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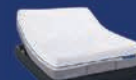
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## MIDWIFE SENTENCED IN DISTRICT COURT CASE

by Holly COOMBS  
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**CEDAR CITY** — A Cedar City midwife was sentenced last week in 5th District Court in Cedar City by Judge James Shumate on the charge of second degree manslaughter after a twin baby she delivered in 2012 died soon after birth.

The mother delivered the second baby, which survived, at Cedar City Hospital via cesarean section.

Vickie Dawn Sorensen, 54, of Cedar City, was sentenced with 36 months of adult supervised

probation along with 180 days in the Iron County Jail.

Shumate made three conditions clear on the sentencing including:

- » No law violations
- » Do not engage in any action under the definition of midwifery with the exception of attending births related to her by blood

» Signing papers for the sentencing

After the hearing final remarks from both attorneys and the accused, Shumate spoke of wishing the parents of the child were in attendance to

speak of dollar amounts that might shed some light to a proper fine.

“However, I don’t know how you can put a dollar amount on such a tragedy,” he said. “I want to hear (the parents) on what would be an appropriate sentencing, but I understand their rapport.”

The judge continued to say that he has been asked to extend mercy, but questioned about the child that died and his family.

“What would seem just and fair?” Shumate said. “If I do nothing it would be ignoring eight jurors that concluded that

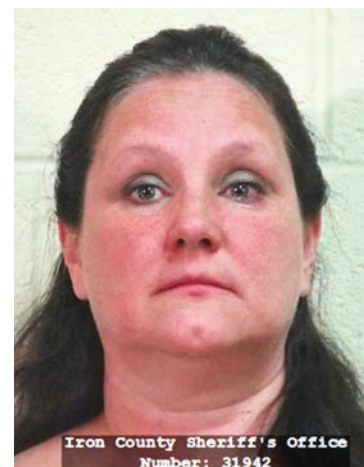
manslaughter was committed.”

He continued to say that it is his job to pick the sort of path, and in his 42 years of experience he hoped to do so.

Prior to the sentencing, Shumate initially sentenced Sorensen to one to 15 years in the Utah State Prison and one year in the Iron County Jail.

Shumate stayed that sentence and did not sentence her to prison because he felt that with the urgency of that evening she was charged and for what had happened in court that

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**VICKIE DAWN SORENSEN**

## Local legislators give updates from Capitol

by Holly COOMBS  
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Sen. Evan Vickers (Utah-R) and Rep. John Westwood (Utah-R) spent time in the state capital and ventured to share thoughts on the coming year.

“The budget is going to be somewhat of a challenge this year,” Vickers said in his statements of his time at the capital.

“The economy is strong and growing, but we did such a good job of allocating funds last year that there is not

as much new money coming into the system this year.”

Vickers said there are some additional income tax funds which, by constitution, goes 100 percent to education, but there’s not any new general fund money, which primarily comes from sales tax and fees.

He continued

to say that the sales tax issue is directly tied to the inability of the state to collect internet sales tax. The new education money will be used up quickly through funding the growth in public education students, and increasing the Weighted Pupil Unit, which is the basic funding mechanism for public

education.

“In addition, it is important to find funds to give state employees a modest salary increase. These few items would take up most of the available new money,” he said. “The appropriation committees are being asked to look at current funds that could be reallocated for different purposes.”

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# Cedar Council discusses idea of permanent ice rink

by Holly COOMBS  
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**CEDAR CITY** — A proposal for a new ice rink was presented by business owners of Staheli West to Cedar City Council at last Wednesday's meeting. The proposal came after consideration of an indoor ice rink was discussed during the study of the Leisure Services Master Plan in January.

Dallin and Dave Staheli, who brought interest and operation of the current indoor ice rink behind the Aquatic Center, presented their ideas for a new rink near the Lake At The Hills and Cedar City Aquatic Center.

"In 2010, me and my brother did a 50 by 100 foot rink on the farm," Dallin Staheli said.

He said within a couple years, a couple thousand people had started coming to their ice rink made with use of a hose and a garden rake to form and groom the ice.

In 2013, with the help of a \$100,000 RAP tax and that amount double with a contribution from the Stahelis, the current outdoor ice rink was constructed, Dallin West said. He continued to say that since the building of the rink, volunteers have spent thousands of hours maintaining the rink as its base is tubing and sand.

"It's been a lot of blood, sweat and tears to make sure the rink is cared for up there," Dallin Staheli said.

With it being half way through the fourth year at the current rink, he said, more than 18,000 skating passes have been sold for recreational skating, there are six adult hockey teams and 150 youth have been involved in junior varsity and varsity hockey teams.

"The Ice Rink group is pretty passionate about what they do," Dallin Staheli said.

He said a challenge of the current rink is the temporary construction of a flat gravel pad used along with the sand base and conveyor belt as the rubber under the ice rink itself to be maintained.

"We are grateful to have what we do have, but we can definitely use some improvement," Dallin Staheli said.

He proposed that the new rink would have a concrete slab underneath that can operate as an alternate skating area during the summer months.

Another challenge he mentioned about the current rink is the operation all being done by volunteers.

"It is something that needs to change to stay sustainable and keep it secure," Dallin Staheli said. "We know that and have a plan for the switch."

The vision the Stahelis presented was to have a full-size rink, which would be an extension of 15 feet wide

and 15 feet longer than the 170 feet by 70 feet of the current rink. With the expansion, he said, it would provide a regulation size rink to bring sanctioned hockey games and more room for public skating.

Other portions would include landscaping with a locker room or pit house and an area that can be used as a square for the area surrounded with concessions in the summer and a Christmas Market in the winter that would bring an attractive area for families, dates and

other groups to come to the rink, the Lake at The Hills and the aquatic center. Also, a retractable roof built by a local seller and to be operated with solar power panels on it was mentioned as a part of the new rink idea.

Dallin Staheli continued to say the funding would come from Staheli West, other businesses, that have shown interest and from portions of money available from use of the current ice rink. He said the plan is to also have the rink run under the Staheli West business and having people available to run the rink not on a volunteer basis as the current one.

"It would become good example of a successful public-private partnership and a year-round facility is going to bring in tens of thousands of people,"

Dallin Staheli said.

He said the current rink has brought in tens of thousands of people in the three months of its operating season, including groups from Mesquite, Nev., St. George, Enterprise, Parowan, Richfield, Panguitch and Moab.

"(The rink) also gets local people out and not out of town but are stay here," Dallin Staheli said. "Besides Brian Head, I think the rink will be the most attractive place in the Cedar City area."

Dave Staheli said the proposal isn't something presented for a decision now, but something to look into and consider within about a year as an option for the future. Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson agreed.

"It's not quite the urgent time frame that we initially thought a few weeks ago with the Leisure Services master plan," Wilson said. "We still can have master plan get some ideas to incorporate with this."

She continued to say that she would like to see a further plan past the conceptual that was presented and encouraged the Stahelis to work with councilor Craig Isom on the business side, as Isom is a part of business development at Southern Utah University.

Kerry Fain, co-owner of Youth Enthusiasts Together for Ice, spoke as well on the ice rink plan.

"We will be very much a part of this plan," Fain said. "We'd be going out kicking and screaming if we weren't."

## Cedar City Council

# Toquerville resident is named to national board

Toquerville resident Darren L. Prince, Executive Director of Ashcreek Ranch Academ, in Toquerville, was named to serve on the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs' (NATSAP) Board of Directors. He took office at NATSAP's annual meeting in Tucson.

"Darren is a great example of a terrific leader who leads by example," said Trina Quinney-Packard, M.Ed., Executive Director, Youth Care, Draper, Utah. "From his military service, to his dedication to helping adolescent boys that are struggling, to his coaching youth sports, Darren will be a wonderful addition to the NATSAP board."

In his current position, Prince manages and oversees all operations at the Ashcreek Ranch Academy, a residential treatment center for adolescent boys in Southern Utah. He also serves as the Marketing Director of Sedona Sky Academy in Rimrock, Arizona.

Prince has been active in the behavioral health field since 1998 when he accepted a position as Admissions Director and part owner of a nationally recognized therapeutic boarding school. Before starting his behavioral health career, he was an x-ray technician for the U.S. Army Reserve and served in

the Gulf War. Following his military service, he spent two years in the Philippines as a church missionary. He returned to the U.S. and trained in sales and marketing for the wireless and computer industry before embarking on his current career.

Prince was raised on a farm in Southern Utah, and graduated as a recognized high school athlete playing football, wrestling,

baseball and track. His love of sports led him to become a coach for the local high school football and wrestling teams. Darren also spent several years serving as a scoutmaster and a leader for young men in his church. He and his wife Angie have six children.

*"Darren is a great example of a terrific leader who leads by example"*

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FROM LEFT, Brennan Wood (SWATC President), Bennett Olsen, Wade Esplin (SWATC Automotive Instructor).

# SWATC student named for state honor

CEDAR CITY — SWATC student Bennett Olsen was awarded with “UCAT Student of the Year” at the third annual Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) Student of the Year Appreciation Dinner on Jan. 31. The evening recognized all eight students from each of the eight UCAT colleges from across the state.

The students got to spend two days getting to know each other, participated in a legislative session of higher education at the Utah State Senate building, and finished with an appreciation dinner at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building with Utah Governor Gary Herbert. To determine the UCAT Student of the Year, each student had to cast a vote for each other on whom they felt would best represent them as a whole. The result ended in a tie between Bennett Olsen from Southwest Applied Technology College and Lindsey Smith from Dixie Applied Technology College, and each were awarded with the title of UCAT Student of the Year.

He finished his automotive classes one day after receiving his new title and started his full-time job just two days after that.

Olsen was raised in St. George and is the youngest of five children. Growing up, he was considered to be a model student. However, he didn't really enjoy high school and during his junior year (and with a 3.95 GPA) Bennett withdrew from public school and enrolled

in an alternative high school where he could complete courses at his own pace. Four days later, he walked out with a high school diploma in hand.

Olsen wasn't sure what education and career path would be in his future. He knew an advanced education was an important part of his personal development and in gaining skills necessary for a career, but he dreaded the thought of selecting an institution and jumping right back into school. All of his older siblings went to a traditional university.

He also applied and was accepted into a local university, but he couldn't help but feel that it wasn't the correct route for him to take. As someone who loves work, he wanted to get into his elected field as quickly as possible.

That's when he found Southwest Applied Technology College.

“Education is incredibly valuable in preparation for

the future,” Olson said. “However, traditional education is not for everyone including myself. Thankfully, there are other options and ways to receive higher education that will suit individuals with different learning styles and preferences.”

“Bennett truly represents what our college is all about,” said Brennan Wood, president of SWATC. “He's an extremely motivated and smart individual. He's a great student, but the traditional route

*“Bennett truly represents what our college is all about”*

— Brennan Wood, SWATC President

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# Cyclops cashes in on fake news

The last month has been dominated by reports of “fake news” disseminated during the recent election campaign. The fake stuff was non-partisan: Conservatives lied about Pope Francis supporting Donald Trump while liberals created a fake quote from The Donald demeaning Mormons (one that appeared in numerous Utah media outlets, including this column). In a supposedly “educated” society, it is shocking that Americans would believe obvious lies, and even more deplorable when men and women act upon this crap. (The most famous incident was the right-wing fake news report that Hillary Clinton was part of a child sex slave ring headquartered in a Washington D.C. pizza restaurant. Armed with an AR-15 rifle, a 28-year old North Carolina man reacted by firing numerous shots at restaurant customers.)



## Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY  
Columnist

One writer admitted he was paid a handsome sum penning fibs for on-line journals. “I made a lot of more money writing lies than I did writing truthful news stories,” he said. Cyclops obviously doesn’t want to be cut out of this lucrative business. Therefore, I offer the following fake news items (or, as described by a Trump spokesperson, “alternate facts”).

**SCIENCE SHOWS THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THE COLOR PURPLE -**  
Just as global warming is a myth, purple is not a color. It’s only a shade of blue.

**ISIS THREATENS RESTAURANTS SERVING EUROPEAN FOOD -**  
Angry at European support of moderate Islam, the terrorist group announced it will plan violent raids on restaurants serving any food associated with NATO countries. This will include German Chocolate Cake, French Fries, Italian sausage, and Swedish Fish. Annoyed that Europe got all the attention, Pres. Donald Trump requested that ISIS also terrorize eateries serving Baked Alaska, Boston Baked Beans, and Key Lime Pie.

**TOBACCO LOBBY CLAIMS CIGARETTES ARE GOOD FOR HEALTH -**  
A tobacco-funded think tank reports that cigarettes have a calming effect on people, thereby reducing the incidence of heart attacks.

**PRES.TRUMP ISSUES AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DEMOLISHING THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING -**  
The President says the high-priced site in Manhattan would be a great place for a new Trump hotel built and managed by his son-in-law. The property would be “hugely secure,” he said, since Muslims would be forced to only use the service elevator.

**MARY TYLER MOORE MURDERED -**  
Her death had nothing to do with her diabetes. An unnamed source says she was actually murdered prior to her outing Meryl Streep as a Communist who also had a love child with Michael Moore.

**TAYLOR SWIFT IS GAY -**  
C’mon, listen to her songs; she obviously can’t get along with men.

And these fake nuggets are only a sampling. Show me the money and I’ll crank out hundreds more. If people are naïve enough to believe fake news and “alternate facts,” I might as well cash in on their stupidity.

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

# To the Editor

To our valued and loyal customers at Miner’s Auto Repair, Rick Miner (former owner) has retired and his son Clint has moved on, and is now located at Elite Complete Auto Care located in the old Tunex location at 1220 Sage Dr. Cedar City. His phone is 435-233-7389.

Again, thank you all for your continued support over the years. Clint looks forward to serving you in the future.

Rick and Clint Miner  
Cedar City

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## OLSEN

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of education was just not for him. So we brought him over to our environment, a hands-on learning environment, and he excelled. Not only did he excel, but he loved the process of gaining a marketable skill.”  
“Bennett is concerned about doing a good job wherever he is at, whatever he does,” said Wade Esplin, Automotive Technology Director at SATC. “He wants to do it 100 percent, he wants it to be perfect. That’s the kind of people you want working on your car.”

# Black History Month events set at SUU

**CEDAR CITY** — Established in 1926 as a week-long festivity coinciding with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, the annual event transformed in the 1960s to a month-long celebration of African American culture and history. Today, Black History Month is celebrated in February on many college and university campuses nationwide.

Southern Utah University embraces the tradition of celebrating Black History Month. From Feb. 2 through Feb. 28, films, performances, activities and panel discussions will be offered on campus to honor historic leaders of the black community, create awareness of other minorities and look forward to a brighter, more inclusive future. Events are open to the public.

Sunny Sims, activities coordinator for the Black Student Union (BSU), shared why this month is important to her. "This is a time to celebrate my culture and acknowledge what my ancestors have done for me," she said. "If it wasn't for them, I would not be a student here at SUU."

Sunny adds that the celebration represents more than what its name implies. "Black movements aren't just for black people. They're for everyone, everywhere, helping to encourage equality for all people across all borders."

Along with an inspiring lineup of presentations and films, the annual "Step Show" will take place Friday, Feb.



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**THE ICONIC IMAGE OF A MARCH** similar to those of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is part of Black History Month at SUU.

24, 7 p.m., in the SUU Auditorium. The show includes dancing, singing, the spoken word, and gospel music from the SUU Women's Choir. Presale tickets are \$3 at the Centrum Ticket Office, (435) 586-7782, or \$5 at the door. "Step Show" is a family friendly event. Children age 5 and under are free.

Talia Strong, Director of the SUU Center for Inclusion and Equity, shared why SUU is committed to the annual celebration.

"Black History Month is an opportunity to bring to light stories and contributions of many civil rights stories that are often absent in the broader American historical narrative," she said. "It also brings the community together to learn about heritage, interests and talents."

This year's Black History Month events are made possible by the SUU Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Black Student Union, Department of History, Sociology and Anthropology and the College of

Humanities and Social Science. For more information, contact Earl Mulderink, director of the Community Engagement Center, at mulderink@suu.edu or (435) 865-8341.

SUU's Black History Month celebration activities and events:

**Wednesday, February 8**

**Jammin' Waffle House**  
BSU activity, 7 p.m., Starlight Room, SC.

**Thursday, February 9**

**Film Screening**  
"Little Rock Central," 7 p.m., ED 104.

**Tuesday, February 14**

**Film Screening**  
"Akeelah and the Bee," 7 p.m., ED 104.

**Wednesday, February 15**

**Civil Rights Scavenger Hunt**  
BSU members will dress as civil rights leaders during the day. Students are encouraged to take pictures with those they see on campus.

**Thursday, February 16**

**"A Dream Deferred: Still Confronted with the Colorine Over Sixty Years after Brown."**

Presented by Dr. Karen Johnson, Univ. of Utah professor, 7 p.m., ED 104.

**Thursday, February 21**

**The Crisis in Black Education**  
Panel presentation by members of the Black Student Union, 7 p.m., ED 104.

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# Parowan, CV drill teams find state success

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**THE PAROWAN HIGH RAMMETTES** took second in state 1A drill competition this year.

It was a great weekend for two local high school drill teams during state championships held at Utah Valley University in Orem.

The Parowan High Ramettes took second in the 1A competition, just slightly behind Duchesne High. Parowan had already captured the Region 20 South drill team title earlier in the season. Coaches Jamie Church and Camille Topham saw their girls perform "almost flawlessly," as Church said. "We had the best day of the year on Saturday."

Parowan took second overall, as well as second in all three categories of performance: military, dance and kick. The team will showcase their talents at the "Rammette Review" on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

Canyon View finished sixth overall in 3A competition. They captured the Region 12 championship earlier this season with first in all three categories. Individually, Kinley Millett was named academic all region and joined teammates Alyssa Brush and Brinley White on the all region team. Brush and White were also on the all state team.

At state, Canyon View took fifth in dance, fourth in kick and sixth overall.



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**CANYON VIEW'S DRILL TEAM**, the Region 12 champs, placed 6th in state 3A competition.

## MIDWIFE

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day, he did not see sending her to prison would be the proper punishment and understanding to her mind of the crime.

A \$23,836 fine was also stayed and changed to a \$86-fine.

Regarding the sentencing he settled on, Shumate said "Is it a good sentence? I have no idea. Does it serve justice? It canders beyond my reach."

He advised Sorensen to work with her family, probation officer and jail advisor to serve her 180 days in no shorter than 8-hour increments and as quickly as possible within the 36 months of her probation.

Regarding the case, Shumate said in his experience this particular case was one of the most difficult he has dealt with.

"I have never experienced a case as difficult as this one," he said. "I've spent more time concerned about this than I can recall."

Prior to the sentence reading, Deputy Iron County Attorney Mike Edwards asked the court to abide by the state's sentencing guidelines arguing that the baby would still be here had it not been for the reckless actions of the lay midwife.

"It is astounding and offensive," he said. "This was not a stillbirth. (The baby) was born alive. She tends to make it seem (the birth) was a surprise."

Shumate later stated that Sorensen had "errors of judgment" on the night in question.

"There was not a sufficient setting or urgency in your behavior that evening," Shumate said.

He continued to say and ask Sorensen regarding the administration of magnesium sulfate to the mother and if she had done any examinations on progression of the mother's labor during the hours of 5:30 when the sulfate was administered to 9:30 or 10 p.m. about the time that the baby was born.

"I heard no testimony if any effort was taken if (the mother) was dialated or

effaced and at what extent. Can you shed any light on the matter?" Shumate said.

Sorensen replied that she does not perform exams like the hospital unless the mother asks. She also said she did not want to wake the mother who had calmed down and went to sleep at that time of the evening.

In her court address, Sorensen said she did everything she could that night to help the mother and the twins, but the blizzard was a delay to get the mother to the hospital. She said she sincerely believed the mother was suffering from an irritable uterus, which also contributed to her slow decision making.

"I was a traditional midwife and had always done my best," Sorensen said. "My midwifery career is now in ashes."

Defense attorney Matt Carling, who represented Sorensen at sentencing, said Sorensen has felt extreme remorse regarding the situation.

"She didn't intend to do anything wrong," Carling said. "I urge the court not to incarcerate, but give probation."

### Jan. 31

**Ronnie J. Eccles, Cedar City**

Firearms violation

**Brian N. Bedford, Cedar City**

Burglary/Vehicle, Theft, Parole Violation

**Travis L. McBride, Cedar City**

Stalking

**David A. Ruder, Cedar City**

Possession, Parking on Sidewalk, Driving/ Denied License, DUI

### Feb. 1

**Jason D. Ballenger, Cedar City**

Forcible Sex Abuse

**Jeremy Black, Cedar City**

Intoxication

**Domingo Montiel-Gonzalez, St. George**

Federal Contract Prisoner

**Thomas C. Pratt, Winston, N.C.**

Federal Contract Prisoner

**Gary S. Redfearn, Bakersfield, Calif.**

Fugitive from Justice

**Bryan D. Torrey, Cedar City**

Federal Contract Prisoner

**Brittany C. Williams, Hurricane**

Theft, Drug-False/Forge/Alt RX

### Feb. 2

**Michael T. Hodges, Fountain Green**

Driving on Suspension, Federal Contract Prisoner

**Bethany H. Marshall, Murray**

DUI

**Melody Schabow, St. George**

Retail Theft

### Feb. 3

**Kendra C. Coburn, Phoenix, Ariz.**

Failure to comply w/Court

**Jacob D. Hildebrand, Cedar City**

Failure to comply w/Court

**Jessica D. Langenhahn, Cedar City**

FTA-Warrant

**Cory J. Lefevre, Cedar City**

DUI

**Kimberly G. Preciado, Cedar City**

Failure to comply w/Court, Theft

**Jacob K. Humphreys, Cedar City**

Possession, Drug Paraphernalia

**Rosa M. Reser, Cedar City**

Drug Paraphernalia

**Jeffrey M. Schutrop, Irving, Tex.**

Theft, Poss of Forged Writing/Device

**Johahn Wade, Cedar City**

DV-Presence of Child, Criminal Mischief, Intoxication

### Feb. 4

**Drew A. Hunter, Cedar City**

Driving on Revoc., DUI, Sexual Battery, Assault

**Awad A. Alanazi, Cedar City**

Speed Regulations

**Brandon S. Ferguson, La Verkin**

FTA-Warrant

**Paul V. Farnham, Cedar City**

Fugitive from Justice

**Kimberly D. Hare, Cedar City**

Possession, Drug Paraphernalia

**Celso E. Perez, Cedar City**

Sexual Battery

**Caiden C. Williams, Enoch**

Stalking

### Feb. 5

**Clayton D. Clark, Iron County**

Assault, DV in Presence of Child, Intoxication

**Craig M. Haas, Las Vegas, Nev.**

Fugitive from Justice

**Jerry Azule, Cedar City**

Intoxication

**Sarah B. China, Cedar City**

Intoxication, Probation/Parole Violation

**Justin K. Quarnberg, Cedar City**

Driving w/o License, Driving on Suspension, Possession

**Christopher C. Mock, Washington**

DUI

**Daniel D. Vigil, Hurricane**

FTA-Warrant, Driving on Suspension

# Sheet rock skills class being offered

The Iron County Homebuilders Association, in conjunction with the Southwest Applied Technology College, is offering 10 days of training in sheet rock installation.

The classes will cover everything from how to bid, how to use and maintain tools needed, and how to hang and finish sheet rock. The training will be 20 hour class, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m., at Southwest ATC, 757 W. 800 South, Cedar City. Cost is \$69. This is an opportunity to learn and/or improve sheet rock skills.

The class will include hands-on learning, installing sheet-rock at a home under construction. You can choose to attend all the class dates, or choose the days of the class with specific skills you'd like to develop. Call Southwest ATC at 435-586-3906 for more info or to register.

Class schedule is as follows:

- » Feb 21 - Intro, Material Types, & Application
- » Feb 23 - Estimating And Tools
- » Feb 28 - Hanging Horizontal Surfaces
- » Mar 2 & 7 - Hanging Vertical Surfaces
- » Mar 9 - Hand Tools For Mud (Banjo)
- » Mar 14 & 16 - Tape Tech Tools (Automatic)
- » Mar 21 & 23 - Textures



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# Preparedness class this Saturday

A public preparedness class is being offered Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cedar City Visitors Center to help those interested to deal with any possible disaster situation.

"This three-hour course covers the Basics of Selecting, Donning, Doffing and Deconing Personal Protective Equipment that may be needed following the event involving Nuclear, Biological or Chemical agents," according to the class flyer.

Taught by Terry Meissner, who has 25 years of experience with the hazardous materials, emergency services and counter terrorism field as a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force where he spent the majority of 23 years working with nuclear, biological and chemical issues in the terrorism threats, according to the flyer.

Meissner, president and CEO of Energy Services Consultants, Inc, provides consulting and training services to various federal, state and local agencies. He also has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in science & energy management, according to the flyer.

Michael Carmody, with well-prepared.com, said the courses are a great way to make sure people know how to deal with any emergency situation, protect themselves and be prepared if they are ever stranded anywhere as well.

The class is a free course.

# Grazing fees for 2017 are announced

The Federal grazing fee for 2017 will be \$1.87 per animal unit month (AUM) for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and \$1.87 per head month (HM) for lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The 2016 public land-grazing fee was \$2.11.

An AUM or HM – treated as equivalent measures for fee purposes – is the use of public lands by one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. The newly calculated grazing fee, determined by a congressional formula and effective on March 1, applies to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the BLM and nearly 6,500 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee, which was established by

Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, has continued under a presidential Executive Order issued in 1986.

Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year's level.

The annually determined grazing fee is computed by using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per AUM/HM for livestock grazing on public lands in Western states. The figure is then calculated according to three factors – current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and the cost of livestock production. In effect, the fee rises, falls, or stays the same based on market conditions, with livestock operators paying more when conditions

are better and less when conditions have declined.

The 2017 grazing fee of \$1.87 per AUM/HM applies to 16 Western states on public lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. The states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Permit holders and lessees may contact their local BLM or U.S. Forest Service office for additional information.

The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages more land – over 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western states, including Alaska.

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# Deadline nears for USTAR grant applications

The Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) initiative's second round of their University Technology Acceleration Grant (UTAG) program for applications ends on Feb. 10 for Letters of intent, which are not required. Submissions close Feb. 23.

UTAG is a competitive research grant program, available to individual researchers or ad-hoc teams employed by Utah colleges or universities, to advance the maturity of or de-risk technology that has been developed in

university labs. Applications must be submitted at [www.utagutah.com](http://www.utagutah.com)

For information on rules and regulations, as well as forthcoming details, visit [ustar.org/our-programs](http://ustar.org/our-programs) and select UTAG.

"Our UTAG program funds critical steps in the process of taking a technology from an idea to market," said Ivy Estabrooke, USTAR executive director. "The UTAG program allows USTAR to directly impact university projects across the state which are poised to

advance Utah's technology ecosystem and economic frontier."

UTAG supports research and development of specific technologies that have significant commercial potential, but need additional development before they can be spun out from the university setting. This funding program is designed to address an innovation ecosystem gap between federal research dollars and angel investment.

The Utah Science Technology and

Research (USTAR) Initiative was established in 2006 through the leadership and vision of the Utah Legislature and the Governor to leverage science and technology innovation to expand and diversify the State's economy. USTAR conducts its technology based economic development mission through a diverse portfolio of programs and services focused in the three areas: principal researchers, competitive grant programs and technology entrepreneurship services.

## SelectHealth offering community health grants

Are you working to improve health in the community or serving populations with special needs? If so, SelectHealth wants to help by recognizing twenty-five individuals or organizations with \$2,500 to further their cause.

SelectHealth asks for any who may qualify to apply. Submissions for the award are being accepted now through February 20, 2017 at [select25.org](http://select25.org).

A wide range of organizations have received the Select 25 award since it was first introduced in 2008. Last year's winners represented a wide variety of causes including a backpack program for children who go hungry on the weekend, service dogs to disabled veterans, and starting a community garden.



**selecthealth**  
HTTP://JA-UTAH.ORG/

"It is an honor to work with so many organizations making an impact throughout the state," said SelectHealth Community Relations Director Greg Reid in a release. "Each year, we are inspired by the recipients and all they do to build strong neighborhoods and communities."

In addition to the cash grant, SelectHealth will develop marketing materials for each award winner to help promote their organization and cause.

For more information and to apply, visit [select25.org](http://select25.org).

### Upcoming Red Cross Blood Donation Opportunities

#### Beaver

Feb. 16: 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 Beaver City Offices, 30 W. 300 North

#### Enoch

Feb. 23: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Homestead Chapel, 1390 East Midvalley Road

#### Kanarraville

Feb. 21 : 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Kanarraville Chapel, 80 South Main Street

## LEGISLATORS

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Vickers, who is Senate Chair of Higher Education Appropriations committee this year, said the committee oversees all of the funding going to Utah System of Higher Education institutions, including Southern Utah University, Dixie State University and the two Utah Colleges of Applied Technology, Southwest Applied Technology College and Dixie Applied Technology College.

"I am very passionate about this subject and want to do everything I can to provide the resources that these institutions need to provide an affordable and efficient education for our citizens," he said. "One major goal our committee has this year is to encourage methods that will allow students to, first and most importantly, complete their education, and secondly, do it in a timely fashion."

Vickers continued to say another major goal is to encourage UCAT and USHE to provide programs, degrees, certificates and training to more students that can fill the large number of jobs that are in high demand in our state.

"These jobs fall into a number of categories including high tech jobs, like engineering, web management and computer science, a number of different medical fields, critical thinking business skills, construction trades, among others," he said. "In order for our economy to continue expanding we have to meet these market demands."

Governor Herbert outlined a number of challenges that we face this year and that will be addressed in this legislative session, including: better funding education, working with cities to solve the homeless problem, creating 25,000 jobs in rural Utah over the next five years, addressing the required restaurant "Zion Curtain" in our alcohol laws (having to pour, mix, and/or prepare liquor behind a partition), addressing clean air issues, etc, according to a statement by Vickers.

"What this means is that we have a great deal of work ahead of us, but a short window to complete it," he said.

Westwood said his time in the Utah Legislature two bills were brought to light.

"There has been a resolution to urge President Trump to rescind Bears Ears National Monument," he said in a statement. "This has gone through the House and is currently going through the first steps of the Senate. Similar to the Bears Ears Resolution is the resolution to reduce the size of the Grand Staircase National Monument."

He said the resolution passed through the house and will be going toward the Senate. "Amid the bills that have brought a lot of discussion on the hill this week is a bigamy bill," Westwood said. "This particular bill changes definitions within the code that has sparked arguments and has been featured on many news stations as well."



**SEN. EVAN VICKERS**  
*Utah State Senate*



**REP. JOHN WESTWOOD**  
*Utah House of Reps.*

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## 'Create Your Own Legacy'

**THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S JUBILEE** with the Orchestra of Southern Utah will take place on Saturday.

Children's Jubilee Feb. 11



COURTESY OF OSU

The Orchestra of Southern Utah's 14th annual Children's Jubilee, Create Your Own Legacy, takes the stage on Saturday, Feb. 11. This family-friendly indoor event features art, science, and music activities for all ages with a concert performed by a full symphony orchestra.

The event has been nationally recognized by the League of American Orchestras for its multifaceted approach to building community and incorporating both science and the arts. Included in the concert are selections from the world premiere of Valley of Enchantment and the William Tell Overture by Rossini.

Valley of Enchantment is an original composition by Mark Dal Porto commissioned by the OSU and inspired by the dramatic landscapes of Southern Utah.

The William Tell Overture offers a unique experience as guest scientist Brandon Wiggins provides live onstage accompaniment in the form of science experiments. With only about 30 minutes of music, this concert plays to the young listener. The energetic Xun Sun conducts, encouraging young musicians with his excitement and enthusiasm for music.

Create Your Own Legacy highlights the ability imagine and innovate. Our STEAM activities inspire children (and adults) to create amazing art, science, and technology! Come try to play an instrument at Cedar Music's Instrument Petting Zoo, then go pet a real snake with SUU's Animal Ambassadors. Explore the galaxy with the SUU planetarium. Join the Frehner Museum

of Natural History for hands on science activities and even more. The first 200 children will get prism rainbow glasses.

Lobby displays and the SUU Planetarium open at 1 p.m. and the concert begins at 2 p.m. Art and science activities follow until 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$5 for children, and no charge for babies. One free ticket per family with three cans of food for the Iron County Care and Share. The event is held at the Heritage Theater in Cedar bringing City and is made possible with the sponsorship of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation and the generous volunteer effort of community members, orchestra musicians, and SUU students and faculty.

## Come to the OSU Jubilee this Saturday

by Sara PENNY  
Orchestra of Southern Utah

Several years ago, my husband, Des Penny, and I made a presentation to our young children and their friends which we titled "Phun with Physics." It was intended to help the children understand Newton's laws of motion with skateboards and keys on a string.

Later, my friend, Laura Cotts, and I came up with a "Wonder Scientist" curriculum for preschoolers which we eventually presented to several hundred students at the Intermountain Suzuki Institute in Salt Lake City. We carted geology rock specimens and fossils to Salt Lake one year and another year we took instruments to teach electricity.

In 2003, when the Orchestra of Southern Utah was looking for a family

matinee format, it was remembered that, based on the success of "Phun with Physics" and "Wonder Science," we knew families would appreciate and enjoy the combination of science and music as an educational experience for their children. We presented our first matinee Jubilee, and after just our first year of such a performance, OSU was recognized nationally for its effort and an OSU delegation traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive an "Award of Excellence" from the League of American Orchestras.

This year's OSU Children's Jubilee celebrates "Create Your Own Legacy" on Saturday, Feb. 11. This family-friendly indoor event features art, science, and music activities for all ages with a concert performed by a full symphony orchestra.

Included in the concert are selections from the world premiere of Valley of Enchantment. This original composition by Mark Dal Porto is inspired by the dramatic landscapes of Southern Utah. (It is exciting to work with a composer on a new piece because we can let him know

we want great bass and woodwind parts because those sections often have fewer notes than the strings.) He wanted to include poetry, and local poet Danielle Dubrasky contributed several poems.

She also has created a broadside with visuals which will be on display at the concert, thanks to a Cedar City Arts Council mini-grant.

Guest scientist Brandon Wiggins will perform onstage science experiments to the "William Tell Overture" by Rossini.

This will be a first for our Jubilee and we are excited to see the interaction of live science demonstrations with live music. This will definitely be one of our more memorable Jubilees, and we hope you can join us.

Lobby displays and the SUU Planetarium open at 1 p.m. and the concert begins at 2 p.m. Art and science activities follow until 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$5 for children, and no charge for babies. The event is held at the Heritage Theater in Cedar City and is made possible with the sponsorships of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation and the generous volunteer efforts of community members, orchestra musicians, and SUU students and faculty.

This afternoon of music, art, and science is designed for families, and babies as well as very young children are welcome.



# Acoustic Music concert Friday

The Iron County Acoustic Music Association (ICAMA) presents its second monthly music gathering at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 10, featuring folk, newgrass, and contemporary Americana music by "Blammity Blam."

Blammity Blam is a group of youthful musicians who play energetic original bluegrass and newgrass music inspired by the deserts' and canyons' touch tinged with longings and a thousand desert sunsets. They describe their musical genre as "Folk Grass Americana Banjo Pie". The band consists of Jordan Kueneman on banjo, Scott Place on vocals, guitar, and harmonica, Kristina Wood on washboard and vocals, and Joe Clark on mandolin. They first got together in 2005 as a group of friends playing music around campfires in Grand Canyon and other desert canyons. Friendship and love of adventure have led to an extraordinary compilation of songs and musical expressions. The band released their debut double CD of original songs, "Erosion Explosion" in

2013. They are currently finishing work on their second CD.

The opening act of the evening is "Trail Folk" (Swift and McPherson) a folksy duo comprised of seasoned musician Steven Swift, known for his acoustic work and front man of Full Tilt Boogie, and new-to-the-scene musician/singer April McPherson. The two met two years ago attending SUU where they now both teach for the Art Department. Swift and McPherson combines folk rock with a little bit of bluegrass, complete with warm harmonies to bring you some toe-tapping originals and your favorite classics, heard in a fresh new way.

The music starts at the Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2279 Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City (corner of Nichols Canyon Drive and Wedgewood Lane). Bring a friend, bring the family, bring a picnic dinner, listen, clap, and sing along. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will help support live music gatherings in Iron County.



COURTESY OF ICAMA

'BLAMMITY BLAM' WILL PERFORM as part of an acoustic music concert Friday Night in Cedar.

# International Film Festival continues through Feb. 17

The SUU Department of Languages and Philosophy is hosting The International Film Festival, Cinematic Dialogues through Feb. 17. Screenings are free and open to the public, and films will be subtitled. Participating languages include French, Spanish, German and Mandarin.

Screenings begin each evening at 5 p.m. in the Sharwan Smith Center Theatre, Room 161D. Offering unique insight from field experience, related experts will introduce each film and lead a post-film discussion.

"This inaugural film festival is designed to serve both the SUU campus and larger community," stated the organizers of the festival. "It will provide ample material for discussion about the influence of culture and promote other inclusive events that highlight diversity and promote awareness and acceptance."

*"This inaugural film festival is designed to serve both the SUU campus and larger community"*

— Festival Organizers

The following films will be featured:

## Feb. 8

Las Marthas/The Marthas, Spanish, introduced by the filmmaker, Cristina Ibarra.

## Feb. 10

Die Mörder Sind Unter Uns/The Murderers are Among Us, German, introduced by German Professor Corey Twitchell.

## Feb. 13

Balzac et la Petite tailleuse Chinoise/Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress, French and Mandarin, introduced by Mandarin Professor Qingping Liu.

## Feb. 15

El Club/The Club, Spanish, introduced by Philosophy Professor Kristopher Phillips.

## Feb. 17

Phoenix, German, introduced by Art History Professor Andrew Marvick.

Filmmaker Ibarra will also be featured as SUU Convocations speaker Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall.

The 2017 International Cinema at SUU is made possible from support of SUU's Department of Languages and Philosophy, Provost's Office, Grace A. Tanner Center, and a grant from Utah Humanities and Convocations. For more information, contact Jennilee Thayer, department administrative assistant, at [jennilee.thayer@suu.edu](mailto:jennilee.thayer@suu.edu) or (435) 586-7835.

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## BACK *in* BUSINESS

**PAROWAN  
 MAYOR DON  
 LANDES** prepared  
 to cut the ribbon  
 on Jan. 30.



PHOTOS BY HOLLY COOMBS

## Barber shop returns business to Parowan's historical Rufus Building

by Holly **COOMBS**  
 holly@ironcountytoday.com

**PAROWAN** — Life and business is back in the historical Rufus Building, located at 17 N. Main St. in Parowan, with Jason “Barber J” Green’s Barber Shop, which had its grand opening on Jan. 30

The building had been a gift to the city and was in need of much demolition or rebuilding to be used again, Parowan City Mayor Don Landes said. A decision was made to offer the building for one dollar and let city council hear all the business plans and decide, which would be the best to take over the building.

“We had 10 different people present their business plans,” Landes said. “This all was part of what came out of the economic development committee.”

He said that he and the council wanted the something that would be an attraction to that part of Main Street rather than a detraction.

“In the end, we had the two closest possibilities come present their plans to the council a final time,” Landes said. “It was between a dance studio and the barber shop. The council had a close vote.”

Landes continued to say that

the community is happy with the decision as well.

“It was a tremendous success,” he said as he prepared to cut the ribbon at the grand opening. “I applaud Jason and Katie and what they have done to this building. It’s just become another asset of the city of Parowan.”

The building, in its upgraded status to the barber shop, maintains some of the original brick



**JASON AND KATIE GREEN** are owners of the new barber shop on Parowan’s Main Street.

*“We wanted to preserve the history as well as our story”*

— **Jason Green,**  
 barber shop owner

and ceiling framing.

“We wanted to preserve the history as well as our story,” Jason Green said.

Green said he’s wanted to have his own shop for many years and earned the experience a few years back.

“This place, I had been looking at for several years. When it came up for a change I thought about it and I wanted it real bad,” he said. “The opportunity just landed in my lap.”

Jason Green was raised in Parowan and left for 12 years and returned after marrying his wife, Katie. They both brought some chairs that belong to each of their grandparents as a part of their story and history included in the new business.

The barber shop has been open for two months and has received much business already, Jason Green said.

“We just wanted to get all our products in and ready in time for the grand opening today,” he said.

## The love less traveled



### The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey **BAUMGARTNER**

**V**alentine’s Day is literally just around the corner, and whether you’re hoping to be standing in or avoiding Cupid’s crosshairs, don’t cross love off your list just yet. Why? Because love should be celebrated every day! No matter what seasonal sweets and treats the grocery stores stock their shelves with.

Unfortunately, for some, Valentine’s Day is the dreaded day that brings back bittersweet moments where Cupid’s arrow missed, or he conveniently ran out of arrows at the wrong place and the wrong time. We can talk about that in another rut. For now, let’s talk less about romantic love and more about the love we need every day of the year.

When you think of love, do you usually think about the love you give to your family, friends and co-workers, first? What about yourself? What about the love you need to give to yourself? That concept may sound very foreign or even funny, but think about it. Can you truly say that you can love others without loving yourself?

What does loving yourself even look or feel like? It’s the kind of love you can have without that ‘special someone’ and without flowers, chocolates and the expectations. Although, chocolate is amazing whether you’re single or not! Even if you have to buy yourself some chocolate, do it with love and enjoy it.

Loving yourself is about taking care of yourself. It’s about hygiene and health and living a life you can proud of. It’s doing things you love, but more importantly it’s being someone you love. And no matter who you are right now you can love yourself.

If I’m talking to you, then why don’t you make time to love yourself? Yes, it’s noble to sacrifice your time for your kids, career and community. But if it comes at the cost of your joy and happiness on a consistent basis, then eventually you will be too worn down and worn out to really be that supporting, loving influence for others.

I’m not saying you have to forget or forsake your current commitments. I’m just laying it out there for you that if you don’t love yourself more and first, your love for others may miss the mark more often than you think. So, this week’s ruddy challenge is for you to make a list of those things you love about yourself. If you need help, ask one of the people you love to help you. I think you’ll find there are plenty of reasons to love yourself! And then tell yourself and show yourself more compassion, patience and love!

Remember, YOU are that ‘special someone’ that needs love, and who not only needs it, but deserves it. I dare you to go look in the mirror now and say, “I love you.”

*If you still can’t think of any good reasons to love yourself then please e-mail me at coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com. I’ll help you find some great reasons to love yourself.*

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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY MEETING**, 10:30 a.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

**VERNON HOWARD. IN ANY SITUATION YOU CAN REPLACE "WHAT CAN I GET?" WITH "WHAT CAN I UNDERSTAND?"**, A 25 minute video then casual discussion. 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park (Rare Books Room). The Literary Club. For more information, call 559-7777.

## Thurs, Feb. 9

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE III CLASS**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way, Enoch.

**NAMI BRIDGES & FAMILY TO FAMILY CLASSES (FREE)**, 7 P.M., Southwest Behavioral Health Center, 245 East 680 South, Cedar City. To enroll, call Robert (435) 590-7749 or Rosie (435) 590-0880.

**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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**PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., Parowan City building.

**DINING FOR WOMEN CEDAR CITY CHAPTER MEETING**, 5:30 p.m., potluck and short presentation. Call 435-201-3529 for details.

**BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE COLOR COUNTRY CHAPTER MEETING**, 7:30 p.m., Grifols. No dues.

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## Sat, Feb. 11

**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**, 1 to 5 p.m., inside IFA, 905 S. Main. Includes 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.

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 1315 MONTHLY MEETING**, 9:30 a.m., Marriott Springhill Suites, 1477 S. Old Highway 91. Veterans of all services are welcome.

**SOUTHERN UTAH WOODTURNERS**, 9 a.m., Cedar High School woodshop. Call 805-712-2174 for more info.

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR MONTHLY MEETING**, 11 a.m., Call Kim at 435-867-6222 for more info.

## Sun, Feb. 12

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

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

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**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.

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

## Tues, Feb. 14

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

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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.

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**SUU DISCOVER STORY TIME**, 6:30 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

**CEDAR CITY TOP BAR HIVE BEE KEEPING ASSOCIATION MEETING**, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

**JOIN US FOR DINING FOR WOMEN TO HELP WOMEN AND GIRLS**, Our Cedar City Chapter is meeting at Noon Tuesday February 14 (Valentine's Day!) for a delicious potluck and short presentation. We meet once a month. All are welcome. The 400 Chapters fund grass roots programs helping women and girls in education, health, business and self-worth. We join the community in being agents for change. For questions, the address of this month's gathering or if you need a ride, please email bethgaines54@gmail.com or call/text Beth at (435) 201-3529. The Nonprofit's website is www.DiningForWomen.org or on Facebook.

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**ENOCH CITY COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., Enoch City offices.

**JAMES SWARTZ. PUT LIFE'S PUZZLE TOGETHER. ACQUIRE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT DISPELS IGNORANCE-VEDANTA. A 25-MINUTE VIDEO THEN CASUAL DISCUSSION. 7 P.M.**, Cedar City Library in the Park (Rare Books room). The Literary Club. For more info, call 435-559-7777.



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# HEAD OVER HEELS



## Life & LAUGHTER

by Peri **KINDER**  
Columnist

I'm a terrible romantic. I mean that literally. I'm terrible at being romantic. When God handed out sentimentality, I was hiding in a bathroom stall eating a box of chocolate donuts. If I'd married an unfeeling psychopath that wouldn't be a problem, but my husband could be the spokesperson for the Hallmark channel.

He'll plan Valentine's Day like he's competing for a spot on "The Nicholas Sparks Romance-A-Thon Reality Evening." There's roses and poetry and candlelight and chocolates and puppies and rainbows and glitter. And then there's me, sitting dumbfounded saying something like, "Did Valentine's Day come early this year?"

Don't get me wrong. I'm lucky to have a husband who remembers not only my birthday, but the time of my birth, what the #1 song was and the Oscar-winning movie from the year I was born.

But by comparison, it makes me look pretty pathetic.

I often return kind thoughts with chilling sarcasm---but he still hugs me and makes me feel like I'm not quite the monster I think I am. (But he should probably stop calling me FrankenPeri.)

So because of all the sweetness he shows me, and because I'm still learning this whole romance thing, this is my Valentine's letter to my hubbie:

Thank you for having my back and being willing to fly into battle to defend me from the smallest slights.

Thank you for telling me I'm beautiful even without make-up (you always look beautiful without make-up) and when my hair looks like I barely survived a rabid ferret attack.

Thank you for not noticing when I have a zit the size of Mt. Rushmore hanging off my chin. Well, I'm sure you notice, but thank you for not commenting and calling me the Zit Witch.

The same goes for when I have a scorch mark on my forehead from the flat iron, a gash on my shin from my razor and cuticles that look like I get manicures with a cheese grater.

Thank you for telling me when the bloody parts are over during Quentin Tarantino's films. Thank you for not taking me to any more Quentin Tarantino movies.

Thank you for not noticeably rolling your eyes when I serve a meal consisting of quinoa, sweet potatoes and kale. Thank you for ordering pizza when the meal tastes like \$%&\*.

Thank you for understanding that I hate watching romantic comedies (see paragraph #1) and appreciating when I sometimes suffer through a sob-fest of a manipulative romance. In return, thank you for occasionally watching animated films, even though you hate it as much as I despise romance.

Thank you for putting up with my irritations, like having an unstable bi-polar thermostat that ranges from Arctic cold to erupting volcano. Thank you for not freaking out when I blow our budget on Amazon. ("Where did that come from?")

Thank you for binge watching TV shows, not dragging me to parties, reading next to me in bed, laughing at my jokes, going to my yoga class and snuggling every morning before we head out to face the world.

And here's the funny thing. Despite my resistance and outer shell of cynicism, I often feel like the Grinch when his heart grows three sizes. I'll find myself crying at movies without embarrassment (but I'll still get offended when you offer me a tissue). You've taught me to appreciate sunsets, beautiful clouds and the quiet gift of a hug at the end of the day.

Maybe one day I'll change from being a terrible romantic to being terribly romantic. Probably not. But it could happen.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that Cedar City will hold municipal election this fall to elect four-year terms: Mayor; and (2) Council Members. Given a sufficient number of candidates, a primary election will be held August 15, 2017, with the municipal general election being held on November 7, 2017.

Qualifications to be a candidate are:

1. Be a United States citizen at time of filing;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Be a registered voter of the municipality; and
4. Be a resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months before November.

A qualified candidate may file a Declaration of Candidacy with the City Recorder, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City. The filing period is during regular office hours from June 1 through June 7, 2017. All candidates for election are subject to campaign financial statement disclosure regulations.

# GRAND OPENING!

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# Schools

## SUU club helps students enjoy the outdoors

by Kelsey **KEENER**  
*Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** — The Pacesetters, SUU's Outdoor Leadership Club, is one of many resources available to students to help them engage with the outdoors safely.

Employees of SUU Outdoors lead weekly meetings of the Pacesetters to give students the knowledge and skills to explore the outdoors safely. Lessons include topics like trail etiquette, equipment maintenance and the 10 essentials.

Sidni Walser, Pacesetters Outdoor Leadership Club President and SUU Outdoors trips and adventures manager, said the main goal of Pacesetters and SUU Outdoors is to inspire meaningful adventure.

"We hope that applies to students, to people who are in the club, to people that just go (to the club meetings) once in a while, to the community members, to anyone that would want to get outside," Walser said. "That's our main goal--to help them get outside and have a meaningful and safe time."

Walser said it's important for students to represent SUU, The University of the Parks, well.

"If they go outside and they don't follow the rules, it sort of puts a bad name out there for our school," Walser said. "So hopefully by teaching them good skills they'll be responsible and be good stewards of the land."

In addition to helping students learn how to be safe in the outdoors, Walser said Pacesetters benefits students in other ways too.

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— Sidni Walser

"It lowers their stress levels, helps them make friends, which is an important part of school, and I think it keeps them out of trouble," Walser said. "My favorite part of Pacesetters is watching students come in that are very timid of going outside, introducing them to friends who can go outside with them and then helping them to do the things that they want to do."

Stacy Martin, an SUU student, said Pacesetters is important because it offers students the ability to better appreciate the outdoors.

"We get to experience the outdoors and be able to understand it better and (understand) how to protect it," Martin said.

Pacesetters also offers an added benefit for SUU Outdoors employees.

"It benefits us because many of us are outdoor recreation majors hoping to go into the education field, so having the opportunity to teach students skills that we're practicing and we're learning is a growth opportunity for everyone that gets to do it," Walser said.

Riley Carter, an SUU student, said Pacesetters is a good way for beginners to start getting engaged with the outdoors.

"It gives them a chance to kind of be gently nudged into it so they have people taking care of the hard details and they're able to have a fun time and want to keep doing outdoor things," Carter said. "It helps broaden people's horizons."

## NEWS Nuggets

from Iron County School District

by Amy **JOHNSON**  
*Iron County School District*

### North Elementary

North Elementary would like to thank our incredible PTA for their support and contributions to our school improvement efforts. For example, on Tuesday, January 31st, they provided dinner for our teachers as they were busily engaged with parent/teacher conferences into the evening. It was a great morale booster--not to mention a great way to recharge their batteries for a busy week. Thank you!

We'd also like to especially mention Barbara Lewis and her team and thank them, once again, for planning and staffing our Book Fair! We always know the Book Fair is in good hands when Barbara Lewis takes the reins!

also had the opportunity to go to a Shakespearean Festival Midsummer Nights Dream play.



### Parowan Elementary

After a delightful Christmas Holiday, students at Parowan Elementary have buckled down and have started 2017 off with a BANG! Dibels testing, SAGE practice testing have been some of the activities students have participated in. The final SAGE testing will be in April and May. Students are excited to welcome many student teachers into their classroom. We are always excited to have future teachers come to Parowan Elementary in their final preparation.

The Third Grade is working hard to prepare for their annual Western Iron County Program, which will be on March 1. The class and school are honoring Beverly Adams Pendleton who has contributed much to our community. Reading and math is increasing on each grade level. We certainly appreciate this community and its support at Parowan Elementary. We have many volunteers who come to help each day. We could not do it without this wonderful support from the community.

Principal Kevin Porter is such an asset to our school. With him at the helm many great things have and will continue to happen. Thank you Parowan Elementary teachers, community, and friends, we are in this together.

### SOUTH'S REGIONAL REFLECTION WINNERS

Top Row: Brooklynn Wittwer, Max Ulrich, Brent Martin, Audrey Leavitt, McKay Price. Bottom Row: Wyatt Barker, Ann Frei, Lyla Longhurst, Grace Leavitt

### Three Peaks Elementary

Fourth grade students at Three Peaks Elementary have been learning about the history of Utah. On January 4, 1896, Utah was admitted to the Union as the 45th state. To celebrate our state's 121st birthday, the fourth grade students presented a program to students and parents on January 26. It was wonderful to hear songs and speaking parts and witness scenes depicting how and when Utah was discovered and settled. Thank you to the students who memorized parts and parents who helped with costumes. A special thanks to the fourth grade teachers for all of their hard work in getting this program ready: Mrs. LeAnn Roberts, Mrs. Cheyenna Leavitt, Mrs. Stacie Marriott, and Mrs. Brenda Roundy.



### South Elementary

We want to congratulate our Regional Reflection winners! Wyatt Barker, McKay Price, Max Ulrich, Grace Leavitt, Audrey Leavitt, Brent Martin, Brooklyn Wittwer, Lyla Longhurst, and Ann Frei. Also, congratulations to Wyatt Barker whose film entry will compete at state along with Lyla Longhurst's dance choreography. Way to go!

The school was filled with music last week with both the Cedar Middle School's orchestra and band playing for their yearly recruiting tour! Both groups were awesome. The 5th graders



COURTESY OF GATEWAY ACADEMY

**GATEWAY ACADEMY STUDENTS CELEBRATED 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL LAST WEEK.** Students wrote about what they will look like when they are 100, made necklaces out of fruit loops, and counted to 100 with many different items. We also celebrated Chinese New Year. Students did calligraphy and learned how to write numbers in Chinese. Thanks to Camp Brown Bear for hosting this event.

# Obituaries

## Kerry Willard Jensen

Kerry Willard Jensen, 77 Cedar City UT, passed from this mortal existence on January 28, 2017.

Kerry was born on December 1, 1939 to Archibald Willard and Relva Lydia Spendlove Jensen. He was the second of five children. Brother; (stillborn) Sisters; Linda (Loyd Jessop), Lorrilee (Butch) Talbot and Merrilee (Don) Adams.

Kerry grew up in Salt Lake City and Hurricane, Utah. He married Kathleen Bulloch on June 4th 1960 in The Old Rock Church in Cedar City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the St. George Temple. They had three children: Randy K, Robert Troy (Vickie) and Bradley Scott (Holly) Jensen.

At the age of 20, Dad enlisted in the Navy where he served honorably for four years. While in the service he was able to see such places as Hong Kong, China, Japan, Hawaii, and the Panama Canal during the conflict.

Dad and Mom eventually settled in Washington, Utah, where they raised their family. Dad was an extremely hard worker sometimes working two jobs to support his family. He instilled the pride of hard work into his three sons. Dad taught us boys a love of the outdoors through numerous hunting, camping, and fishing trips, for which we will be eternally grateful. Dad loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren more than we can express. Dad had a great sense of humor, and was always quick with a joke. I sure hope Mash is playing in Heaven; if not he is going to be disappointed!

Kerry is preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, sister Merrilee, son Robert and many extended family members.

Dad will be laid to rest on Cedar Mountain at The Bulloch Family Ranch at a later date with graveside services.

Words can never express the gratitude our family feels toward Dad's Hospice Nurse Colleen and Aide, Katrin for the loving care and compassion afforded him, through them. The world is a better place because of them.

The family also wishes to convey thanks to the staff at Bella Terra for the kindness that they extended to Dad during his stay.

Dad, until we meet again, we love and miss you, but are so grateful that you are in a better place. Give Robert a big hug from all of us.

## Dean Chamberlain



Adina Dean Lewis Chamberlain, devoted wife and mother, adoring grandmother and "Grandma-Great", sports fan and dear friend passed away Sunday January 29, 2017 in Cedar City, Utah.

Dean was born April 1, 1922 to Samuel Larcom and Bertha Elizabeth Judd Lewis in Kanab, Utah. Her early life in Kanab provided her with life-long friendships and cherished memories of her school days and family. As a teenager she met and dated the love of her life Hans LaVell Chamberlain. They were married on September 18, 1941 in Flagstaff, Arizona and were later sealed

in the St. George LDS Temple.

LaVell and Dean were married for 72 years and are the parents of four sons: Sam (Carolyn); Hans (Mary); Lewis (Leah); and Eric (Lee). Sixteen grandchildren and thirty-nine great-grandchildren are their legacy.

Dean devoted her life to her family. She supported LaVell through his service in WWII while caring for their two oldest children, during 42 years of teaching and 27 years of refereeing. She spent countless hours at the ballpark, basketball court or football field watching her four boys play sports, and continued to love watching a good "ball game" on television. She loved sharing a cold soda or popsicle on the carport swing; her quick laugh and love for a good story always made every visitor feel welcome. Her grandkids fondly remember her homemade rolls, her chicken noodle soup and her total love for them. Dean was fiercely devoted to her family; her posterity was her greatest joy. She will be dearly missed.

Dean was preceded in death by her husband LaVell, her son Lewis, her parents Samuel and Bertha Lewis and her brother Wester.

Funeral services was at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Cedar 17th Ward Chapel (256 S. 900 West, Cedar City). A viewing was held on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City). A viewing was held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Cedar 17th Ward Church. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

Special thanks to Maree, Dawn, Lynette, Iron County Home Health and many others who cared for and visited Dean regularly. Also a very special thanks to Roland Williams for making Dean look and feel beautiful every Friday.

For additional stories, photos and tributes please visit: [www.LaVellandDeanChamberlain.blogspot.com](http://www.LaVellandDeanChamberlain.blogspot.com)

## June Hobart

June Theresa Thornton Hobart, 97, passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2017. June was born June 13, 1919, in Parowan, Utah. She married Edward Patrick Hobart in 1937 in Las Vegas, and together they raised four daughters.

Her greatest accomplishment was her family and she took pride in everything her children and grandchildren did. "Granny" was loved by many and will be missed dearly by all.

June was preceded in death by her parents; devoted husband, Edward; son-in-law Charles Ruggeroli, M.D.; daughter, Roberta Peccole; and son-in-law, William Peccole. She is survived by her sister, Marcia O'Brien; brother, Val Thornton; and daughters, Barbara Ruggeroli, Virginia Santos and Ramona Hobart; as well as 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were on Jan. 27 at Palm Mortuary in Las Vegas, Nev.

# The Pet Corner: Puppy Love

**M**any pet owners will pamper their pets for Valentine's Day – their pooches, felines, equines and even their feathered friends. In fact, the personal interaction that comes from taking care of a pet is becoming even more special in this increasingly digitized world.

While it may sound strange to some folks, loving pet owners find animals invaluable companions that we sometimes prefer to spend time with instead of people. Studies indicate that one in five Americans share gifts with their pets, and often own more than one animal.

So here are the top five reasons why a dog, a cat, or a horse should be remembered on Valentines' Day:

**#1** Hey, dogs and cats don't talk. I should elaborate, but we can all appreciate that sometimes this is a good thing.

**#2** You don't have to share your dessert with a pet. All that chocolate and sweets can make an animal ill so of course, you can keep all the tempting desserts for yourself.

**#3** Dogs don't care if you're presentable in public. In other words you won't have to buy expensive clothes or shoes to hang out with them. No makeup, ironing or showers required.

**#4** When a dog follows you around, it's cute, right? Nothing is better than being appreciated by a dog. If a date follows you around, we call that phenomenon – stalking.

**#5** Did we mention that dogs don't talk? If you haven't found the furry love of your life, remember there is a local dog, cat, or horse adoption shelter in your town.

\*In support of the Cedar City, Enoch City and Iron County Animal Adoption, Rescue and Control Centers. (Excerpts taken from Pet Finder)



**DAWN AERTS**  
Contributor

# People

## Graduation

### Braden Leigh

Braden Leigh, a native of Cedar City, received a MS-Chemical and Biochemical Engineering degree from the University of Iowa at the close of the fall 2016 semester. The University of Iowa is one of the nation's premier public research universities, dedicated to academic excellence, groundbreaking discoveries and creations, commitment

to Iowa and the world, and a culture that prizes community, diversity, and opportunity. It is known around the world for its leadership in the arts, sciences, and humanities. It is home to the first and best creative writing program in the world, a world-class academic medical center and one of America's top teaching hospitals, and a can-do culture that fosters a campus-wide dedication to student success.

## 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Alice Elaine Carter Robinson

Alice Elaine Carter Robinson of Parowan will celebrate her 70th birthday on Feb. 14. Happy 70th birthday, Mom. We love you. Love always from Thomas E. Amy Nicole and Amanda Courtney.



## 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Bud Garfield

The family of Bud Garfield is hosting an open house to celebrate Bud's 80th birthday. It will be held at the Cedar 2nd Ward cultural hall, 256 S 900 W, on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. We invite all friends, Bud's former students and colleagues to celebrate this occasion with us. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts, please.



## 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Jerry Griffin

Family and friends wish Jerry Griffin a very happy 87th birthday on Feb. 9, 2017. She was born in Glendale, Calif., to Josephine Elizabeth (Middleton) and Lee Roy William Brimmer. A longtime Cedar City resident, Jerry has been active in many community

activities. For over 20 years, she has volunteered at the Utah Shakespeare Festival and enjoys her job at Christensen's clothing store. Jerry's hobbies include quilting, gardening and traveling. Jerry and her husband of 68 years, Les, have three children, one granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

## Have a People Announcement?

There is no charge for birth, first birthday, mission, Eagle Scout, 50th anniversary (and up), wedding and 80th birthday (and up) announcements.

Announcements and photos can be submitted to [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com) or at 389 N. 100 West, #12, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Wednesday at 5pm for the following week's issue. Announcements should be 100 words or less. Please call 435-867-1865 ext. 6 for pricing for all other announcements.

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## FAKAHUA, MURRAY, FLETCHER SIGN NLIS

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

When he was given an offer to play football at Southern Utah while a freshman at Cedar High, quarterback Mason Fakahua didn't anticipate then-head coach Ed Lamb would leave before his senior season.

Lamb became an assistant coach at BYU, but didn't forget about him. It helped Fakahua make his commitment that much easier.

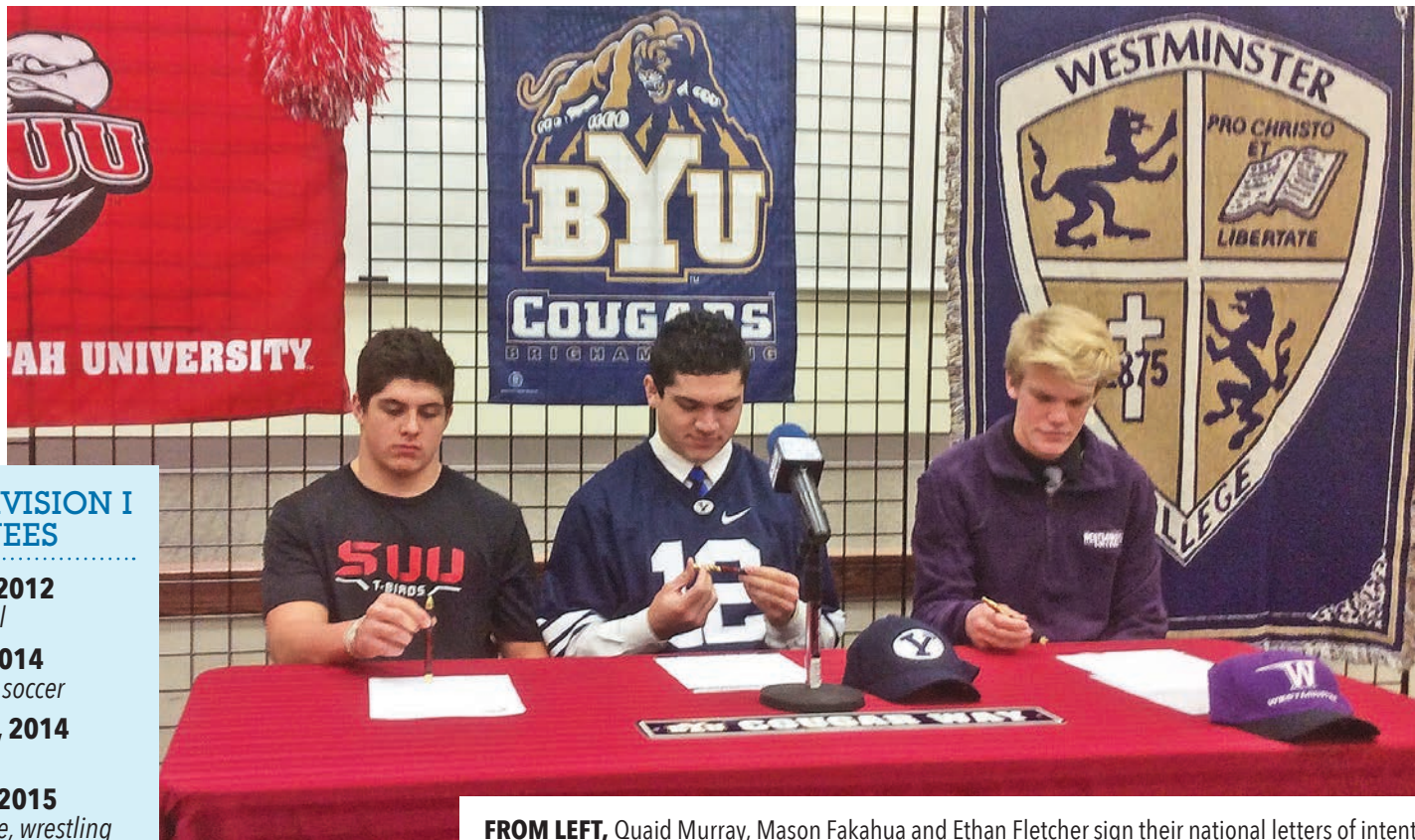
Fakahua joined teammate Quaid Murray and Ethan Fletcher in signing their National Letter of Intent on Feb. 1 to play at the next level.

While Fakahua made his commitment to the Cougars, Murray signed with Southern Utah for football and Fletcher will play soccer with Westminster College in Salt Lake City.

Despite suffering a knee injury late in his final season, Fakahua still threw for 1,363 yards and ran for 778 yards, a team high. The 6-foot-3 senior was recruited by BYU as an athlete, but appreciated the process and the schools that showed interest, including SUU, Utah State, Weber State and even Stanford.

"Being through this and going through it with my family is special," Fakahua said. "Everything in my life is family, and the most important thing in my life is having them by my side. To have them with me all of these years, I'm just humbled and grateful."

Fakahua's father, Oscar, served on the sidelines as an assistant coach for the Redmen. Like any proud father, tears welled up in his eyes as he spoke.



### CEDAR DIVISION I SIGNEES

**John Ursua, 2012**  
*Hawaii, football*

**Tara Shipp, 2014**  
*Utah, women's soccer*

**Kayden Lunt, 2014**  
*BYU, baseball*

**Dusty Hone, 2015**  
*Oklahoma State, wrestling*

**Rykker Tom, 2016**  
*San Diego, baseball*

**Mason Fakahua, 2017**  
*BYU, football*

TOM ZULEWSKI

"I'm a crybaby anyway, but this is amazing. I'm happy and proud for him," Oscar said. "He's earned it and

he works hard. We talk the most about staying humble and remembering where he comes from."

Mason Fakahua had a visit planned at Utah State, but cancelled after his visit to BYU. He became the second football player at Cedar to sign with a Division I (FBS) program, joining John Ursua, who finished his redshirt freshman season at Hawaii in 2016.

Fakahua became the sixth different athlete in as many years to sign with a Division I program. He plans to have surgery for his knee, then head off to his

FROM LEFT, Quaid Murray, Mason Fakahua and Ethan Fletcher sign their national letters of intent.

LDS Church mission before joining BYU.

"This is awesome. We're proud for Mason, Quaid and their families," Cedar head coach Josh Bennett said. "It's a product of the time, effort and hard work they've put in the last four years. It's a credit to them and their families."

Murray said SUU was "the only school that showed me any interest," and he'll be a preferred walk-on as either a linebacker or defensive end. Being able to stay close to home helped the decision, and the success of the program two former T-Birds now doing work on NFL Sundays added to the motivation.

"I wanted to stay here, and SUU is getting bigger," said Murray, who will be on campus in the fall. "With guys like Miles Killebrew and LeShaun Sims

in the NFL and getting playing time, it shows everyday players can go in and work at SUU, just like any other school, and be seen."

Fletcher said former Dixie State head coach Josh Pittman, who moved on to coach the Griffins, saw him at a camp and continued talking with him while at State Cup soccer games.

"I was talking to Dixie State and Westminster, but Westminster's smaller and I feel like I'm going to get a better education there," he said.

Fletcher will play for the Griffins in the fall, then head for his two-year LDS Church mission. When he returns, Westminster will have completed its transition to an NCAA Division II school.



COURTESY OF SUU

## SUU's Reed qualifies for national team

by SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS  
*For Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** — Southern Utah University freshman Aidan Reed has qualified to be a member of the U.S. Junior National Cross Country Team. He placed fifth at the USATF XC Championships in Bend, Oregon. Reed ran a 26:19.9 in the Junior Men's 8KM.

"I feel relieved and grateful," Reed said. "I owe my success to coach Houle and the program."

As a freshman during the cross country season, Reed had an immediate impact for the Thunderbirds. His first year with the team culminated in his earning the title of All-Conference athlete by finishing 10th at the Big Sky Conference Championships.

"It's a feather in his cap," SUU head coach Eric Houle said about Reed. "He will be getting more international experience and he will be representing his country, which will be big."

As a result, Reed will have the opportunity to represent Team USA at the 2017 NACAC Cross Country Championships in Florida on March 4 and the 2017 IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Uganda on March 26.

Reed was joined in the top-five by fellow collegiate athletes Paul Roberts (Colorado State-Pueblo), Hamza Ali (Minnesota) and Gavin Parpart (Washington).

SUU has had several athletes be able to compete this way for Canada, but this is the first time they will have someone competing for Team USA.

**SUU  
FRESHMAN  
RUNNER  
AIDAN REED**

will be a member of the U.S. Junior National Cross Country team.

# Falcons move back to top of Region 12

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

The Canyon View Falcons had a lot to go on as they faced the Carbon Dinos on the home floor Feb. 3. The first meeting gave head coach Robbie Potter a valuable teaching tool.

Not only did the Falcons overcome the Dinos' hot early shooting, they hung around long enough to finish strong at the end and control their fate.

Brantzen Blackner scored 25 points, including a key 3-pointer in the fourth quarter that helped Canyon View rally to beat Carbon, 63-52, and move back into sole possession of first place in Region 12 at 4-2, a half-game in front of North Sanpete heading into their head-to-head showdown tonight.

The Dinos, who held off a 3-point barrage from the Falcons to win the first meeting, kept up the pace and built an eight-point first half lead. CV cut the margin to 29-25 at the break behind 12 first-half points from Blackner.

"They did the same thing to us up there," Potter said. "They're a great shooting team and don't really have a non-threat at any given time. That makes them tough to defend. Offensively, we needed to be more patient against their zone and did a better job of it in the second half."

The momentum turned toward the Falcons at the end third quarter when Abe Huxford hit two free throws after getting fouled at the horn. It finished off a 7-0 run and put CV for the first time since the game's opening basket at 41-39.

After Blackner hit a 3-pointer that

broke a 43-43 tie early in the fourth quarter, the Falcons wouldn't trail again the rest of the way, stretching the lead to as many as eight points.

"We're at the stage right now where we're after one thing - a title," Blackner said. "Whenever you get the confidence going and hit a couple of shots, it builds your momentum and builds the energy."

Carbon closed within 56-52 after Kyle Quinton (16 points) hit a jumper, but CV made 7 of 8 from the free throw line over the final minute to secure the win.

Junior Porter Miller added 16 points and five rebounds for the Falcons and said Blackner's play gives the opposition plenty to think about.

"Teams will key on Brantzen so much, it'll leave me and Cash (Christensen) wide-open on the block," Miller said. "He's a great player to have. Even when he's not the one scoring, he's helping everyone else out."

The Falcons can clinch the Region 12 title and No. 1 seed for the 3A playoffs by beating the Hawks combined with a Richfield loss to Juab. CV will host the Wildcats on Friday night.



**Cyn. View**  
**63**



**Carbon**  
**52**

Carbon 17 12 10 13 -- 52  
Canyon View 15 10 16 22 -- 63

**Carbon** - Moynier 11, Morgan 5, Jensen 11, Daughtery 5, Hillam 4, Quinton 16.  
Totals 23 1-2 52. 3-pointers - Moynier 1, Morgan 1, Jensen 2, Daughtery 1.

**Canyon View** - Huxford 6, Blackner 25, Lambeth 8, Christensen 5, Dettling 3, Miller 16. Totals 20 17-26 63. 3-pointers - Blackner 3, Lambeth 2, Dettling 1.



JR ROBINSON

# Warriors beat Redmen for first region win

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

The seniors of the Snow Canyon boys basketball team knew how bad the feeling was after they were blown out by Cedar on Jan. 13 in their own gym by 40 points.

As the calendar turned to February, the Warriors' underclassmen helped settle the score and put an end to a lengthy losing streak.

Junior Austin Staheli scored 13 points, including two key 3-pointers in the third quarter, to lift Snow Canyon to a 54-49 road win at Cedar on Feb. 1, its first of the Region 9 season. The Warriors pulled even with the Redmen at 1-6.

"For as young and inexperienced as we are, I was proud of how poised they stayed without a lot of dumb turnovers," Snow Canyon head coach Jamison Sorenson said. "We were focusing on defense, trying to do everything to contain (Keenan) Nielson."

While Nielson did his customary work for the Redmen, scoring 14 of his game-high 23 points in the second half, the Warriors used a pair of quarter-closing runs that swung the momentum in their favor and helped erase the nightmare of the blowout loss.

The first big contributor for Snow Canyon was junior Bryson Childs, who had five points, including a key 3-point play in the waning seconds that was part of a 9-2 second-quarter run that put the visitors up for good at 26-21 at the half.

Cedar would close the gap within 31-29 after a basket from Parker Haynie (12 points), but Staheli had eight points as part of a 10-2 run that finished the third quarter and put Snow Canyon up by 10 at 41-31, its largest lead of the night.

"For some of our seniors, that first game at our place really rubbed them the wrong way," Sorenson said. "They were looking forward to this game and had it circled on the calendar. They're hungry guys, a feisty bunch."

Cedar had a full share of chances to erase the deficit in the final minute, but couldn't get over the hump. After Kameron Webster (11 points) hit two free throws with 55.8 seconds left, Braden Garrett (12 points) hit a hoop inside that made it 50-49.

Webster missed a pair from the line with 28.5 seconds to play, but Cedar missed two shots that would have put them in front. The Warriors would seal the win by making four free throws in the final 11 seconds.

"We were a little bit slow to finally decide we needed to stop (Staheli)," Cedar head coach Russ Beck said. "When we turned up the pressure, it was great, but they already had a 10-point lead. We were working uphill."

**PARKER HAYNIE SCORED 12 POINTS** in Cedar's losing effort against Snow Canyon Feb. 1.



COREY BAUMGARTNER



**Snow Cyn.**  
**54**



**Cedar**  
**49**

Snow Canyon 12 14 15 13 -- 54  
Cedar 14 7 10 18 -- 49

**Snow Canyon** - Sullivan 4, Baker 7, Webster 11, Staheli 13, Childs 7, Snow 1, Sampson 8, Hansen 1, Deland 2. Totals 18 12-18 54. 3-pointers - Baker 1, Webster 1, Staheli 3, Sampson 1.

**Cedar** - Garrett 12, Boettcher 2, Nielson 23, Haynie 12. Totals 20 6-7 49. 3-pointers - Nielson 3.

**Friday's Game** - Pine View 65, Cedar 47

"I'm hurting for our team. We've got great kids, great players and the potential to be a great team. We're not getting the bounce or the whistle, so we just gotta go to work and keep battling."

Two nights later, Cedar saw its losing streak reach seven straight games after a 65-47 loss on the road at Pine View. The Panthers (6-2 Region 9) built a 27-15 halftime lead and pulled away from there. Four players scored in double figures, led by 17 points from Trey Farrer and 15 from Kade Moore.

Nielson led the Redmen with 16 points in the loss and Haynie added 11.

**CANYON VIEW MOVED BACK ON TOP IN REGION 12** with a victory over Carbon last week. The team returns to action this week.

# Bengals stun Lady T-Birds with OT rally

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

The light at the end of the long, dark losing streak tunnel was within the grasp of the Southern Utah women's basketball team. The problem that has plagued the Thunderbirds all season long came back to close the door at the worst possible times.

Idaho State wiped out a 12-point deficit in the final three minutes to force overtime, then rallied from eight points down over the final 1 minute, 41 seconds to beat Southern Utah 71-68 in double overtime before 800 fans at the Centrum on Saturday night. The T-Birds dropped their 11th straight game, and this one was the cruelest of the bunch for head coach Chris Boettcher.

"The killer is the few little mistakes that we make, turning the ball over back to them and giving the opportunity to hit the shots without time running off the clock," Boettcher said. "Right now, it feels like we have to play the perfect game in order to have it come out our way."

The T-Birds (5-17, 0-11 Big Sky) led most of the way and built the margin to its largest of the game at 52-40 after Jessica Richardson hit two free throws with 3:24 to play in regulation. That's when the Bengals (6-4 Big Sky, 12-9 overall) dialed in from 3-point range.


Saylair Grandon drilled two of her four 3-pointers in a 13-1 run that helped tie the game at 53-53 through 40 minutes. The Bengals would hit nine of their 13 3-pointers over the final 13 minutes.

SUU scored the first eight points to begin the second overtime period and took a 68-60 lead after Tierra McDonald hit a 3-pointer, but Estefania Ors would answer with two of her own, the last coming with 28 seconds remaining.

McDonald would turn the ball over on the T-Birds' final possession, and Britan Kochenderfer




**REBECCA CARDENAS AND THE LADY T-BIRDS** dropped a 71-68 heartbreaker in double overtime to Idaho State last Saturday night.



**Idaho State**  
**71**

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**S. Utah**  
**68**

Idaho State	9	14	9	21	7	11	--	71
SUU	12	12	14	15	7	8	--	68

**Idaho State** - Vara DeRey 3, Kenyon 10, Grandon 12, Thacker 4, Newton 3, Tapasa 11, Kochenderfer 3, Brown 15, Ors 10. Totals 24-66 10-14 71. 3-pointers - Vara DeRey 1, Kenyon 1, Grandon 4, Thacker 1, Newton 1, Tapasa 1, Kochenderfer 1, Brown 1, Ors 2.  
**Southern Utah** - Cardenas 9, Reid 6, K. Johnson 2, W. Johnson 13, McDonald 8, Frandsen 10, Richardson 14, Smith 6. Totals 23-72 16-21 68. 3-pointers - Reid 2, McDonald 2, Smith 2.  
**Thursday's Game** - Weber State 73, Southern Utah 68

hit a free throw with eight seconds left that finished the scoring. Jamie Smith's last-ditch 3-point try would fall well short at the final horn.

"Your hat goes off to Southern Utah. They battled like crazy," Idaho State assistant coach Ryan Johnson said in a post-game radio interview. "They're one heck of a tough team. They battled, they scrapped, and they made everything for us really ugly."

Despite shooting just 25 percent in the first half, the T-Birds held on and took a 24-23 lead to the break. They used a consistent double-team defensive trap that forced the Bengals into 21 turnovers, but couldn't hold on at the end.

Lindsay Brown led five Idaho State players in

double figures with 15 points. Nine of the 10 Bengals who saw action hit at least one 3-pointer. Richardson led the T-Birds in the loss with 14 points, Whitney Johnson added 13 and Darri Frandsen chipped in with 10.

NOTES: Sai Tapasa, daughter of Southern Utah football assistant coach Solomona Tapasa, gave her family plenty of reasons to cheer as they sat behind the Idaho State bench. The Bengals' freshman hit all five of her shots in the first half, including a 3-pointer, and finished with 11 points. ... The Bengals played their third overtime game of the year and second that needed two extra periods. ... SUU was 16-of-21 at the free-throw line to Idaho State's 10-of-14. ... The T-Birds, who fell 73-68 to Weber State on Feb. 2, will be on the road for five of their final seven regular-season games, starting Thursday at Montana.

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# SUU women's hoops not immune to struggle

It's been another long, cold winter in the circles of basketball at Southern Utah University. Even with the hype behind a new era under first-year head coach Todd Simon, the presence of four freshmen seeing major minutes has led to more of the same.

A whole lot of losing is going on. If the men's team thinks they have it bad, they need to look at what's happened with the women under third-year head coach Chris Boettcher.

Those T-Birds have found every way imaginable to snatch defeat from the mouth of victory. What happened in Saturday night's game against Idaho State would keep sports psychologists in business for life.

In search of its first Big Sky win of the season, it seemed SUU was well on its way. The T-Birds had a 12-point lead with 3 minutes, 24 seconds left.

Then, all of a sudden, the Bengals caught fire from 3-point range. Somehow, they tied the game.

And then, it continued. One overtime couldn't give the T-Birds a breakthrough. They would take an eight-point lead in the second extra period with 1:41 remaining. Not only did ISU use more 3-point shooting to catch SUU again, they came away with easily the most improbable win of their season, 71-68.

The crestfallen faces of the T-Bird players after the final horn spoke loudly. Jessica Richardson got an extended hug from assistant coach Dionisio Gomez as her tears flowed. Several players offered hugs of support to each other.

Losing 11 in a row – which have come after two non-conference road wins – will test anyone's sanity, especially how they've happened.

The madness began innocently enough in the Big Sky opener when Northern Arizona erased SUU's 12-point first-half lead, got a 3-pointer in the closing seconds that tied the score, then won in overtime.



## RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Sports Writer

Loss No. 3 was even rougher to take. The T-Birds led North Dakota by 14 as the fourth quarter began, but couldn't stop Makailah Dyer. She scored 17 of the Fighting Hawks' 26 in the period and they won 68-65.

Other baffling losses in the streak included Idaho (an assault of 18 3-pointers and 54 points in the second half) and Eastern Washington (couldn't complete comeback from 15-point third-quarter deficit, lost by one), but they don't compare to what happened Saturday.

Two big leads evaporated without a lot of time left. Idaho State made nine of its 13 3-pointers when the game was on the line.

That's one of the biggest recurring themes the SUU ladies are enduring right now that's led to where they are. The T-Birds have given up 196 3-pointers on the season (an average of nearly nine per game), but made only 87 (less than four).

There is one small bit of good news ahead as the T-Birds look to break their long losing streak. They start a

three-game road block on Saturday at Montana, who is also winless in the Big Sky at 0-11 and has lost 13 straight overall.

The Lady Griz are in their first year without retired head coach Robin Selvig and have the worst offense in the conference at 54 points per game.

Translation: The light at the end of the losing tunnel is there. It's up to a very talented team to go out and cross the threshold.

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**Losing 11 in a row – which have come after two non-conference road wins – will test anyone's sanity, especially how they've happened**

# Lady Reds shut down Panthers

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

It wasn't the most ideal of beginnings for the Cedar Lady Reds or the Pine View Panthers on Feb. 2. Both teams couldn't buy a basket in the opening quarter.

Once Cedar found its shooting touch, its defense left Pine View stuck at the starting line.

Carley Davis scored a game-high 12 points, and the Lady Reds clamped down on the defensive end, allowing just two field goals in a dominating 49-22 rout over Pine View that put them in sole possession of second place in Region 9 at 5-3, 14-5 overall.

The second win of the week for the Lady Reds came despite scoring just one point in the first eight minutes courtesy of a free throw from Maisie Elison. The Panthers led 3-1 by the time the period ended.

"The miracle of it was 48 points in the other three quarters," Cedar head coach John Elison said. "We were quick-shooting outside shots in the first quarter and nothing was falling. They were open, but I told them to keep shooting and get to the basket. Get inside and make stuff happen. They didn't get frustrated and stayed at it."

Lindsay Robinson broke the field-goal drought for both sides with a foul-line jumper early in the second quarter to start Cedar on their way. They would outscore Pine View 15-3 in the period and build a 16-6 lead at the half.

While the Lady Reds heated up, the

Panthers went ice-cold. Claire Newby got inside, got fouled and completed a 3-point play in the first minute of the third quarter that broke the shooting drought and pulled Pine View within 16-9.

By the time Newby hit the Panthers' only other field goal of the night, a 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter, Cedar had extended the lead to 36-19 and was able to clear the bench the rest of the way.

"This game was exactly what we needed," Elison said. "I've told the girls all along, if you bring that defense, you can beat anybody. They showed that much better tonight."

Davis admitted the early nerves came from the first meeting with the Panthers, a 46-44 loss at Pine View on Jan. 17.

"We got frazzled because our shots weren't falling and they beat us before," Davis said. "It's easy to follow your teammates, and our defense was amazing."

Newby led the Panthers with nine points.

The Lady Reds began the week with a

68-52 win on the road over Snow Canyon. Cedar led 27-24 at the half and pulled away to sweep the season series with the Warriors.

Dream Weaver led the way with 14 points, while Robinson and Maisie Elison each added 12.

Cedar played Hurricane at home Tuesday night needing a win to clinch the No. 2 seed and a home game for the first round of the 3A playoffs. The full story on the game can be found in the Feb. 15 edition.



Cedar  
**49**



Pine View  
**22**

Pine View	3	3	10	6	--	22
Cedar	1	15	19	14	--	49

Pine View - Mead 4, Allen 1, Newby 9, Hayes 2, Evans 4, Milne 2. Totals 27-26 22-3-pointers - Newby 1.

Cedar - D. Weaver 5, Robinson 8, E. Pearson 1, S. Pearson 5, J. Weaver 6, Davis 12, Fielding 2, Elison 8, Brower 2. Totals 16-16-23 49-3-pointers - D. Weaver 1.

Tuesday's Game - Cedar 68, Snow Canyon 52

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