillicothe, Ohio.

According to the IOD, "the award recognizes significant contributions by an individual to a specific drama, or to the outdoor drama movement as a whole, including but not limited to playwriting, directing, acting, design, theater architecture, patronage, scholarship, musical composition, technology and innovation, producing and administration."

A list of some of the previous awardees reads like the "Who's Who of American Theatre":

Bill Patton, executive director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; Tina Packer, founder of Shakespeare and Company in Massachusetts; and Josef Meier, founder of the Black Hills Passion Play in South Dakota; and many others.

The award is named for the late Mark R. Sumner who was instrumental in writing and creating many of the successful historical dramas that eventually formed to create a national organization to promote and support the nearly 100 outdoor dramas in existence today. According to its website, the IOD is "dedicated to the intrepid devotees of theatre who have gathered under the open sky for story, dance and song since the dawn of history."



SUU MARKETING

THE SUU DEPARTMENTS OF MUSIC AND THEATRE ARTS/DANCE will host the Yule Feast event on Nov. 29.

First Yule Feast set for Nov. 29

CEDAR CITY — The SUU Department of Music and the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance are introducing a new tradition for the holiday season. On Tuesday, Nov. 29, the Yule Feast will bring an entertaining evening full of music, dance, and dinner. This dinner and concert will be held in the Great Hall at SUU's Hunter Conference Center at 6 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$22 for students, and \$22 for seniors. Seating is limited to 40 guests, so buy your tickets now.

Dr. Steven and Patricia Meredith from the SUU Music and Dance programs have worked together on integrated works for many years. Dr. Meredith, Associate Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies and Associate Professor of Music, said, "The Yule Feast represents the opportunity to combine live music and dance together in a unique way to celebrate the holiday

season. By combining the two art forms together, students learn what their colleagues in other areas go through to prepare a performance, and audience members enjoy the excitement of the collaboration."

Patricia Meredith, Assistant Professor of Dance, said, "The Yule Feast represents the beginning of the Holiday Season each year. It is an elegant combination of music, dance, food and friends. I am so happy we are bringing it to the Cedar City and SUU community in our first annual presentation."

As a student performer, preparing for the Yule Feast is a growing and rewarding experience. Allie Mathis, a Dance Performance major from Spanish Fork, Utah, said, "There is a great amount of time that goes into getting ready for a show, the time spent in rehearsals learning and being able to move and dance is the most rewarding part for me."

As a current graduate student in the Master of Music Technology program, Natasha Johnson participated in previous Yule Feast celebrations at Snow College under direction of the Merediths. She would, "highly recommend the upcoming performance to community members. The Yule Feast is truly a unique concert experience, fun not only for the audience, but the performers as well, which together creates an atmosphere that really welcomes in the holiday season."

Her favorite part of the rehearsal process is being able to create music with other students. She said, "Some of the music for this show is beautiful, fun, and just silly, but regardless of the piece, there is something about creating music as a group that brings joy amidst the hustle and bustle of this time of year."

For more information, visit www.suu.edu/pva/music.

PHILLIPS

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Phillips was instrumental in drastically expanding the membership of the IOD by bringing many of America's Shakespeare festivals into the organization. He is also one of the founders of the highly effective Shakespeare Theatre Association (STA), an organization that now boasts 120 member theatres, including the London Globe, the Stratford (Ontario, Canada) Festival, the National Festival of Prague in the Czech Republic, and the New Zealand Festival of Shakespeare—along with festivals in Saudi Arabia, Poland, Egypt, and every state in the United States.

Phillips recently announced his intent to retire in March, after more than 40 years at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. He joined the Festival in 1977 as its first full-time employee. During his tenure, Phillips held positions of director of marketing and public relations (1977-1990), managing director (1990-2006), interim Festival director (2006-2007), and executive director (2007-2017). In his early years at the Festival, Phillips' primary responsibility was to increase the numbers of Festival attendees. Audience size grew from 19,000 to 113,000 per season during his time as director of marketing.

As executive director, Phillips has been responsible for articulating and implementing the Festival's values, vision and mission, as well as protecting its artistic image. Phillips contributed to some of the most important milestones for the Utah Shakespeare Festival, including the 1989 construction of the Randall L. Jones Theatre, wherein he worked on all aspects from fundraising, to design, to construction; the naming of the Festival as the 2000 Tony Award-winner for Outstanding Regional Theatre; and the 2016 completion of the \$39 million Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts, including the Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre, Greenshow stage, seminar grove, and production spaces.

Phillips is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Utah Theatre Association in 2001 and the Southern Utah University Outstanding Staff Member in 1990. He received his bachelor's degree from Southern Utah University in 1975 and pursued graduate studies in theatre administration at Idaho State University.



COURTESY OF SOUTHERN UTAH MUSEUM OF ART

A VERY SUMA HOLIDAY will run through Dec. 15 at the Southern Utah Museum of Art in Cedar City.

A Very SUMA Holiday runs through Dec. 15

by Lola **TAYLOR**
SUU College of Performing & Visual Arts

CEDAR CITY — The Southern Utah Museum of Art is ramping up the holiday season by providing a variety of ways to give this year with A Very SUMA Holiday. There will be a Wishing Tree with one-of-a-kind handmade holiday ornaments and giving opportunities available in SUMA's gift shop from now through Dec. 15.

Brooke Vlasich, a purchasing assistant, said, "The concept behind SUMA's gift shop is centered around the museum's mission statement of showcasing regional art of the Colorado Plateau and interests in the larger world. This holiday season, we want to take the concept of supporting local and world communities one step further by collaborating with local nonprofits to give back to Cedar City."

One way you can give this season is through the Wishing Tree. The Wishing Tree is offered in partnership with Iron County Care and Share and is a great way to give to back to those in our community who are in need of help, hope and compassion this season. Care and Share helps homeless and low-income individuals and families work toward self-sufficiency. The tree will contain tags with the age and gender of a community individual in need. You can purchase gifts for the individual and deliver the gifts, with the tag attached, to the Care and Share.

The Wishing Tree will also feature holiday ornaments for sale from NOVICA and Ten Thousand Villages. Both nonprofit organizations feature products made by artisans from around the world who utilize traditional crafting techniques that are unique to their country.

Whitney Staheli, a purchasing

assistant for SUMA, said, "Our desire to support and contribute to our community also drives our continuing collaboration with many of our vendors, who strive to create better opportunities for their artisans all around the globe."

SUMA will also be hosting a Wrap-A-Thon for the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center (CCWCC) from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3. All are welcome to come with their holiday purchases to be wrapped while they enjoy the art in our museum. Gift wrapping will be available in SUMA's lobby for a cash or check donation. All proceeds for the Wrap-A-Thon goes to the CCWCC, which helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information about A Very SUMA Holiday, contact suma@suu.edu or call 435-586-5432.

SUU student artists' work on display

CEDAR CITY — Now through Dec. 15, enjoy the stunning artwork of five graduating Art and Design students in the Senior Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Exhibition at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). SUMA is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and is closed on campus holidays and admission is free. Please be aware that some pieces contain mature content.

Jeff Hanson, Chair of the Department of Art & Design, said, "The BFA exhibit is the crowning achievement of students of Art and Design at SUU. These students have worked on developing their talent over many semesters and that hard work shows. SUMA has given those showing their work a new standard of excellence and these students have stepped up to those expectations."

Michelle Allen, an Illustration major from Monticello, Utah, said that the greatest reward has been, "seeing my artwork on the wall. Everything that led to having my work on the wall has been well worth the time



ARTWORK FROM SUU STUDENTS will be on display through Dec. 15 as part of SUMA's holiday presentation.

COURTESY PHOTO

and stress."

These students spent four or more years perfecting their creative process and their artistic skills. They studied under faculty that pushed them to succeed and gave them the feedback they needed to excel in their field of study. This final exhibition gives them the opportunity to display their work in an actual museum

before they move on in their careers.

Randy Seely, Secondary Art Education major, said his favorite part of the creative process was, "finding and working with the best models that I have been most fortunate to work with. Each carefully selected model fit perfectly with every individual art piece. Without their willingness and

trust I would not be able to fulfill my artistic endeavors. I'm indebted to them all."

It isn't always easy to share their work with the public. Hailey Sipe, a Phoenix, Ariz. native and Studio Arts major with an emphasis in painting, drawing, and printmaking, said, "The most challenging aspect has been allowing my work, which is something I've

put my heart and soul into, to be seen by the public. There's always something to fix or tweak or change, but at some point you have to step back and say they're ready and you have to let go. One thing I've heard a professor say is that 'paintings are never finished; they're just finished enough.'"

For more information, visit www.suu.edu/pva/art.

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Run, don't walk, to see Disney's latest, "Moana"



MOVIE Beat

by Jennifer WARDELL
Entertainment Writer

There are some movies I love so much that I have to resist grabbing everyone I run across and urging them to go have the same wonderful cinematic experience I just did.

"Moana," the latest by Disney, is one of those movies. A magical, empowering, fun, meaningful adventure that manages to be utterly universal while still shining a powerful light on a largely ignored culture, "Moana" is Disney at its absolute best.

The animation is gorgeous, the voice acting is spot-on, the storytelling is powerful and the humor is perfectly balanced. If Disney movies, girl-power movies or adventure movies are even slightly to your taste, this is one you don't want to miss.

The movie follows Moana, the daughter of a Polynesian chieftain whose people stay firmly on their island or in the nearby waters located within the boundaries of a reef. Moana, however, has always been drawn on the open ocean, and the ocean itself seems quite fond of her. When a spreading darkness threatens to harm her home and her people, Moana must brave a journey across the seas to find a lost demigod and restore the balance.

The movie beautifully executes its own balancing act, hitting the sweet zone when it comes to just the right amount of cheering, tears, laughter and breathless moments. You'll get choked up, but the movie

earns whatever tears it gets out of you, and the humor is bountiful and comes from a variety of sources (my favorite is the chicken, Heihei, with chicken sounds provided by Disney's newest good-luck charm Alan Tudyk). There's also the faintest sprinkling of self-aware humor, never enough to take away from the story but definitely worth an extra chuckle.

Moana, voiced by newcomer Auli'i Cravalho, is

an absolute treat. She's spunky and thoughtful at the same time, equally aware of both her dreams and her responsibilities. She's also allowed to be both a little silly and wonderfully brave, full of nuance thanks to both Cravalho and the animators. Once the movie comes out, I hope she gets little girls all over the world looking up to her.

Dwayne Johnson is charming as the demigod Maui, who has his own lessons to learn. He has a sentient

tattoo who operates as his Jiminy Cricket, and the movie allows you to see his struggles and pain while still getting plenty of humor out of his swagger and bluster. The rest of the cast is equally excellent, and most are of Polynesian descent. The ocean is its own character, and all the credit in the world goes to the animators for injecting so much personality into something that doesn't have a face or limbs.

The rest of the animation is utterly beautiful as well, from the individual hairs to the vast dome of the night sky. The movie plays with glowing/neon colors in some key moments that I promise I won't spoil for you, but the results are absolutely stunning.

The soundtrack is as wonderful as the rest of the package, and the one bad thing about getting to see the movie early is that I couldn't immediately rush home and buy every single one of the songs. Lin Manuel Miranda,

who recently rocketed to fame with "Hamilton," and Opetia Foa'i, a well-known Samoan musician, collaborated with others to create a collection of songs that will leave you humming all the way home.

So consider this the more polite version of me grabbing all of you by the front of your shirts and urging you to go see this movie. It'll be some of the best hours you've ever spent in a theater.

"Moana" is Disney at its absolute best... It'll be some of the best hours you've ever spent in a theater.

Rating: PG for peril, some scary images and brief thematic elements

Screenplay: Jared Bush, with story by Ron Clements, John Musker, Chris Williams, Don Hall, Pamela Ribon, Aaron Kandell and Jordan Kandell

Directors: Ron Clements and John Musker, co-directed by Don Hall and Chris Williams

Starring: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House, Temuera Morrison, Jermaine Clement and more

Grade: ★★★★★

The holiday concert season has begun

by Mary Anne ANDERSEN
Cedar City Arts Council

At the Holiday Program. From pre-school to university, from choirs and orchestras, from ballet and theatre, every performing discipline and organization does a holiday show. Parents put them on already-crowded family calendars; patrons buy more tickets to holiday performances than any other concert all season long. And we in Cedar City are no slackers when it comes to this time-honored tradition.

In Cedar City, two performances will usher in the holiday concert season in back-to-back shows on Nov. 29 and 30. (This is before our calendars get full, so no Christmas burnout yet.) One show we are familiar with, the other is new to our part of the world.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, the Jive Aces will perform at the Heritage Theater here in Cedar City as part of a tour that starts in England, crosses the world to Washington state, three shows in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Long Beach; Houston, Texas, and ends up in St. Petersburg, Florida, for a New Year's Eve show. Here we are, right in the middle of all those fancy venues, our name on their tour itinerary for all the world to see.

These guys are a six-member jazz group from England with a resume of awards including being semi-finalists on Britain's Got Talent in 2012 and an award from Variety. They performed for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in Hyde Park a few weeks later and then inside the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Before that, they headlined the first ever swing



dance at the Royal Albert Hall. They have played in numerous festivals around the world, and recorded 20 albums or singles since their first in 1992.

Their style is high-energy swing/rock and roll, complete with bright-colored suits and dancing, which is actually what brought them together in the first place. They were looking for music to dance to and decided to provide their own. One of their musical heroes is Louis Prima. So this extremely popular group is touring the United States this year and will feature some Christmas arrangements in their holiday shows. I have a hunch that "Jingle Bells" never sounded like this!

The night before this highly professional presentation, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, is the fifth iteration of our beloved Monster Concert, that evening where the stage of the Heritage Theater holds nine grand pianos with two or three players on each bench. The performers range from kindergarteners to seasoned adults, and the program this year is varied. There will be some Christmas pieces, some classical works, and a Pop Concerto that is currently all the rage in Germany.

We will be dressed up, although not in bright yellow suits, and our style will be a little nervous and hopeful, not dancing-in-the-aisles frenetic, but if past years are any indication, our audience will adore us. There is something about watching your middle schooler play "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" that sparks wall-ringing applause!

The holiday concert season has arrived.

CVCT brings Christmas spirit to Cedar



BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER to patrons as well as to those in need in the community--that was the goal of the CVCT Pre-Thanksgiving Spectacular.



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

by Corey **BAUMGARTNER**
Iron County Today

On Nov. 14, the Cedar Valley Community Theatre proudly presented their first Pre-Thanksgiving Holiday Spectacular Cabaret fundraiser. There were no chestnuts roasting on an open fire, but thanks to the help of St. Jude's Episcopal Church, there was still plenty of warm Christmas spirit to go around.

Reverend Lee Montgomery welcomed the CVCT into his church which provided a virtuous venue for the talented group. It was also the perfect avenue to not only assist the theatre in raising money to help support their cause and costs of upcoming performances, but to also get the holiday season started off right with music, refreshments and family fun. There were also prizes donated from local businesses given away.

Throughout the evening there were great performances of familiar Christmas tunes with everything from guitars and ukuleles, to pianos and vocals. The talented team even acted out the Twelve Days of Christmas to a delighted and very entertained audience. There were even

discipline, despite it being cold outside, Santa Clause found his way to the church and posed for family pictures.

Stephen Wagner, President of CVCT, was proud of the work and dedication of the actors and singers. "I'm always incredibly impressed by the talent we have

"I'm always incredibly impressed by the talent we have in this community"

— **Stephen Wagner, President of CVCT**

a few unexpected twists that included witches with the Christmas shopping blues and familiar faces; Gomez and Wednesday, from the Adam's Family, who dropped by to do a little decorating and reading of children's Christmas letters to Santa. And, thanks to a little self-dis-

cipline. We see ourselves as a theatre that puts on programs, musicals and plays for everyone in the community to enjoy," He expressed. "I hope that all of your holidays are happy this year."

For more info, visit the CVCT website: www.cedartheatre.org



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Wed, Nov. 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY MEETING, 10:30 a.m., Cedar City Library in the Park. Betty at 435-586-9790.

CEDAR CHEST QUILTERS' GUILD, 10 a.m., Cedar City Senior Center, 489 East 200 South.

COLOR COUNTRY COMMUNICATIONS, Cedar City Toastmasters, 7 a.m. 86 W. University Blvd. Find your voice. Shape your future. Be the leader and speaker you want to be.

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

AL-ANON HOPE FOR TODAY (FOR FAMILIES OF ALCOHOLICS), 7 p.m., the KCB Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main. More info at 435-531-1045.

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Sat, Nov. 26

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.

Sun, Nov. 27

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

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

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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.

BOOK BABIES, 10 and 10:30 a.m., Cedar City Library at the Park. Story time designed for babies and toddlers up to age 2.

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IRON COUNTY COMMISSION, 9 a.m., county building in Parowan.

Tues, Nov. 29

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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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"UNDERSTANDING LIFE" JAMES SWARTZ., 'Put life's puzzle together. Acquire the knowledge that dispels ignorance - Vedanta: A 25 minute video then casual discussion 7 p.m. Wednesday. Cedar City Library in the Park, (Rare Books Room.) The Literary Club. Stephanie 559-7777.

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Gratitude, gratis



The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

As Thanksgiving arrives tomorrow, what are you truly grateful for? I know that we each have a lot on our proverbial plates, but I hope we will each clear a little room to remember the things in life we are each grateful for. We both know there are a lot of distractions and obstacles out there trying to gobble up the goodness in our lives and in the world. Rudeness and crudeness will always try to keep us stuck in the doldrums of doubt and despair. But don't be a turkey and go through life with an attitude of ingratitude.

Were you thankful for someone or something today? Gratitude is an attitude that gives us altitude and a better perspective on the important things in our lives and in others. It's much more than a customary, thank you. Real gratitude comes from our hearts, not just our voices. One great thing about gratitude is that it doesn't cost a thing; it's gratis. And yet, it can make all the difference in our lives and in someone else's life that that money can never purchase.

I know that sometimes showing gratitude is not always easy. We want it to always be earned and in so doing can lose sight of the people and things we should simply be thankful for; even if they don't give us an emotional receipt. It may even seem that gratitude is losing its value in today's world, but there are things to be thankful for all around us

Real gratitude comes from our hearts, not just our voices

if we will but slow down long enough to not only smell the roses but plant some, too. And it's easy to be thankful for the roses, but can you be thankful for the thorns without throwing the roses away?

I'm not just talking about being thankful that you're not going through the kind of trial or tragedy that so-and-so is going through. Other people's pains can provide a new perspective on our own churning challenges and make us realize that maybe they aren't so bad. However, real gratitude is about learning to be thankful for who we are and where we are, right now. So, let us each be more thankful starting today—right now—and think to be thankful. From the person who bags our groceries, opens a door for us, delivers our mail, asks us how we're doing or shares a simple smile as they pass us by; we can find some way to express more appreciation. And we all appreciate being appreciated.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and may giving thanks become a staple of your everyday lives long after the turkey is devoured and the dishes are washed. And just so you know that I'm trying to practice what I preach...thank you! Thank you for supporting me by reading my ratty articles every week and supporting each of the talented writers, editors, photographers, printers, deliverers and all the dedicated staff at the Iron County Today. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Stuck in a rut? Email me at coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com

People

Birth

Jackson Todd Kagie

Jackson Todd Kagie, son of Cole and Sam Kagie of Mesquite, Nev., was born on Nov. 7, 2016. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches long. Big sister Marley was so excited to welcome little brother Jackson home and into the family! Grandparents are Todd and Debbie Kagie of



Richfield, Utah and September Lutterman of Cedar City, Utah.

Missions



Elder Bryan Garth Pearson

Elder Bryan Garth Pearson has returned after serving in the Santa Fe, Argentina mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He reported on Nov. 20 in the Mesa Hills chapel, 1925 W. 320 South. He is the son of Robert and Mary Pearson of Cedar City.

Elder Slack

Ryan Karl Iakona Slack has been called to serve in the Japan Kobe Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will be speaking in church on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. at the Mesa Hills Ward (1925 W. 320 South). Ryan is the son of Jason and Kris Slack. He is the grandson of Hal and Joyce Slack of Cedar City, Pat Gorman of Mesquite, and



Kathryn and the late Karl Kubo of Kauai, Hawaii. Ryan reports to the Provo MTC on Dec. 7.



Elder Condie

Elder Mitchell J. Condie has returned from serving a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Mexico, Guadalajara East mission. He will speak on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. in the Homestead 2nd Ward Chapel in Enoch, at 1390 E. Midvalley Road. He is the son of Lief and Debby Condie.

Elder Lunt

Clayton Lunt has been called to serve in the Londrina Brazil Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will be speaking on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 9 a.m. in the Hillcrest Ward at the Cross Hollow Stake Center, 2610 W. Cody Dr. in Cedar City. Clayton is the son of Eric and Ember Lunt.

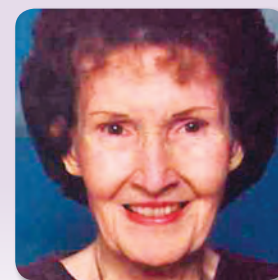


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85th Birthday

Ruberta Bayless

Ruberta Bayless of Cedar City will celebrate her 85th birthday on Nov. 25. She was born in Oklahoma on Nov. 25, 1931. She moved to Utah 20 years ago. She enjoys gardening, shopping and her family, amongst other things. Ruberta has one daughter, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. We all love her very much and



wish her a very Happy 85th Birthday!

90th Birthdays



Beverly Adams Pendleton

Beverly Adams Pendleton turned 90 on Nov. 21. Come celebrate her special day with us at an open house in her honor on Friday, Nov. 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Parowan 3rd ward church. Light refreshments will be served. No presents, please.

Glen L. Halterman

Glen L. Halterman is turning 90. A celebration will be held in his honor on Dec. 3 at the Parowan City Library from 1-3 p.m., 16 S Main St. Parowan. We invite all family and friends to join us for this special occasion. This "dumb 'ol sheep herder" as he calls himself isn't going to be around for much longer (he



hopes), so please come by and say hello. (No gifts please, just your friendly presence.)

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Schools

NEWS Nuggets

from Iron County School District

by Amy **JOHNSON**
Iron County School District

Enoch Elementary

Enoch Elementary fifth grades presented their annual Veteran's Day program last week. Once again, this program evoked a strong sense of patriotism and appreciation for service men and women. So much work goes into preparing this program and our appreciation goes out to the fifth grade teachers for their hard work and dedication to instilling a sense of patriotism in the students at Enoch Elementary. Hats off to the student participants. They presented a tribute to America's veterans flawlessly.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, faculty and staff at our school would like to let the parents and students they serve know how much they are appreciated. Parent and student support is critical for school success. We value our relationships with families. Enjoy Thanksgiving and travel safely. School will not be in session Nov. 23, 24, and 25. School will resume on Monday, Nov. 28. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Fiddlers Elementary

Fiddlers Elementary Principal Michelle Jones and fourth grade teacher Jeff Shirley recently returned from China as part of the Iron County School District team. The trip was sponsored by the Confucius Center and was designed to establish and strengthen educational ties to schools in China.



While there the group was able to visit the sites of China including the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, The Summer Palace, and the National Park, Zhangjiajie. However, the trip was most advantageous for Jones and Shirley, as Fiddlers will be the first to welcome the Chinese Dual immersion program next year.

North Elementary

North Elementary would like our parents to know of our first school-wide goal for the 2016-17 school year. We are determined as faculty, staff, and students to improve attendance by 1% this year. As an incentive, every day 100 percent of the students in a classroom show up to school on time, the teacher will add an "ice cream scoop" to their class "attendance cones." When this has been done 10 times (not in a row) the class will receive an ice cream party provided by the PTA! We've already had three classes achieve this goal and have started earning their second party. Please support our efforts by ensuring your children are here by 8:50 a.m. every day they are not ill! Missing school hurts kids' chances for success! It's that simple.

South Elementary

South Elementary would like to thank the members of our community who help enrich our students' learning. We had a wonderful Veteran's Day Assembly. Thank you Master Singers and First Graders! Students from SUU's Art Department judged the PTA's Reflection contest.

The winners are as follows: Literature: Chloe Wittwer, Spencer Price, Wyatt Barker, Hailey Wittwer, Brooklyn Wittwer, Matthew Price and Jared Schofield. Dance: Lyla Longhurst, Grace Leavitt, Wyatt Barker, Audrey Leavitt, and William Barker. Film: Wyatt Barker, Max Ulrich, McKay Price, Hayes Longhurst, and William Barker. Photography: Carson Warby, Aubri Williams, Wyatt Barker, Grace Leavitt, Brent Martin, Kassi Duncan, Hayes Longhurst, and Audrey Leavitt. Music Composition: Grace Leavitt, Wyatt Barker, Audrey Leavitt, Kamri Longhurst, William Barker. 3D Art: Ann Frei, Lyla Longhurst, and Grace Leavitt. 2D Art: Kailoni Kamachi, Chloe Wittwer, Wyatt Barker, Isabella Daniel, Sojung Bok, Virginia Price, Megan Nielson, Shelby Thorley and Meadow Sheehan. Congratulations Winners!



theater class went to Bella Terra to perform for the residents. A huge "thank you" to the teachers who were able to put together such a moving and respectful program. Canyon View Middle School is very lucky to have you.

Honor Society is preparing an Angel Tree for this holiday season. Please take a minute to stop by and choose a name. There are many children in our school who would be without a gift at Christmas if not for the love and generosity of our school community members. Gifts can be brought to the school office by Dec. 19.

Cedar Middle

Three Peaks Elementary

Paint day! Many of our classes this year are participating in Opera By Children, a professional outreach program through Utah Festival Opera in Logan. The program guides students to invent stories, write lyrics, compose melodies, practice, and perform operas of their own making. Students at our school wrote operas that support grade-level standards in language arts, science, and social studies.

On Nov. 10 and 11, Three Peaks had some very special guests from Opera By Children drive all the way down from Logan to help students paint their opera backdrops. The artists included Marlyn McKinley, Chelsea Hernandez, Lori Pomeroy, Sallie Petersen, and April Ricks. Students planned setting elements together then coordinated to create an enormous painting on large cardboard sheets. Students were very proud of the work they completed, and the paintings look beautiful! Classes will perform their operas in February.



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The Creative Writing class at CMS had the opportunity to learn book making from retired elementary teacher Mona Woolsey. Mrs. Woolsey volunteered her time to share her artistic skills with the class. Each student created and decorated their own book in which they will put some of their creative writings. We want to thank Mrs. Woolsey for her time and plan to invite her back to show off our finished products!

Canyon View High

Canyon View High School November's Falcon's Finest award recipients are the following: Freshmen - Danielle Shewmake and Malayna Steffensen; Sophomores - Porter Merrell and Luckaia Strand; Juniors - Jonathan Edwards and Brynlee Bybee; and Seniors - Logan Ekker and McKenna Daughton. These students demonstrate excellence both in and out of the Classroom. Their examples encourage other Falcons to "Fly High."

Canyon View Middle

On Friday, Nov. 11, more than 400 students in the band, orchestra, musical theater, and choir performed in honor of veterans. While performing patriotic songs, veterans who attended were asked to stand and were recognized for their service. Along with performing for veterans and the entire school, the musical

Schools

Local educators tour China in order to bridge cultures

by Cody **SMITH**

Iron County Today

Officials from Hanban, an entity within the Chinese government that helps to run the Confucius Center, invited Iron County School District representatives to tour schools from Nov. 4 to 12.

ICSD Superintendent Shannon Dulaney said the Confucius Institute, which has a location at Southern Utah University, creates possibilities for education of Chinese language and culture. This goal motivated Hanban to pay for all costs associated with ICSD representatives' travel. On their trip, they visited the Confucius Institute

the Great Wall of China in Beijing, and a national forest outside of Changsha where the movie Avatar was filmed.

"We realize the importance of making connections to those who are helping bring about and supporting our current Chinese high school language classes, as well as supporting our new Chinese Dual Immersion program we are starting this coming fall at Fiddler's Elementary," Dulaney said. "We want to sincerely thank the Confucius Institute for this opportunity, which will open an entire new world of learning and opportunity for our students."

Stephen Allen, President of the Iron County School Board

these Chinese students speaking English, knowing they have not been educated outside of China, demonstrated to me an exceptional willingness to embrace the English language and that was so impressive to me," Jones said. "I hope our students will embody that same openness and willingness as we learn Chinese."

Rich Nielsen, Canyon View High School Principal, traveled with Dulaney as a representative of the ICSD. Nielsen said the "warmth of the people" impressed him the most while visiting the educational institutions.

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"It was wonderful to see how much the Chinese educators, and students, wanted to connect with us"

— **Rich Nielsen,**
Canyon View High School Principal



COURTESY PHOTO

EDUCATORS FROM IRON COUNTY visited schools in China as part of their tour in early November.

Headquarters in Beijing, Hunan Normal University in Changsha, a Chinese elementary school with an English Dual Immersion program, a Chinese high school and library, and a Chinese middle school with an English Dual Immersion class.

"We are so grateful to Hanban and the Confucius Institute for their generosity in funding and providing this tour for a few of our school district leaders and teachers to go to China and visit with some of their elementary and secondary schools and see some of the magnificent sights of China," Dulaney said.

In addition to the cultural-bridge programs, Dulaney said Chinese government officials took ICSD representatives to famous sites of China: The Forbidden City,

and Vice-Provost of International Affairs at Southern Utah University, said the visit proved beneficial as ICSD officials implement Chinese Dual Immersion programs, Chinese classes at Canyon View High School, Cedar High School and Cedar Middle School.

"The visit has provided an opportunity to be immersed in the Chinese culture while establishing strong partnerships with Hanban and the SUU Confucius Institute," Allen said.

Michelle Jones, Fiddler's Elementary Principal, is pioneering a Chinese dual immersion fall 2017. Jones attended the trip to learn how Chinese students perform in a lateral program.

"Just having gotten to listen to

us and have conversations about good teaching strategies," Nielsen said, "I believe this visit helps to strengthen our educational ties and network where our students and their students will have the opportunity to speak with each other and develop knowledge and relationships with each other."

Nielsen said he learned that all Chinese students are expected to speak the English language by as early as the age of five.

"I think that demonstrates the importance of establishing a global connection with educators worldwide," he said. "I'm excited to see the progress we will make over the coming decade with our partnership in Chinese dual immersion and Chinese classes in our high schools."

The highway of life



Around THE CORNER

by Bernice **REMBER**
Columnist

The Highway of Life is rarely straight, smooth and paved, and if it were would we be any happier? Or is it the not knowing what is around the next curve or what lies ahead just out of sight, or over the next hill, that adds spice to our lives and makes them better? Is it the anticipation of where life's road will take us? Would the lessons learned on the smooth, straight road make us more content? It has been my experience that we usually appreciate more those things we have worked the hardest to achieve.

It's the mountains we conquer, the bumps and the ruts we struggle through that give us greater strength. It's the sad times, the good times, the mistakes we make and overcome; the having to work a little harder along the way that has made us stronger. That striving for something better that keeps pushing us along...building our strength of character and making us better people.

Bonnie: who graduated from Cosmetology School in order to make enough money to continue her education at SUU. After graduating with a degree in Education, she married a fine young man, Hank Robins, and began teaching 5th grade in the elementary school at Salina.... opening and managing a beauty salon while also working on her Masters Degree online that makes me shake my head in wonder. When she was asked if she would come over to SUU to walk through the Masters graduation ceremony, her response was HECK YES!! I earned that privilege and I might just walk twice!! Was her highway always straight, paved and smooth? I think not! She has worked long and hard, allowing no grass to grow under her feet to accomplish her goal.

The road Laura chose was filled with all kinds of obstacles. She married just after graduating from high school, had two children and worked at the hospital to help make ends meet. Her life was not always filled with sunshine and roses....thorns sprang up along the way. The marriage ended; she became a single mother and began working full time at the hospital, soon becoming a supervisor over her department. And all the while she was taking classes at SUU. She too graduated in the spring....will she also walk to receive her diploma? HECK YES! She said....it may only be a piece of paper, but it will be mine and it will have been worth all the time, money and hard work I put into getting it!

Bonnie is the daughter of Lawrence and Betty Ann Rember. Laura is the daughter of Arlan and Lori Fillerup. These two amazing young women are first cousins...they are also my grandchildren; I am proud of them and this is my column so if you'd like to brag a bit about some of your family....call me and I'll help you ... or get your own column!

The road these two girls traveled has not been easy, but it has been rewarding and they are stronger for having made the journey. Ultimately, our lives really are made up of choices. The scripture taken from Galatians 6:7 states, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that also shall he reap." Translated into a simple idiom, it means that if you pick up one end of a stick, you pick up the other; when you pick a path, (or road) you choose the place it leads to. Choose well!!!

I wish you all a Thanksgiving day filled with love, fun, and good football! May your turkey be tender and delicious. May your family be grateful with the road they have chosen. May the good Lord bless and keep you safely in the palm of his hand. Come and visit me at Brookdale; we'll share some candy I won playing Bingo and I need to see your sweet smiling faces. Love to all!

Passing the T-Day torch

At what point does the preparation of Thanksgiving dinner get handed over to the next generation? Is there a statute explaining the process of turning the oven mitts over to the daughters/sons so they can begin their own traditions?

I grew up thinking it was a law for grandmothers to make the Thanksgiving feast, with all the favorite dishes like perfectly-roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, fluffy biscuits and pumpkin pie with real whipped cream; and the not-so-favorite bowls of sweet potato casserole and giblet stuffing. I never thought T-Day would ever change, that we'd go on eating at grandma's house until the end of time.

But then my Grandma Stewart passed away. And then my Grandma Brickey passed away. And although I knew my mom was a good cook, I worried that Thanksgiving just wouldn't be the same. She didn't have the aluminum drinking cups that gave grandma's 7-Up and Kool-Aid concoction that metallic tang. And she didn't have access to boysenberry bushes to create my favorite holiday pie. And my cousins wouldn't be around to torment.

Thanksgiving rolled around, and (surprise!) the meal magically appeared on the table—with all the appropriate fixin's. My mom had done it! She pulled it off! I was impressed, and showed her my gratitude by eating two dozen of her dinner rolls, doused in homemade strawberry jam.

I decided I could put off worrying about traditions being changed for many, many years.

Or so I thought.

One day, my mom announced she was moving to the far-off state of North Carolina with her new husband, blatantly ignoring the fact that her daughters were Thanksgiving-disabled. Oh sure, we

brought the mandatory side dish to each holiday meal; but we'd never cooked an entire T-Day banquet. It seemed our choices were either a) move to North Carolina, b) order KFC take-out, or c) eat only pie (which I was totally okay with).

My sisters and I called an emergency meeting. We tentatively agreed to cook a turkey, but had no idea how big that turkey should be, or how many potatoes needed to be peeled, and we were clueless about making gravy. We knew mom's first ingredient was always butter; we figured we couldn't go wrong from there.

Luckily, we had mom on speed-dial, and she talked us through that first Thanksgiving without her. We survived with only mild cases of food poisoning, and a broccoli stuffing that was quietly served into the garbage disposal.

But after mom passed away, we couldn't even call her for tips.

That's when I realized that I had become the grandmother, that legally it was my role to feed my family Thanksgiving dinner. I still can't time a turkey; it's either finished cooking way too early, or still roasting while we eat pie. And I refuse

to make sweet potatoes. But we've established our traditions, and hopefully my grandkids associate the holiday with my desserts and homemade rolls. And not the overcooked stuffing or too-salty gravy.

I often wonder which of my daughters will take over the role of Thanksgiving chef when I'm too old and feeble to cook (any day now). And I wonder what favorite foods will become traditions at their meals. As our families become more diverse, T-Day might include tamales, shrimp curry or sushi. I'm cool with that.

As long as there are homemade rolls and jam, and any kind of pie, my Thanksgiving is complete.



Life & LAUGHTER

by Peri **KINDER**
Columnist

I grew up thinking it was a law for grandmothers to make the Thanksgiving feast

Obituaries

Art



Art passed away November 14, 2016 after a valiant struggle with heart disease. He was born December 28, 1961 in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Robert A. and Marilyn Bergstrom Robinson. He was the youngest of six children. He grew up in Mountain Home, Idaho, Cedar City and Enterprise, Utah.

Art followed in his father's footsteps and became a Journeyman Electrician. He was youngest person ever to obtain a Journeyman Electrician license in Washington state. He traveled with a large electrical contracting company and worked on jobs all over the western

United States, making friends wherever he went. Later returning to Cedar City, he continued working in the electrical trade all over Southern Utah.

Art married Luz Eva Hull and became the proud step-parent of her son, Cameron, and later they had a son, Branson. They later divorced. Bill raised Branson and continued to be involved Cameron's life.

Art loved the outdoors; hunting each fall, camping and fishing – especially with his brother, sons and other family members. He was involved with Scouts and Little League football. He was a beloved son, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend. He was a very spiritual, good man who loved unconditionally and with his whole heart. He will be greatly missed.

Art is survived by his two sons, Branson Applegate Robinson and Cameron Shane Hull (Shilo), four sisters and one brother: Debi Robinson Smith (David), Bobett Robinson Ray (Ross), Mariale Robinson Bulloch (Keith, deceased), Brady Jay Robinson (Rosemary Ence Middleton), Beverly Kay Robinson Bradford (David), eight grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and a large close family. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert A. Robinson; and his grandparents, Wilford and Leah Bergstrom and Arthur and Marietta Robinson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Spanish Trails Ward chapel (3575 North Minersville Hwy, Enoch, Utah). A viewing was held on Friday, November 18, 2016, at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah) and a viewing was held at the Church in Enoch, Utah. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

The family wants to thank the wonderful staff at Complex Care in Las Vegas, Nev., and the staff at Cedar City Hospital.

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SUU men's cross country keeps up greatness

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

As they competed in the Mountain Regional in Logan on Nov. 12, the Southern Utah men's cross country team had one goal in mind. Be among the six best finishers at the meet and another trip to run on the big stage at nationals was likely.

The T-Birds hit that goal and the reward came soon after as the men's team qualified to compete in Terre Haute, Ind. on Saturday. In their third straight appearance at the NCAA National Championships, the Thunderbirds finished 27th in the field to bring the 2016 campaign to a close.

The race was a 10K ran at LeVern Gibson Championship XC Course, hosted by Indiana State University.

Josh Collins led the charge for the Thunderbirds, finishing 61st overall with a time of 30:36.4. Collins also led the way for the T-Birds at the NCAA Mountain Regionals. Last year at the NCAA Championships Collins finished 219th, showing a big improvement this time around.

SUU head coach Eric Houle said he was impressed by the way Collins finished the season.

"He was right within striking distance, and really close to being an All-American," he said. "It's a huge improvement over last year, and that's what we as coaches hope for."

Houle said the moment came about from the group's consistently solid work ethic and approach to competition.

"The more you can get on the doorstep, eventually that door will open," Houle said. "We went in (to the national meet) ranked 25th, and hopefully we'll get into the teens because we're that good." George Espino was SUU's second

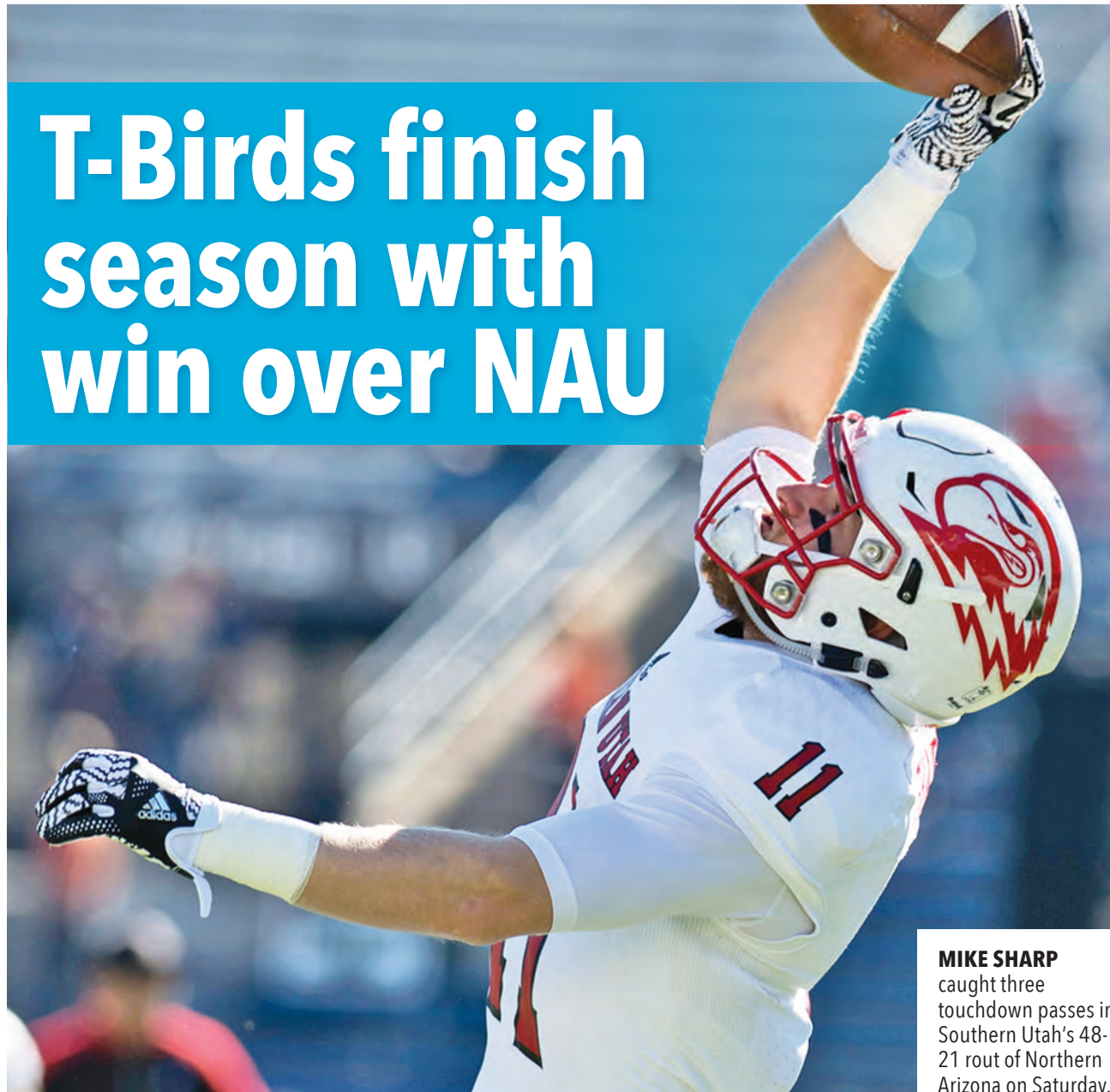
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JOSH COLLINS PACED SUU at the NCAA cross country championships at Indiana State.



COURTESY OF SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

T-Birds finish season with win over NAU



MIKE SHARP caught three touchdown passes in Southern Utah's 48-21 rout of Northern Arizona on Saturday.

COURTESY OF SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

Tyler tosses SUU record-tying five TDs in blowout

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — A scoreless Lumberjack second half and a strong offensive performance lifted the Thunderbirds over the Northern Arizona for a 48-21 victory to keep the Hinton-Burdick Grand Canyon Trophy in Cedar City.

Patrick Tyler threw five touchdown passes to tie the SUU all-time single game pass touchdown record. Sharp grabbed three touchdown passes in the game.

The first quarter concluded in a 14-14 tie before SUU grabbed a 28-21 edge at halftime. The Thunderbirds exploded with three Sharp touchdowns in the third quarter, which rounded out the

scoring for a 48-21 win.

The victory marks a 6-5 winning season for the Thunderbirds. With last season's 8-4 winning record, the back-to-back winning seasons mark the first time the Thunderbird program has picked up two-straight winning seasons with at least 6+ Division I wins.

Tyler threw 20-35-1 for 275 yards and five touchdowns. Sharp led the

seven tackles each. Sione Fukofuka posted 2.5 sacks for a loss of 18 yards.

Scoring Recap:

Tyler connected with Ty Rutledge just over one minute into the game on a 58-yard pass to post a 7-0 lead before Malik Brown added on a second touchdown on a seven-yard rush. NAU answered with back-to-back touchdowns to tie up the game at 14-14 to conclude the first quarter.

Brown punched in a second touchdown on a 31-yard run before NAU responded with a 26-yard passing touchdown to tie up the game once again, 21-21. Sharp grabbed his first touchdown of the game

with under a minute to play in the first half on a 73-yard connection.

Sharp tacked on a second and third touchdown in the third quarter with a two-yard grab and a 35-yard grab. Rounding out the scoring, Tyler connected with Logan Parker on a 16-yard pass to seal the massive 48-21 victory.

game in receiving with seven catches for 139 yards. Brown rushed 32 times for 176 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, Mike Needham led the Thunderbirds with 10 tackles and two interceptions for a gain of 56 yards. Needham also posted two interceptions for 56 yards. Josh Talbot and Junior Tufuga added



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL Preview

Lady Reds ready for next step

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

In the space of one magical play, the Cedar Lady Reds had a basketball season in 2015 they won't soon forget. Thanks to a buzzer-beating layup from now-graduated senior Jessica Whetman that beat the Carbon Dinos, they reached the 3A state title game for the very first time.

Now comes the hard part – reaching for the final step and holding a state championship trophy.

As the regular season opens with a matchup against Canyon View at home Nov. 29, head coach John Elison believes his team – which has five seniors – has real potential to make another deep playoff run.

"The girls are good about stepping up," Elison said. "I'm looking forward to this year. I have a group of kids that are great kids. They love to work hard, they listen, and I'm really excited about this year because of that. The older girls want to

help the younger girls, and I think that's really going to be good this year."

While the senior group is strong for the Lady Reds, they lost a sixth senior as Morgan Myers transferred to Desert Hills. Elison said the team hasn't been hurt by the departure.

"When someone leaves, gets hurt or moves out, someone's got to fill the hole," he said.

"When they know it's them, they find a way. It's fun to see."

Among the seniors expected to make an impact for Cedar will be Lindsay Robinson. Robinson saw limited minutes on varsity last season, but a summer of work has made a positive impact.

"She packed our JV and averaged 20-something points per game," Elison said of Robinson. "She's really come on and looked fantastic. She's a great kid, great example and works hard."

The rest of the seniors include Courtne Lamb, Maisie Elison, and Sara and Emily



CEDAR HEAD COACH JOHN ELISON watches over his team in a drill at a recent practice. The Lady Reds, who were runners-up in last year's 3A state tournament, open this season at home against Canyon View on Nov. 29.

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Pearson. Juniors Dream Weaver and Carley Davis, who saw significant minutes for a Lady Reds team that finished 20-6 overall last season, will also be counted on.

"I'm hopeful. I like this crew we have," Elison said.

Robinson is ready for the increased workload as she looks to lead the Lady Reds toward another shot at the 3A state title.

"We've got girls who can step up and make a difference," Robinson said. "We want to do it again, but there's a target on our back. We know everyone will be trying to beat us, but we have to come out, play our hardest, and use it as a motivator."

After experiencing the trip to last year's final at the Centrum, the Lady Reds will be

trying to reach the playoffs with the other travel extreme as this season's state tournament will be in Logan at Utah State.

"Do you have a private jet we can borrow to get there?" Elison joked. "That's a nice, long trip. I'm excited to be there, but we'll have to leave seven days early. Hope there's not a lot of snow on the ground, but it will be a fun venue."

Falcon hoops going after deeper playoff run

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

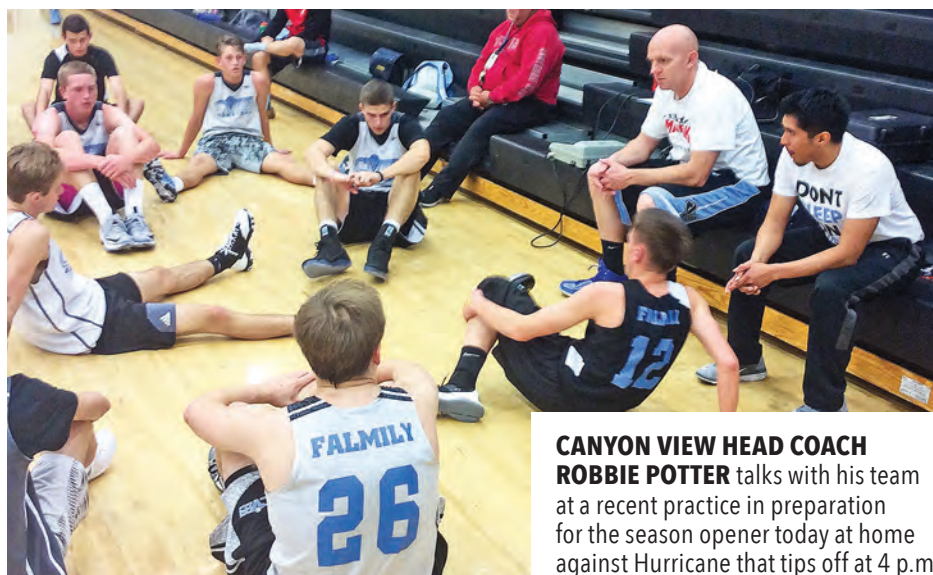
For its initial season as a member of Region 12, the Canyon View boys basketball team found its competitive fire, rolled to the region title and earned its first trip to the 3A state playoffs after a six-year absence.

Following a memorable postseason run to a fourth-place finish in 2015 that included a win over then-defending champion Pine View, the Falcons have just as much optimism as the new season begins today with a home game against the Hurricane Tigers.

While CV lost seven seniors after finishing with an 18-9 overall record, head coach Robbie Potter said the groundwork for more success has already been established.

"The principles, approach and strategy remain the same," Potter said. "We have six guys back from last year that got a lot of experience, and four of them played a lot of minutes."

The main member of that group is junior and Region 12 Most Valuable Player Brantzen Blackner, who averaged a team-best 11.8 points per game, pulled down 5.1 rebounds, and hit 39 3-pointers. He'll have help from fellow junior Porter Miller, who will



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CANYON VIEW HEAD COACH ROBBIE POTTER talks with his team at a recent practice in preparation for the season opener today at home against Hurricane that tips off at 4 p.m.

likely see increased playing time after a reserve role last season, along with Joey Lambeth and Abe Huxford.

"A lot of key guys left, but the new guys are excited and willing to fill their shoes," Blackner said. "They're more than capable of doing so. Once we get everyone on the same page, we'll have a heck of a team."

Added Miller: "The expectations are high for us. Most of the starting group has played together since sixth

grade. ... We're playing with a chip on our shoulder. We used to get absolutely stomped on by Region 9 teams, and our fourth-place run wasn't on accident."

CV finished 7-1 in its debut season in Region 12, with the only loss coming to Richfield at home in the regular-season finale. The Falcons had clinched the title two days earlier with a memorable 78-74 win in four overtimes over North Sanpete.

After a full year in its new home,

Blackner and Miller talked about the differences in the style of play between its current home and Region 9.

"It depends on who we're playing. A lot of Region 12 teams could give Region 9 a run for their money," Blackner said. "Region 9 is more physical, but it depends on the matchups."

"They use help defenders, which makes it hard to get into the paint," Miller added on Region 12. "If we keep playing the way we haven't, there's nothing but the best ahead for us."

Canyon View will return from the holiday break with another home game against Desert Hills on Nov. 29, then play five games in three days at the Legacy Classic in Las Vegas that starts Dec. 1. With the state playoffs in Logan at Utah State, Potter said last year's playoff experience at the Centrum will serve them well.

"We have athletes, but they have a high IQ. That's why we believe in them. They're athletes and they're thinkers," Potter said. "Last year, we might have snuck up on people in Region 12, but that's not going to happen this year."

"We plan on being there (in Logan). We've already got our hotel rooms booked for karma's sake. It helps us appreciate how cool it was to have (state) here last year, in town."

Lady T-Birds beat CSU Bakersfield on the road

by **SUU SPORTS INFORMATION**

For Iron County Today

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — The SUU women's basketball team kept the good times rolling on Nov. 15 in California against CSU Bakersfield in a game that ended in a 65-59 win for the Thunderbirds.

The T-Birds came out firing, putting up 21 points in the first 10 minutes of the game. Seniors Jessica Richardson and Jamie Smith led the charge with six points apiece while sophomore Darri Frandsen had four. Five first-quarter steals for the Thunderbirds would keep the Roadrunners at 14 points and give them a seven-point lead heading in the second quarter.

The second quarter was a different story for the Lady T-Birds, as they would be outscored 15-8. After two good free throws by freshman Rebecca Cardenas to start the quarter, the Roadrunners would catch fire and go on a 15-3 run for the next eight minutes. With one minute remaining before the half freshman Skylee Doman would hit a three-point shot to tie the game at 29-29, giving both teams an equal chance to win heading into the second half.

The Roadrunners would extend their hot streak into the third quarter, opening with a 10-0 run to make the score 39-29 CSUB. However, the good fortune wouldn't last long for the home team as the Thunderbirds would go on a scoring run of their own late in the third quarter, outscoring the Runners 11-2 in the final four minutes of the third quarter. SUU would have a 45-44 lead heading into the final 10 minutes of play.

Trailing by only one point, the Roadrunners came into the fourth quarter with a very clear game plan: to shoot as many three pointers as they could. All 15 of their fourth-quarter points were scored from behind the arc as they went 5-14 from downtown in the final 10 minutes. The three-point assault would prove fruitless for the Runners as the Thunderbirds were able to outscore them 20-15 and ultimately win the game 65-59.

Darri Frandsen continued her hot start by posting her second double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 total rebounds. She also had three steals and two blocks to round out her night. Rebecca Cardenas and Skylee Doman each had their first career double-digit scoring games as they contributed 10 points each to the Thunderbirds' win.

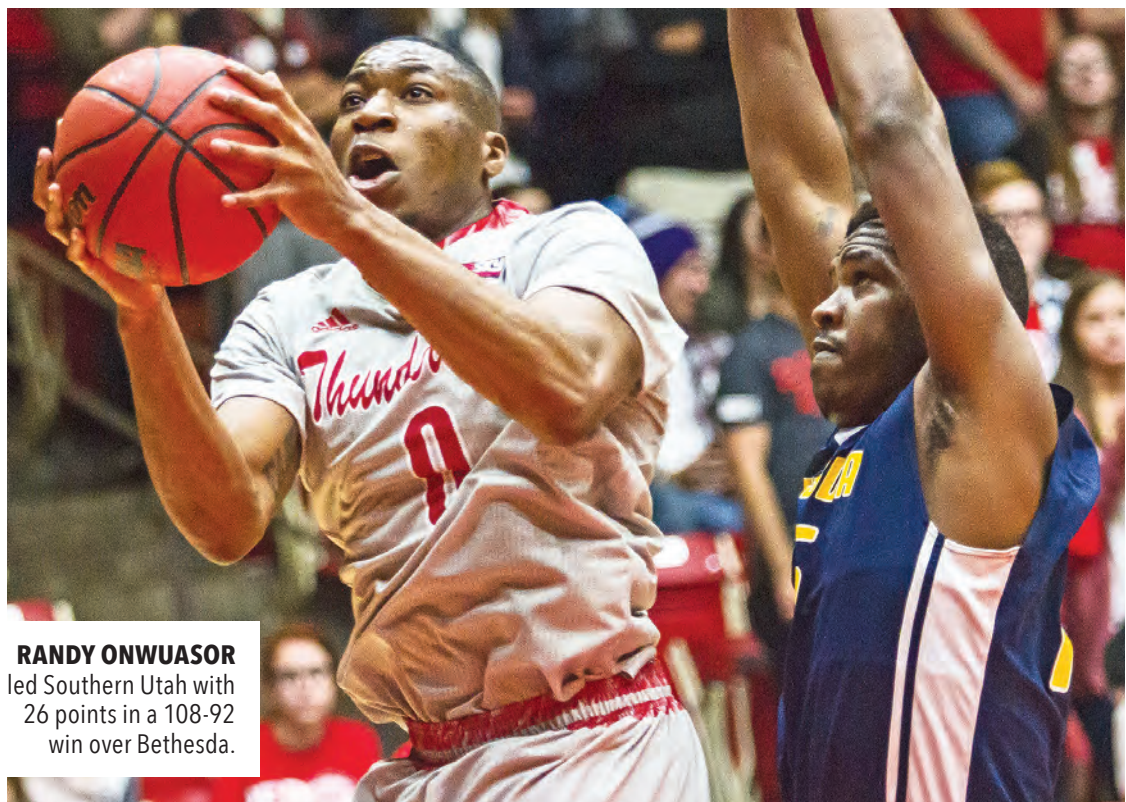
The Lady T-Birds had a full week of practice before heading to Logan for a game against the Utah State Aggies Tuesday night after our press deadline.

To stay up to date during the games and throughout the 2016-17 season follow @SUUWBasketball on Twitter and Instagram and like the SUU Women's Basketball page on Facebook.



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THE SUU LADY T-BIRDS won at CSU Bakersfield 65-59 on Nov. 15.



RANDY ONWUASOR led Southern Utah with 26 points in a 108-92 win over Bethesda.

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T-Birds make free throws, win their home opener

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**

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If a basketball game resembled a painting, the home opener for the Southern Utah men's basketball team resembled more refrigerator art than a Rembrandt or Picasso.

In the end, head coach Todd Simon was more than happy to display a victory with pride.

On a night where the T-Birds came within one free throw attempt of tying the all-time NCAA record, they held off Bethesda 108-92 before a crowd of around 600 at the Centrum.

SUU led nearly the entire game and earned its first win of the season (1-2) in the home debut for Simon and the new-look team that wore gray-and-red jerseys with full sleeves.

For the game, the T-Birds went to the foul line 78 times and made 54. A total of 110 free throws were tried in the game between the teams, two more than SUU's winning point total.

"It's one of those deals where we wanted our guys to attack (the basket) on every single possession," Simon said. "At some point, the shots weren't falling from the perimeter. We put our head down and went, and our guys were quick."

Bethesda stayed on the heels of SUU throughout much of the first half, but full-court pressure led to a 19-6 T-Bird run that effectively put the game in their control. SUU led 45-33 at the half and extended the margin further with a 10-2 run that started the second 20 minutes.

Then the parade to the foul line began. Randy Onwuasor led SUU for the third

straight game with 26 points to lead four players in double figures and Race Parsons backed him up with 17.

"After we figured out their 1-3-1 defense, we knew we wanted to attack," Parsons said. "We responded well, passed up several open shots, and got to the line 78 times. Now the next step is making more of them."

The student section was fuller than normal with the presence of several area high schools, including Wasatch Academy. Most of them left well before the game's end.

The SUU lead never slipped below nine in the second half, but Simon said the effort was part of building the team's "competitive maturity."

"As we try to evolve, our competitive maturity is still in development," he said. "When we got up 20, we went away from attacking and back to shooting jumpers, stopped getting stops and let off the gas. It was for our guys to understand they need to keep battling because other teams aren't going to back off, either."

NOTES: SUU's free throw attempts were one off the NCAA record of 79 set by Northern Arizona on Jan. 26, 1953. The free

throws made were two short of the mark of 56 by TCU on Dec. 21, 1999. ... Seven Bethesda players and one T-Bird (James McGee) fouled out. ... The Flames were whistled for 56 fouls, 35 in the second half. ... SUU made fewer field goals than Bethesda (29-24), but enjoyed a 54-27 edge in points made at the free-throw line. ... The T-Birds outrebounded the Flames, 60-38. ... Jarrell Tat led all scorers for Bethesda with 39 points, 31 in the second half.



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Southern Utah -

Onwuasor 26, Parsons 17, McGee 7, Madunic 8, Musoko 4, Day 8, Marshall 6, Calloway 14, Saltes 3, Johnson 2, Holker 12, Swallow 1. Totals 24-60 54-78 108. 3-pointers - Parsons 2, McGee 2, Madunic 1, Calloway 1.

T-Birds nearly make history

For its first home opener under Todd Simon, the Southern Utah men's basketball team provided a glimpse of what's to come on the floor at the Centrum. There were new faces, a faster pace, and a lot of trips to the free-throw line.

It wasn't exactly a masterpiece, but SUU's 108-92 win over Bethesda University of California on Nov. 18 nearly set several unique marks that were described elsewhere on these pages.

Who needs practice when the game conditions provided enough work to last a week?

It certainly wasn't pretty, but the T-Birds could care less. It's the first one in the win column, and the work has only just begun.

-In what was a weird, off-the-wall finish, Jimmie Johnson pushed himself into a very exclusive club as he won the Ford EcoBoost 400 and claimed his seventh NASCAR Sprint Cup championship. Johnson not only won the 80th race of his career, but he's now in company with Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty at the top of the title-winning leader board.

At first, things looked bleak. Carl Edwards was ready to erase the memory of the 2011 tie for the title he had with Tony Stewart when he led until a caution came out with 15 laps to go.

Before they could get into Turn 1 at Homestead-Miami Speedway on the restart, Joey Logano went low and Edwards couldn't block him in time. The resulting crash crushed Edwards' dream of his first title and produced a 31-minute red flag.

It opened the door not only for Johnson, but Kyle Busch had a new lease on life in his bid to win back-to-back Sprint Cup trophies. On the overtime restart, Johnson pulled away from the 18, held off Logano, and won for the first time at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He also became the seventh driver to reach 80 career wins and set the milestone in just 543 starts. That's one win every 6.8 times Johnson gets in the car.

At only 41 years old, the native of El Cajon, Calif. is far from done. Don't be surprised if Johnson stands alone in championships won when it's time to hang up his helmet.

-On the SUU alumni front, Miles Killebrew is

getting more notice on the football field and having more success for the Detroit Lions. The former T-Bird had five tackles Sunday, including four solo, as the Lions rallied to beat the Jacksonville Jaguars 26-19 at Ford Field on Sunday.

As they head into the Thanksgiving Day rematch against the Minnesota Vikings (10:30 a.m., Channel 2), both teams are tied atop the NFC North at 6-4. Thanks to the Lions' remarkable rally for a 22-16 overtime win in Minneapolis on Nov. 6, they will be in firm control of their playoff destiny with a victory.

With Killebrew in the mix, it only adds to the motivation to watch what will be an outstanding game. It's about time.

-As for the SUU football team this season, they won't be heading to the FCS playoffs despite routing Northern Arizona 48-21 on Saturday and finishing with a second straight winning season at 6-5 overall.

Despite finishing tied for fourth in the Big Sky with Cal Poly at 5-3, the Mustangs were the last of four conference teams to earn a berth in the 24-team field.

Eastern Washington and North Dakota both earned national seeds

- the Eagles at No. 2

and Fighting Hawks at No. 7 - and will have the holiday weekend off before starting their playoff push.

While the Mustangs will host San Diego in its first-round game this Saturday, the fourth member of the Big Sky contingent will be Weber State, who finished alone in third place in the final standings. The Wildcats open on the road at Chattanooga.

But oh, what might have been. It's strictly my opinion, but the T-Birds could have just as easily replaced the Wildcats and reached the playoffs if they had held on to that 22-point fourth-quarter lead at Eccles Coliseum last month.

Then again, belief, hope and work always start anew.

Tom Zulewski wishes all of the readers of Iron County Today a very Happy Thanksgiving. Follow him on Twitter @TommyZee81 or email tomator19@yahoo.com.



RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CROSS COUNTRY

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finisher, landing in 156th place with a time of 31:18.5. Matt Wright was third for SUU and 168th overall with a time of 31:21.8.

Kasey Knevelbaard crossed the line fourth for SUU, finishing 180th with a time of 31:28.2. Brady Olson rounded out SUU's top-five with a time of 31:43.0 to finish in 203rd overall. Aidan Reed was sixth for SUU with a 31:52.8 and Kyle Warrick was seventh for the T-Birds with a 32:50.8.

The magnitude of the achievement isn't lost on the SUU head coach, either.

"The separation from third to sixth (at the regional) wasn't a whole lot of points when you consider in the group is a team that's ranked fourth in the country," Houle said. "It's an indication of potentially how good we are as a program."

And with only one other team trip to the national meet prior to this run, it adds to the impact of what the T-Birds have done by making a third straight trip to Indiana.

"It's a sense of accomplishment within the program," Houle said. "With the team culture the way it is, I think it's set up for us to be very aggressive at the national level. All of the coaches at this university and others similar to it know how difficult it is to get even one person to the national championship.

"To be one of 31 D-1 teams and qualifying for the third year in a row, it's a sense of accomplishment and a glimpse of what we all can become."

Adding more to Houle's hopes for the future, the incoming class of athletes gives him optimism that the run of success will continue.

"With the roster of who we have coming back and who we've signed, it doesn't look like it's going to slow down at all. It's going to get even better," Houle said. "It's fun to be in the game."

With no seniors in the group that went to the national meet, sophomore Josh Collins said it showcases how much more SUU has yet to achieve.

"It's really cool that in coming years, we'll be even stronger," he said. "It'll be exciting to see what happens when the redshirts come back."

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— SUU head coach Eric Houle

Dixie soccer tournament beckons visitors to St. George

The St. George area is set to attract another large crowd during Thanksgiving weekend as the Dixie Invitational Soccer Tournament welcomes 164 youth soccer teams from throughout the mountain west Nov. 25-26.

The massive tournament attracts teams from Idaho, Nevada and all throughout Utah as the soccer squads compete across 23 fields in Washington County.

"The tournament has grown from just a few teams in its inaugural year (2004) to one of the biggest tournaments in the area," said tournament director Kariann Atkin in a press release. Funds from the tournament help support the Southern Utah Soccer

Association's recreation league for youth ages 4 to 11. "This event makes it financially possible for local children to get involved in the recreation league where they can develop skills and decide if soccer is something they want to do more seriously."

More than 7,500 visitors are expected to converge on the St. George area for the holiday weekend, generating a significant financial impact for the region. The Dixie Invitational will pump an estimated \$4 million into our local economy.

"That's a great economic boost in the area," said Kevin Lewis, Director of the St. George Area Sports Commission, "but we also appreciate how the event organizers utilize the

tournament as a fund raiser to provide the year-round benefits of healthy recreational opportunities for our local youth."

The tournament will feature male and female teams with players ranging in age from 6 to 19. The teams are guaranteed three games apiece with the possibility of a championship game in each division. The venues include:

- Sandtown /Bluff Street Park
 - Dixie State Encampment Mall
 - Little Valley Fields
 - Desert Hills High School
 - Sullivan Soccer Park
 - Dixie Middle School
 - Dixie High School
 - Dixie State's Hansen Stadium
- The number of teams in the

Dixie Invitational has ballooned in recent years, beginning with just a handful of teams in its inception to its current total of 164. The growth in the tournament coincided with the rise of competitive soccer in Southern Utah. The number of teams in the area soared from 116 in 2015 to 147 in 2016.

"While Thanksgiving weekend might involve snow shoveling in some areas of the mountain west, in St. George our visitors can warm up and enjoy the sunshine outdoors while their sons and daughters face challenging play on the soccer pitch," Lewis said.

For a complete tournament schedule and information on venues, visit www.dixieinvitational.com.

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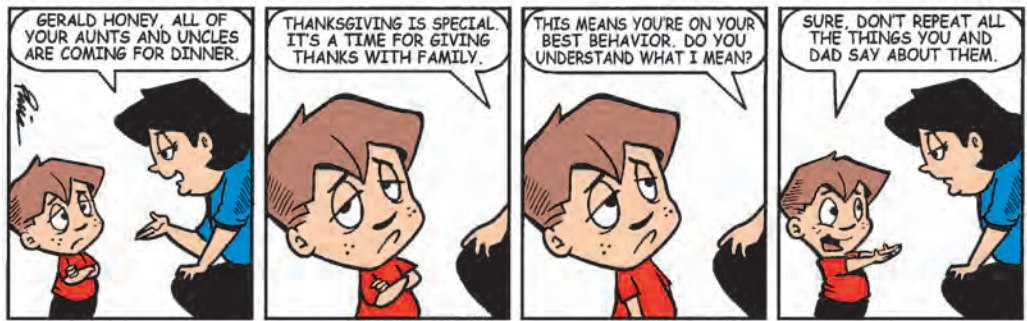
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

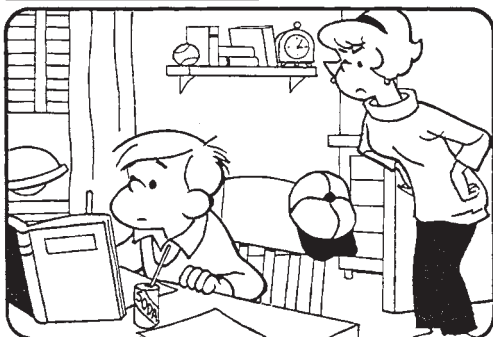
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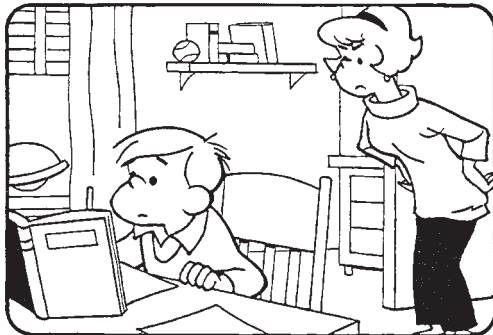
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ACROSS

- 1 Poke
- 4 Crazy
- 8 Take a stance?
- 12 Bullring bravo
- 13 Bloodhound's clue
- 14 Basin accessory
- 15 Squid, on a menu
- 17 Rend
- 18 Knapsack
- 19 Biz deg.
- 21 Waste no time
- 22 Ailment
- 26 Actor Burr's role
- 29 Lustrous black
- 30 Pirouette pivot
- 31 Addict
- 32 Turf
- 33 Tittle
- 34 Wire measure
- 35 Lamb's mama
- 36 Pinnacles
- 37 Antipasto ingredient
- 39 Rage
- 40 Conventional
- 41 Shrimp recipe
- 45 "So be it"
- 48 Milky Way et al.
- 50 Stead
- 51 Deadlocked

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- 52 Muumuu accessory
- 53 "— have to do"
- 54 Utility bill datum
- 55 Sanctions
- 56 Pinnacles
- 57 Antipasto ingredient
- 59 Rage
- 60 Conventional
- 61 Shrimp recipe
- 65 "So be it"
- 68 Milky Way et al.
- 70 Stead
- 71 Deadlocked
- 10 Vast expanse
- 11 Blunder
- 16 Detest
- 20 Baseball need
- 23 Fermi's bit
- 24 Shower affection (on)
- 25 Favorable votes
- 26 "— the word"
- 27 One side of the Urals
- 28 Hawk
- 29 Coffee, slangily
- 32 Monkey, at times
- 33 Mountain-eering tool
- 35 Flightless bird
- 36 Esoteric
- 38 Cancel
- 39 Archipelago component
- 42 Actor O'Shea
- 43 Quick look
- 44 Fertility goddess
- 45 "The Greatest"
- 46 Cambridge sch.
- 47 Moray, for one
- 49 Ms. Gardner

DOWN

- 1 Athlete
- 2 Jai follower
- 3 Sash
- 4 Realm
- 5 Saw
- 6 Supporting
- 7 Decorated
- 8 "Loves me (not)" factor
- 9 Leave unpaid

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- COMICS: What superhero's real name is Steve Rogers?
- LITERATURE: Which mystery author created the character of Sam Spade?
- ANATOMY: What disease is commonly associated with a lack of vitamin A?
- LANGUAGE: In the NATO phonetic alphabet, what word stands for the letter "J"?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman counterpart to the Greek god Odysseus?
- MOVIES: What 1954 movie included the song "The Man That Got Away"?
- HISTORY: What did the 1997 Kyoto Protocol international agreement attempt to regulate?
- TRANSPORTATION: In what city is the Jose Marti International Airport located?
- MUSIC: What famous singer/songwriter was born with the name Robert Zimmerman?
- FOOD & DRINK: What plant does the coriander seed come from?

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers

- Captain America.
- Dashiell Hammett.
- Night blindness.
- Juliet.
- Ulysses.
- "A Star Is Born".
- Greenhouse emissions.
- Havana, Cuba.
- Bob Dylan.
- Cilantro.

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