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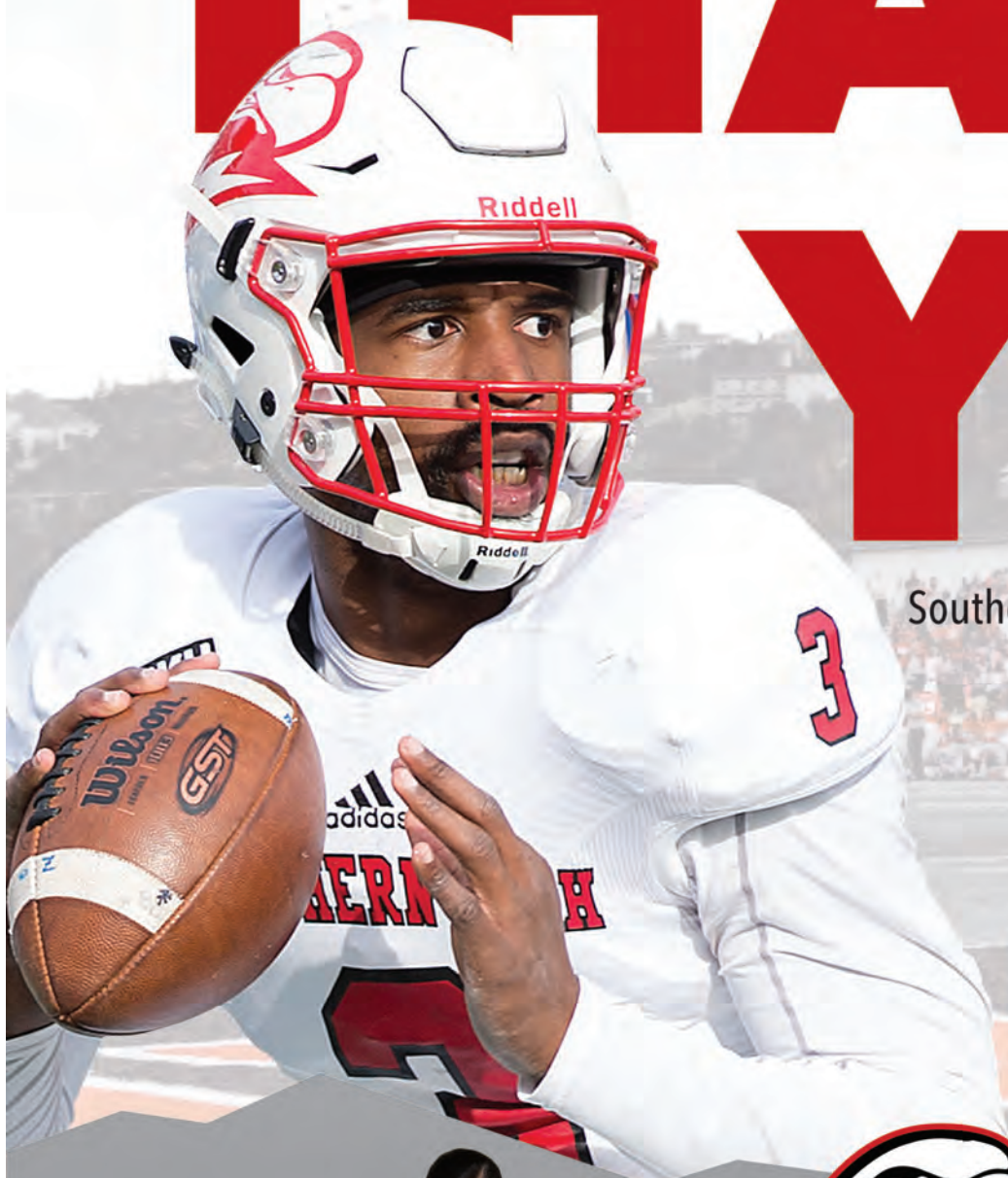
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Men's Basketball

12-16	Central Michigan	12:30pm
12-28	Montana State*	6:30pm
12-30	Montana*	12:30pm
1-13	Northern Arizona*	2:00pm
1-18	Idaho*	6:30pm
1-20	Eastern Washington*	12:30pm
2-1	Weber State*	6:30pm
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FEMA to update flood insurance maps in Parowan

by Craig **BENNETT**
Iron County Today

PAROWAN — Due to the recent flooding, especially in the Parowan area after the Brian Head fire, the Federal Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Utah Division of Emergency Management, is in the process of updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) for the community of Parowan.

FEMA has developed a draft for a revised version of the floodplain map for Iron County and other incorporated communities. It may impact homeowners if a structure on your property is found to be located within a one percent annual chance floodplain, and you may now be required to purchase flood insurance.

A public open house was held in Cedar City last month for homeowners and business owners to preview the revised FEMA maps for Iron County. Residents were given an opportunity at the meeting to ask questions about the possible impacts the new maps and boundaries will have on their properties.

Ken Lambertsen, a Parowan homeowner whose home was severely damaged in flooding caused by heavy rains and runoff from the Brian Head

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COREY BAUMGARTNER

PRESIDENT HENRY B. EYRING, first counselor in the First Presidency of the LDS Church, and Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, conducted the cornerstone sealing.

CEDAR CITY TEMPLE DEDICATED

Ceremony includes sealing of cornerstone

by Corey **BAUMGARTNER**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — It was a chilly, but beautiful Sunday morning as guests gathered on the grounds of the Cedar City Temple to witness the sealing of the

temple's cornerstone. There were plenty of frozen fingers and toes, but warm hearts prevailed as a single-adult choir from Southern Utah University filled the air with sacred hymns in humble anticipation. It was a moment many have been eagerly waiting and diligently preparing for since the temple was first announced on April 6, 2013 and its official groundbreaking on August 8, 2015.

The ceremony preceded the actual dedication that took place inside the

temple after the cornerstone sealing.

As the ceremony began, President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, accompanied by Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and other church leaders and their spouses, made their way from the temple to a special stage to conduct and participate in the ceremony. President Eyring

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Parking ordinance change could be decided tonight

by Kelsey **KEENER**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — A zone ordinance to change the parking space requirement for single-occupancy housing establishments was considered by the Cedar City Council during last Wednesday's City Council meeting. It could be voted on during tonight's council meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

The proposed ordinance would change the parking requirement for single-occupancy housing from .85 stalls per bedroom to .65 stalls per bedroom. Several citizens were in attendance at the meeting to address the council with their concerns and opinions, including members of the Iron County Home Builders Association, SUU employees, apartment complex owners and residents who live near the SUU campus.

The intention of lowering the parking requirement is to make it more affordable and profitable for local contractors and developers to build new housing for the growing amount of SUU students, as opposed to the Utah Division of Facilities and Construction Management getting involved and using contractors from

northern Utah.

Marvin Dodge, vice president of finance and administration at SUU, brought up the growth of SUU and the challenges that the university is facing as a result. One of those issues is housing for students, and he said he feels allowing local contractors to help tackle this issue is the better option.

"Part of our involvement in this group of developers is that we really

said the change to this ordinance could benefit local contractors and they would like to be available to help solve the student-housing problem. He explained that currently, single-occupancy housing is what is in demand, but because of the current parking requirements it is less profitable for local contractors to build such housing as it requires more land-acquisition than double-occupancy.

"Double-occupancy housing has a

by out-of-town contractors."

Funderburk added that if out-of-town contractors are hired to build new student housing, they do not have to abide by this ordinance.

Councilman Paul Cozzens said he spoke with Fire Chief Mike Phillips, who is concerned with the safety of students. Cozzens said there are many instances of students renting rooms in houses with more occupants than the house is intended for, which results in inadequate parking space. Building more student housing close to campus equipped with alarms and sprinklers is not only safer for students in the event of a fire, but will also aid in decreasing the number of students parking in public streets.

Many residents were still concerned that building near campus will increase the amount of students parking on public streets because lowering the requirement of parking spaces for single-occupancy may mean there are not enough spaces for the students living in new apartments near campus. Some residents were also concerned with the potential negative effects on the integrity of the city that could be caused by building close to campus and downtown.

"...this review and change...could benefit local contractors..."

— **Andy Funderburk, ICHBA**

believe the private sector is better poised and prepared to address the student housing issue here in Cedar City and help the university out," he said. "When DFCM gets involved in those projects, often they're hiring major contractors out of the Salt Lake Valley. We try to get them to use local contractors wherever we can, but their standards are different."

Andy Funderburk, president of the Iron County Home Builders Association,

1.3 parking requirement," Funderburk said. "What is in demand right now is single-occupancy rooms, and that requirement at .85 is much higher per student. As our board has discussed this, we just feel like this review and change to this ordinance could benefit local contractors in building these projects and in keeping a lot of the money for these projects local. Our concern is that if it's not filled by our contractors it'll be filled

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FLOODING OF PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND PORTIONS OF PAROWAN are part of the reason FEMA is looking at creating new flood insurance maps.

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MAPS

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fire, said he was not able to be at the FEMA open house, but he knew they had redone the maps for Parowan and other communities.

"At the time my home was flooded I didn't have flood insurance," he said. "This wasn't designated as a floodplain at that time. We were able to get flood insurance after the fact. I guess once there has been a flood there is a good reason for it. My insurance agent wrote up a policy independent of FEMA and now we're covered."

Lambertsen said he has not received any compensation from the city, or the

insurance company he had been with, and he has not filed a claim against the city or county.

"We're still debating it," he said. "It seems logical that I would. I know the city has insurance but I don't think their liability is that much to cover all of the damage."

Jamie Huff, Risk MAP Program Manager with the Division of Emergency Management, in communication with Iron County Today, stated, "After this meeting, there is a 90 day appeal period, but the begin and end date of that appeal period has not yet been established. However, I anticipate it beginning approximately around February 2018, and we will be informing community officials when that date is established."

New officer joins Cedar City police force

by Kelsey **KEENER**
Iron County Today

Police Officer Matthew Carpenter was sworn into the Cedar City Police Department last Wednesday during the Cedar City Council meeting.

Police Chief Darin Adams briefly introduced Officer Carpenter. He was previously an animal control officer and

just completed an additional 11 weeks at the police academy.

"We are very excited to have him on board," Chief Adams said.

Officer Carpenter briefly addressed the council, and said he was very thankful for the amount of support he has. He is 24 years old and has been married for a year and a half. After taking his oath, his wife pinned his badge to his uniform.



OFFICER MATTHEW CARPENTER IS SWORN IN to the Cedar City Police Department by city recorder Renon Savage.

KELSEY KEENER



Greg Stauffer, Colorado

"I feel like I never even had shoulder surgery."

Greg Stauffer's career in higher education took him from SUU to positions around the state, but he came back to Cedar City when he needed another shoulder surgery. Dr. Robert Nakken performed Greg's arthroscopic shoulder operation 10 years earlier. Last February, Greg had his other shoulder scoped on a Thursday and was back on the job the following Monday. Now retired, Greg is in top shape as he works his 130-acre ranch in Colorado.



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I'm sensing a slight ripple in how Christmas is celebrated



Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY
Columnist

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

Most people I know have a complicated relationship with Christmas. They dislike the hustle and bustle and stress, they enjoy the season but wish society would reflect on its "true meaning", and they feel most people go overboard in spending.

This is nothing new; I've heard it expressed for many years, and yet, like Donald Trump's tweets, nothing ever changes. This year, however, I am sensing a slight ripple – either that or I'm hanging around a different crowd.

A conversation with friends last week explored a non-traditional path for Christmas giving.

"Even though we draw for names, our grandchildren get too many presents," said the woman. "Most of the stuff they don't need and they don't appreciate. So last week I brought up the idea with my sons and daughters to buy a few small gifts for the very young children and pool

the rest of the money into a donation to a charity. I don't care if the money goes to a Little League team or a large medical charity. Either way, we'd be giving back to the community instead of buying things we don't need and seldom use."

And how did her sons and daughters react?

"We're making progress," she laughed. "Only one of them objected."

And it's not just these friends. Another couple, the parents of younger children, told me they are limiting their "under the tree" gifts this year and saving money for a spring Disneyland vacation.

"I think it's a trend," said the young father. "You hear how the Millennial generation is refraining from buying clothes and fancy status symbol items. Instead, they are spending money on trips and other experiences."

One of my customers told his older children that their Christmas this year consists of just one combined gift: a vacation to Hawaii. ("They don't need any video games," he chuckled. "Let's do

something memorable as a family.")

Additionally, I've heard over and over how husbands and wives are committing to not giving gifts to each other. "If I need something, I buy it, and so does she," said a friend. "We both would feel better paying off debt instead of splurging on holiday gifts."

From sales statistics this year, I don't think merchants and credit card issuers need to worry. Spending has increased over last year, although per capita spending is fairly level. A good number of people will continue to overspend, overeat, and over-grumble, and religious leaders will continue to ask Americans to focus on the Christ Child, not the cash register.

Maybe the ripple I see and hear is just "fake news". Maybe my friends are not typical of most Utahns, any more than Bitcoin is typical of financial payment.

Then again, waves begin with small ripples.

Word ON THE Street

What gift would you give the world if you were Santa?

“To have all of my kids with me for Christmas.”
— Tasha Warren, Parowan



“I'm sorry I don't have a unique idea on what the world needs. I would definitely give the world love if I was Santa Claus.”
— Jill Cherie White, Salt Lake City

“How about a growth hormone to grow bigger ears for more listening and less talking.”
— Chris Holmes, Cedar City



“I would give the gift for each of us to be able to see one another as our creator sees us.”
— Bryan Hyde, Lehi

Donation drive collecting items for local girls, women

The Utah Chapters of I Support the Girls, a non-profit, is partnering up with nine women-owned businesses to put together the second Utah Bra & Feminine Hygiene Drive. All of the items donated will then be donated to 10 women shelters in Utah, including the Care and Share program in Cedar City, to help the 6,000+ girls and women who are homeless, refugees, and victims of domestic and sexual violence in need. The drive goes until December 31.

“Can you imagine what it would be like to be a homeless woman and not be able to afford basic hygiene necessities, like a bra and tampons? This can prevent these women from obtaining employment and make it harder to get back on their feet. Women shouldn't have to decide to either feed themselves or take care of their basic health needs. Every woman deserves to have dignity, no matter their circumstances,” said Northern Utah Director of I Support the Girls and bra fitting expert Courtney Killpack.

There's a huge need for bras and feminine hygiene products because they are rarely donated. Many girls and women in need go without these necessities.

“The purpose of this drive is to help women feel empowered and confident to help these women get out of their tough situations,” said

Emily Havens, Southern Utah I Support the Girls Director. “By having these items most of us women take for granted, we can greatly impact and change the lives of so many girls and women in need.”

Last year the Drive donated over 1.3K bras and 30K hygiene products to women shelters in Utah. “From last year we have grown and are expanding our efforts to reach more parts of Utah to help more girls and women,” Killpack said.

Women can drop off their gently used and clean bras and new feminine hygiene products or underwear to nine designated I Support the Girls donation locations throughout Utah, including Recycled Design- 63 W. Center Street, Cedar City, and Elizabeth Faye Salon- 350 N Bluff St., St George.

In January, all donated items will be given to six local women shelters in Utah.

Over the last 2 years, I Support the Girls have collected and distributed 214,000 bras and 719,000 menstrual hygiene products worldwide to 315 vetted shelters and organizations.

To find more information about the Utah Bra & Feminine Hygiene Drive, go to <http://www.brafittingsbycourt.com/support-the-girls/>. To learn more about the non-profit, I Support the Girls, go to <http://isupportthegirls.org>.

“Every woman deserves to have dignity, no matter their circumstances”

— Courtney Killpack

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The Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center issued the following statement in regards to Time

Magazine's Person of the Year 2017 #MeToo Silence Breakers. It was issued by Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center Executive Director, Brant Wadsworth, Ph.D., RDT.

"With passion, fervent support, adamant validation, deep empathy, and increasing hope we at Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center honor and celebrate TIME Magazine's choice to make their Person of the Year those who have broken the silence regarding sexual harassment, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence.

"For 21 years our organization has

served, battled, and persevered to help those in our area who are victims of these despicable and cruel acts and we will continue to do so as long as the need exists. Today we honor the thousands and thousands we have known and served right here in our local communities who have been Silence Breakers in public or in private and all those who had to remain silent or are silent today because the power and danger they face was or is still too great to allow them to speak. These times and this movement present us here in this beautiful part of Utah an opportunity for moral reckoning regarding our stance and participation in this issue. This is especially true for those of us who are men in our communities.

"We invite each to examine their values, their actions, and the impact of their behavior on the individuals around them. Canyon Creek stands ready to provide training, education, guidance, and other support and information to help use the momentum of this movement to accelerate the eradication of this behavior from our communities and homes. Only by breaking the silence and by seeking and being open to change will we create the safety that all citizens deserve in the communities we serve."

Original link for Time Magazine -- Person of the Year 2017: <http://time.com/time-person-of-the-year-2017-silence-breakers/>

Bookings

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

December 4

Maddie D. Marshall, Cedar City
Probation/Parole Violation

Bridgett K. Stark, Cedar City
Revoked/Susp. Registration, Driving w/o Insurance, Retail Theft, Driving on Revocation, Theft

December 5

Melissa M. Hattabaugh-Bugg, Henderson, Nev.
FTA-Warrant

Samuel W. Shaffer, Beryl
Child Kidnapping (2 counts), Child Abuse-Reckless (4 counts)

David W. Langston, Cedar City
Probation/Parole Violation, Driving on Suspension, Controlled Substance, Items Prohibited in Corr. Fac.

Yekaterina M. Statz, Cedar City
Theft

Michael G. Williams, Parowan
Federal Contract Prisoner

Sally A. Christensen, Cedar City
Criminal Trespass

Angela N. Hoover, Cedar City
Controlled Substance

Amanda J. Marquez, Cedar City
Retail Theft

Nikki L. Myers, Cedar City
Controlled Substance, Theft

Rikki R. Williams, Cedar City
Drug-Distribute/Offer/Arrange Dist.

December 6

Alyson L. Montgomery, Park City
Open Container, DUI

David J. Nanney, Cedar City
Controlled Substance, Driving on Suspension

Paula L. Baldwin, Cedar City
Drug court violation

December 7

Jeffrey A. Frost, Cedar City
Speed regulations

Chandra I. Davis, Cedar City
Drug-Distribute/Offer/Arrange Dist.

Mark L. Gerolaguin, Las Vegas, Nv.
Controlled Substance, Drug Paraphernalia

Cristina E. Lopez, Las Vegas, Nv.
Controlled Substance, Drug Paraphernalia

Dean A. Shallenberger, Cedar City
Criminal Mischief, Intoxication

December 8

Jill Norton, Cedar City
Controlled Substance, Assault, False Personal Info.

December 9

David S. Baker, Cedar City
Criminal Mischief

Timothy R. Evans, Cedar City
Assault, Probation/Parole Violation, Controlled Substance, Driving on Suspension, Tagging Violation

Dylan J. McKee, Cedar City
DUI, Unsafe Lane Change



TEMPLE

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gave a few opening remarks to the audience before applying the ceremonial cement to the cornerstone of the 259th temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"This is a ceremonial moment when we mark this great occasion by sealing the cornerstone, which represents the Savior. The Lord is the Cornerstone of the work and this is the house of the Lord and we're so grateful that you're here with us for this great moment," he expressed.

Elder Holland also shared some heartfelt words. "I sit here looking at these people and these mountains and think, how lovely was the morning." Then, noting the unusual weather for this time of year added, "I've been in Cedar in December before and to have the Lord smiling on this day and

this weekend in such a magnificent way is just one of the many blessings of this new temple."

Speaking of the historical Iron Mission that helped settle Cedar City, President Eyring also shared, "I can't resist saying that I have a feeling that Brigham Young is aware of this moment right now. I know that he's looking down on us now and I think we owe something to him and the pioneers who must be so aware of this day. We honor them as we now seal the cornerstone."

After applying a trowel of cement, President Eyring then invited others in the group to "create a memory" as they also applied cement to the cornerstone. Several children from the gathering were also invited up to help seal the cornerstone of Cedar City's very own, light on a hill.

Before returning to the temple to prepare for the dedication ceremony, President Eyring expressed his gratitude for the people and for the temple. "Thank you for being a part of this. Thank you for all you do. I pray the blessings of the Lord upon you for your goodness and your faithfulness. I know that this house will be a blessing to all of you and to your families and for the generations."

THE CORNERSTONE OF THE TEMPLE WAS SEALED, and choir members sang during the celebration ceremony.



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Cool tech for teachers

by Dawn M. **AERTS**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — If you like Ozobots or Spheros, cool robotics, or maybe hummingbirds that come to life in code tech, there will be plenty to talk about among the 150-200 teachers and staff who attended the #Cool2Code 'Kick Off' at Cedar North Elementary last week.

The event was designed to introduce teachers to the wonders of technology — using drones, mini-robots and new pathways to explore computer science in the classroom. Teachers were also invited to mingle with tech-partners who will bring resources and professional talents to local students, thanks to a grant by the Utah Stem Action Center (USAC) which will award \$ 534,000 in funds over a 3- year period.

While the main purpose of the Stem grant is to provide a pathway for more students to find their way into coding, computing and robotics fields (computer sciences) — it will also expand the programs and activities that can lead students

will offer (CMU) Create Lab Robotics training to elementary and middle schools, with outreach to less-represented students (women and people of color) using SheTech and Aspirations programs, with a library of STEM resources for check-out use by district teachers.

The District's partnership with CodeChangers will expand into various elementary classrooms and into middle and high school CTE tech classrooms. Henwood explained that CodeChangers, (a tech-education company based in St. George) will introduce students to coding activities during the school year, with afterschool and summer camps offered -- at low or no cost to families.

In addition, SW Tech will assist in designing a pathway for high schoolers to become certified in Computer Science fields with no-cost testing for students who complete the program. And Tech Up Southern Utah, with the Chamber of Commerce, will connect business professionals-and-mentors with students via applications like Nepris (video mentoring) and by placing student interns



J. AERTS

(LEFT TO RIGHT) LOCAL TEACHERS WHO ATTENDED ZCOOL2CODE 'Teacher Kick-Off' Toni Robison, Parowan Elementary; Becky Comstock, 1st Grade Teacher, North Elementary; Melissa Carter, 1st Grade Teacher, North Elementary; Amy Wilkey 2nd Grade Teacher Parowan Elementary and Lance Gardner, 2nd grade, Escalante Valley.

to pursue higher education opportunities with certifications and internships in-hand.

"The (Iron County) School District wants to see more young people, better prepared to pursue educational and career opportunities in the high-tech industries," explained Cory Henwood, digital teaching and learning specialist, "With those unique skills that can fill employer needs and build up the local economy."

The "Teacher Kick-Off" focused on the individual partnerships came to introduce, display, and demonstrate with their own unique programs, applications and resources and a sample of animated and code-driven high-tech gadgets to explore.

The school district also exhibited the new keyboarding software for students (grades 2 through 5), and Osmo Coding Manipulatives and screen readers for early coding learning, in K through 1st, as well as Hour of Code activities from Code.org.

Henwood noted that (the STEM Center) and Southern Utah University

in local businesses.

Those who attended the kick-off were invited to enjoy SUU demonstrations of programmable robots, and other high-tech products that nurture creativity, problem-solving and highlights the demand in computing occupations. According to Henwood, the STEM grant will provide teachers with a wide spectrum of incredible technology, with resources and expertise that will now be available to them in the classroom.

Aside from the makey, makey, spheros and ozobots roaming across the gymnasium floor, there were displays by the FIRST LEGO League (with applications) developed to introduce young students to science concepts, teamwork and coding software displays (with built-in graders) to help students do "code" at their own pace.

"This Utah Stem Action Center grant has made these partnerships and opportunities for teachers and students possible — I know the teachers and their students will find this (way) Cool."

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Women volunteers are partners in police work

by Dawn M. **AERTS**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — Dawn Barnes is a volunteer with a large, extended family. Not only has she raised a handful of kids who became peace officers, but Barnes also serves as a community-volunteer with the Cedar City Police Department (CCPD) — part of what she describes as a “family of law enforcement.”

Barnes is one of a handful of volunteers who partner with police officers and staff to carry out the routine but practical duties necessary in public safety operations.

“Having spent a career in Corrections and 30 years as a volunteer with Search and Rescue, I have to say that law enforcement is a place that I am very comfortable being part of.”

Barnes and her husband relocated to Cedar City after her retirement from the California-based Corrections Department.

On any given day you can find Barnes and partner, Tami Watari, taking care of duties that require them to know the nuances of policy, ordinances, and procedures. “The volunteers may handle anything from on-site fingerprinting, or school traffic duties, to handing out ‘warning-slips’ for parking-code violations.”

She explained that officer-volunteers serve as a physical presence in the community, and more importantly, they free up full-time officers who carry out the more high-risk aspects of public safety work.” She says her tasks are varied in a program that requires the basics of CPR, and first aid training that may be needed if they should step into the role of First Responder.

When Barnes moved to Cedar City,



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CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS (LEFT TO RIGHT) Lonna Howard, Deb Fuller, Dawn Barnes, and Tami Watari are part of a 15-member volunteer program that handle officer support duties, and serve as the ‘eyes and ears’ for public safety in the community.

she looked for volunteer opportunities that she felt would directly benefit the community and provide interaction with a variety of people.

“I happened to stop into this particular police department, they offered me a tour, and it seemed to me that this was a very good fit with my background.”

According to Barnes, the 15-member volunteer unit provides training for individuals who work with alcohol and tobacco products; helps with routine vacation-checks and handles general office duties. Depending on an

individual’s personal interest, volunteers can be assigned to a variety of roles that support full-time officers in day-to-day operations.

“Sometimes that means writing a ‘warning tag’ for vehicle owners who park on streets past a 72 hour ordinance, or maybe helping with traffic patterns along a parade route,” says Barnes. “But I have to say it makes you feel good (as a volunteer) to be part of a great team and with Supervisors who show that they genuinely appreciate you.”

Barnes points out that Cedar City is a

beautiful town, but petty crime is all too common.

She points out that building or vehicle break-ins set off alarms for police to respond to on a regular basis.

“As a volunteer, I prefer partnering-up during the shift with another officer-volunteer. In many ways, that is a back-up for us, and then, we always have our radio-dispatcher to rely on.”

While much of Barnes’ day may involve educating and warning the public about the rules and regulations involving vehicle parking or residential codes, she explains that volunteers also give people a chance to voice a concern they might have, or express a problem they might have encountered in their neighborhood.

“You could say, we are the eyes and ears for the community, and officers too.”

Barnes and her husband, Chris, enjoy taking recreational trips as members of the Trail Blazers -- catching up on sewing projects, or serving in Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Iron County Sheriff’s Department. She explains that (VIPS) volunteers must meet selection criteria and complete training in radio use, motorist-assistance, wild-fire safety, traffic control, home-away checks and in first aid.

“I would really like to see many more women consider volunteering in police work,” Barnes said of her own experience, “It does require good communication skills and the ability to work with a wide variety of people — and law enforcement has always felt like family to me.”

For information on the CCPD volunteer program, contact Sgt. Jerry Womack (CCPD); for VIPS application, see the Iron County Sheriff’s Department, www.ironsheriff.net

Annual ‘Ladies Night’ returns in Parowan

by Craig **BENNETT**
Iron County Today

PAROWAN — The Christmas season is alive and well in Parowan.

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce held their annual “Ladies Night on Main” on Friday, December 8. Ladies Night included a visit from Santa Claus at the town Gazebo and a free Christmas Movie at the Parowan theatre.

Many of the local businesses participated in the event. Some included Parowan Visitors Center, Gadgets and Goodies, Little Moon Trading Post, Parowan Cafe, Bev’s Floral, Lavilla Mexican Restaurant, Alpine Lodging, Just Teasin and Tannin, Parowan Drug Store, Chevron/Champs Chicken and Calvario’s Family Restaurant.

Parowan Chamber of Commerce President Katti Lister said, “We just

wanted to do a night to get people on Main Street and help out our local businesses and to encourage people to shop local so we invited Santa to come along with the free Christmas movie at the theatre. All of the businesses participated and we’re giving away a gift basket at the end.”

Lister went on to say, “It’s really cold, but sitting out there with Santa listening to the Christmas music and watching all of the lights really puts you in the Christmas Spirit. It’s been a great turnout, especially seeing all the kids jump out of the cars and run up to Santa.”

“We’ve been holding the event for the last seven years. We just want to get everyone in the Christmas Spirit,” Jet Smith, Parowan City Events Coordinator, stated.

In a separate event, Parowan also held the annual “Sub for Santa.” Smith



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A NATIVITY SCENE WAS PART OF PAROWAN'S ‘LADIES NIGHT’ Christmas celebration on Dec. 8, an annual event ushering in the holiday season.

said, “We are with the Iron County Holiday Assistance program so we work with Cedar City. We take care of the kids from Paragonah, Brian head, Parowan, Summit and half of Enoch. Cedar City takes care of the rest. Were all on the same program including toys for tots. We’re all together. We took care of about 132 kids today.”

“Parowan people are very generous and they help out so much. These kids got a beautiful Christmas,” she added. “It includes a lot of hard work with many volunteers. For an entire week, we’ve been stacking food, stacking toys and separating clothing. Everything is new, everything is donated and it’s been very good.”

SUU student hoping to help Australian conservation

ANTHONY BRAUN IS USING HIS EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE to help with conservation efforts in Australia.



by Kelsey **KEENER**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — SUU student Anthony Braun is taking his education into his own hands by planning and managing a project that will contribute to conservation efforts in Australia.

Operation Kangaroo Jack is Braun's Capstone Project for SUU, as well as his fifth international project. After graduating with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in 2018, he plans to become a project manager. OKJ will also help him finish the 4,500 hours required to get the Project Management Professional certification. Braun also plans to commission as an officer in the US Army in the spring.

"What I see for myself, five years from now, is managing big projects," he said. "I hope to take all of this experience and knowledge on to the military and a civilian career, where I'm managing big projects and interacting with tons of networks of people."

A key focus of this project is assessing the Project Management Body of Knowledge guide. "Basically, I'm assessing project management," Braun said. "To do that I'm doing a series of projects through the school [SUU] and my biggest portion of the projects is in Australia. I'm learning all of the phases of project management – what takes place when you initiate a project, the planning, executing, monitoring and controlling a project and then how you close it out."

Braun has taught English and done construction projects in other countries, so in order to try something new he decided to make conservation another focus of OKJ.

"We need to focus a little bit more on conservation and maintaining this environment that we're in," he said. "This is sort of my test-the-waters-internationally project to see if it's something that I can do here after I graduate, and get into project managing with companies that are focusing on environmentalism, conservation and the big aspects of life."

After completing the planning and organizing of the project, Braun will travel to Australia for three weeks to see it through. The project will entail several hands-on undertakings, including restoring natural habitat, creating trails and self-sustaining aquaponics systems and planting trees.

Braun's biggest goal for the project is to be able to use what he learns from this project to make an impact in America by sharing his experience.

"I want to make it meaningful for the partnerships I have there, for myself and for the people back home," he said. "My intent is to bring this information back and share this information with the local schools, and hopefully broaden the minds of some people. As Americans, we tend to be ethnocentric ... so I want to share a perspective of 'hey this is what I've done in Australia and here's what possible in the world.'"

Braun plans to raise \$4,000 to cover travel costs and program fees by selling t-shirts, reaching out to community members and local businesses for sponsorship and potentially setting up a booth at different locations to raise awareness for his project.

Anyone interested in learning more about Operation Kangaroo Jack can find more information on Braun's website: <http://opkj.weebly.com>.



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BYU Alumni Community seeking service nominees

The BYU Alumni Association--Iron County Chapter is requesting nominees for their annual Community Service Award, and is offering free Vocal Point concert tickets in exchange for help.

The BYU Alumni Community Service Award will be presented at BYU's Vocal Point concert in Cedar City on Friday, March 30, 2018. Two free Vocal Point concert tickets will be given to the alum who receives the BYU Alumni Community Service Award, and two more free tickets will be given to whomever nominates the eventual winner.

The 2017 award was presented to Conrad Aitken, recently retired principal of Canyon View Middle School. Mr. Aitken was recognized for his personal care and attention to each student he worked with, and for the positive environment he created at CVMS.

Heather Stonely, chapter chair, said, "Please help us identify exemplary local BYU Alumni who deserve recognition. Nominate your favorite Iron County BYU Alum and tell how they are making the



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BYU'S VOCAL POINT WILL BE PERFORMING ON MARCH 30 as part of the college's Alumni Association Community Service Award program.

world a better place. It can be through service in the home, quiet service in the community, or more public service."

Email your nominations to ironcountybyualumni@gmail.com by January 15, 2018. Include:

- The name and contact information of the Iron County BYU Alum you are

nominating. (An alum is anyone who attended at least one year at BYU.)

- A detailed description of how they are serving in the community.
 - The contact information of their ecclesiastical leader.
 - Your name and contact information.
- All nominations will be submitted to

BYU and added to their alumni records.

Ticket winners will be notified by January 31. In the event of multiple people nominating the same alum, if that person is selected for the BYU Alumni Community Service Award, we will randomly draw a winner from all who nominated the recipient. The recipient and the nominator will each receive two free tickets to the Vocal Point concert on Friday, March 30.

Vocal Point is BYU's most popular performing group. In 2017, Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards (CARAs) awarded Vocal Point's "Homeward Bound (feat. The All-American Boys Chorus)" Best Classical Song and "Go the Distance (feat. The All-American Boys Chorus)" Best Movie/Musical Soundtrack Song.

Tickets for the Vocal Point concert are now available, and may be purchased at the Heritage Theater and Festival Hall, or at pam.byu.edu. Proceeds from the concert help provide scholarships for BYU students from Iron County.

Holiday lights dazzle once again for Make-A-Wish

CEDAR CITY — Ben Hohman and Marielle Boneau will once again be doing their holiday light display at 26 North 1150 West in Cedar City. This will be the 13th year of the display. As part of the display, donations are collected for Make-A-Wish® Utah.

The Display has raised over \$12,500 for Make-A-Wish® in the 12 years it has been running. They also donate the value of their December power bill to the organization. Donations can be made at the display or online at the light display web page: <http://benhprops6.wix.com/holidaylights> which has a link to the

Make-A-Wish® Utah online donation site.

The lights in the front of the home as well as many of the lights in the backyard are choreographed to "dance" with 20 Christmas songs. The display includes a walk down "Candy Cane Lane," which leads through the back yard.

This year the display includes over 59,000 lights, 58 plastic blow-molds, 17 lighted deer sculptures, 29 inflatables, a home made nine foot wreath, 3 wire-frame animated sculptures, and much more. The display lights up each evening from 5:30 to 10 p.m. running through December 31.

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IT WAS A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER AS GLADYS KNIGHT PERFORMED A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at the America First Event Center on December 7. Bringing her heart and harmony to Cedar City, she continues to inspire audiences with her charm, wit and a voice that has not only won hearts, but the talented great-grandma has won several Grammys and numerous music awards, including a lifetime-achievement award.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

"A Very In Jubilo Christmas Special" Dec. 14

CEDAR CITY — The director of In Jubilo Community Women's Chorale, Jackie Jackson, said, "If you only have time to go to one concert, this holiday season, this should be the one!" The comfortable predictability of well-known Christmas carol tunes arranged in new and exciting ways will give energy and joy to this celebratory and fun season. The concert was modeled on the 1960's Andy Williams Special, that families would gather around to watch. There is something for everyone.

It will be performed on Thursday, Dec. 14, starting at 7 p.m. in the Canyon Middle School auditorium, at 1865 N. Main Street in Cedar City.

In Jubilo will be joined by Southern Utah Children's Choir, directed by Melissa Leavitt, and Southern Utah Handbell Choir, directed by Ken and Sandy Hedgecock, to bring the

warmth and beauty of Christmas right to everyone's hearts. The children's choir will be singing "The First Noel," and with In Jubilo will be singing a fun arrangement of Jingle Bells called "Jingle Thru the Snow," arranged by Melissa Leavitt.

Many of In Jubilo's numbers will have soloists along with the chorus: Pamela Lewis in "I'll be Home for Christmas," Richard Waldron in "Way Down in Bethlehem," Ruth Fotheringham in "O Holy Night," and Kristina Maggio in "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Melissa LeBaron and Valerie Wainwright will do a duet of "The Holly and the Ivy." A double trio, directed by Suzanne Tegland, will perform "A Blue Christmas."



Acoustic Music Association presents December concert

CEDAR CITY — Iron County Acoustic Music Association (ICAMA) presents singer-songwriter and Groovefest alum Karyn Whittemore in a solo acoustic performance on Friday, December 15, at Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2279 Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City.

Opening for Karyn is folk and Americana singer-songwriter Kenny Russel. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m.

Karyn is well known in southwest Utah as a troubador with her own unique style. With influences from artists like Kate Bush, Liz Phair, Lou Reed and Sarah McLachlan, Karyn's songs are passionate and sometimes a little quirky, with occasional spiritual to mystical overtones. Karyn contrasts her soothing picking style on the acoustic guitar by paying homage to her classical roots on the piano. Karyn customizes her sound with additional live cuts from electronic looping devices.

She has produced and recorded two albums with best song and best album nominations from JPF, and has also been nominated by New Artist Radio as best new artist.

Kenny Russell formed his first band, "The Nite Lites," at age 14. Soon after, he played major clubs and resorts in the northwest and became the opening act for Frank Sinatra, Jr. Kenny began writing and performing original songs while living in North Carolina. He acquired considerable recording and studio experience after moving to southern California and formed the "Kenny Russell Band." The band headlined at famed clubs such as The Palomino, The Cowboy and other major venues in the Southwest.

Kenny connects with his audience through his wit, warm personality and his insightful music. He has earned several honorable mentions in the Billboard



MUSICIANS KENNY RUSSEL, LEFT, AND KARYN WHITEMORE will entertain at the Acoustic Music Association's December Concert Friday night.

Songwriters Contest, and won best song in the Las Vegas Songwriters competition. Kenny compliments his song writing and vocal talents with his original Folk and Americana style.

A suggested donation of \$5 per person will go to



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the musicians and to promote live acoustic music in Iron County.

For information on this and other upcoming live music events, check out the ICAMA Facebook page, ICAMAmusic.



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CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA on Sunday night in Parowan.

'The Music of Christmas' coming to Parowan Dec. 17

PAROWAN — Are you weary of the over commercialization of Christmas? Are you longing for something to help you and your family feel the true spirit of Christmas? If so, join us on Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m. in the LDS chapel on Parowan Main Street for the annual Christmas Cantata.

The cantata is one of Parowan's most treasured and beautiful Christmas traditions. This lovely program, "The Music of Christmas," is steeped in the humble, but eloquent, true spirit of the holiday as the story of the first Christmas is told in song and narrative.

This musical tradition began in 1944 when a group of music lovers got together and decided to choose some Christmas music and mold it into a special

evening of entertainment to celebrate the holiday. The script is familiar quotes from scripture and the songs take you on a journey to meet the Christ Child on the day of his birth.

Some of the first renditions were performed by combining some local singing groups: The Victory Singers, Yankee Singers, with the M.I.A. Many talented musicians have participated over the years. It is now performed by a combined choir from the Parowan Stake, directed by Spencer Kohler with Leslie Nims at the piano.

Following the performance, refreshments will be served in the Old Rock Church provided by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

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Nutcracker Year in Cedar City!

by Mary Anne **ANDERSEN**
Cedar City Arts Council

It is Nutcracker year in Cedar City and I am happy about it.

I know some individuals whose artistic and cultural tastes are impeccable. They support artistic endeavors of all kinds—theatre, visual art, literature, and music, of which their knowledge is vast. But, they hate the Nutcracker Ballet! Well, maybe “hate” is too strong a term, but they never attend a performance, and they have nothing good to say about it.

I can't understand their aversion to it. The music alone is worth making a trip to the nearest production. I could sit there with my eyes closed, just letting that beautiful music swell my heart, and feel rewarded for attending. Tchaikovsky knew how to write measures of music that seemed to propel the dancers. Choreographers love to direct to his music and dancers love to move to it. The music from the Nutcracker is firmly embedded in our Christmas memories.

I have seen the ballet numerous times, in San Francisco more than once, and several times in Salt Lake City. In Fresno, California, one year, my father-in-law died on December 11 and I was looking for some way to mitigate my mother-in-law's sorrow. I practically forced her to go to the local production of the Nutcracker with me. Afterward, with tear-stained faces, we agreed that Christmas had been salvaged to a measurable degree.

I would love to see the new Ballet West production. It has received a \$3 million renovation for this season, including new costumes, special effects, and scenery. The backdrops are designed after the paintings of the beloved James Christensen, adding what the designers call a touch of whimsy. Costumes are adorned with Swarovski crystals, and the Prince is in tails instead of a military jacket. The opening party scene is set in the style of the 1820's, with empire waistlines instead of bustles.

My favorite character, one that is never present in the traveling shows we get here, is Mother Buffoon. She is a larger-than-life character with skirts wide enough to hide several little dancers. Often they have been tiny clowns, children of maybe six that emerge and tumble about the stage, much to the delight of the audience. At the end of their music, they return to hide under the buffoon's voluminous skirt and she leaves the stage to much applause.

This year, Ballet West has designed a queen bee, with little bees that scamper out when she tilts her dress up.

The growing Christmas tree will have a 3-D effect this year. It is my favorite music, with a theme that goes on and on until you feel that you must gasp for air with the beauty of it.

I would love to be there, but, alas, that won't happen. But we have our own traveling production here, on December 15, at the Heritage Theater, 7:30 p.m. The music, though canned, is the same, and the Sugar Plum Fairy will be graceful and lovely. What's not to love?



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IN JUBILO CHOIR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN REHEARSING for this year's performance.

IN JUBILO

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As the President of In Jubilo says, “Christmas music erases the separation of religion and secular life, helping people move outside the everyday routine of work and self to thinking and doing for those in need.”

The admission to this concert is one can of food to be given to Iron County Care and Share.

Barbara Kuehl, a member of our Iron County community and a regular attender to nearly all local music and theatre events, said, “Your women's chorus is fantastic. Thanks for your talent and sharing it with the community.”

Christmas at the Fort coming to Enoch

ENOCH — It's a holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 16, with Christmas at the Fort with the Enoch Orchestra.

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Master Singers name new interim conductor

CEDAR CITY — The Cedar City Master Singers have appointed Allan Lee as their interim conductor for their upcoming Christmas concert to be held Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center Theatre.

Lee has taken a passionate role as an advocate for music education since he started teaching music in 1991. He currently teaches 450 band students at Cedar Middle School, where he also serves as Department Chair, ICSD Fine Arts Curriculum Development Specialist, Building Leadership team leader, and serves on the Trust Lands committee.

He and his cohort, David Palmer, have developed an innovative and individualized band program that helps students progress according to their abilities. They have been asked to share their successes at state and regional events and have helped other teachers instigate similar programs in their schools.

The Cedar Middle School bands have been recognized at the state level and have received the highest honors at every festival they have attended. The top CMS bands play at a level that rivals many high school bands.

This past year, Lee received the

Utah Music Educators Association's Outstanding Middle School Music Educator of the Year award.

To help his students have the opportunity to perform, Lee was instrumental in starting the Cedar City Middle School Band Festival. He tries to give back to the community through school and private performances at long-term care facilities, hospitals, celebrations, ceremonies, religious functions and parades.

Prior to coming to Cedar City, he taught choir, Madrigals, show choir, concert band, jazz band, Russian, drama and reading at Beaver and Moab high schools.

Sgt. Allan Lee served as a Russian linguist in the U.S. Army for eight years. During his term of service, he fought in Desert Storm. He is fluent in Cantonese and Russian.

He and his wife have four children and seven grandchildren.

SIDEBAR:

Julie Beck, pianist, organist, accompanist and singer, has been granted the Sandgren Award and will receive the award at the Master Singers concert on Dec. 17. Julie has enriched the lives of thousands as she shared her great talents throughout Iron County and elsewhere.

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CHRISTMAS — at the — HOMESTEAD

A Family Friendly Christmas Tradition

by Rachelle **HUGHES**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — A vintage Christmas experience complete with storytelling, Santa, and old fashioned Christmas decor was offered during the 4th annual Christmas at the Homestead, December 4 to 8 at Frontier Homestead Park State Park Museum.

The Utah Shakespeare Festival and Frontier Homestead partnered together to bring a unique family-friendly, creative and interactive Christmas event to Cedar City. The experience begins with volunteers decked out in pioneer holiday attire as they invited visitors to listen to a different entertainer each night, make Christmas crafts like hand dipped candles, rag dolls and clothespin snowmen or take pictures in the Model T. Entertainers included local favorites like the Washburn Family Band, Suzuki Strings and Marty Burton and the Homegirls.

As visitors meandered onto the grounds they found a beautifully lighted village of historic homes and buildings. The Utah Shakespeare Festival donated its collection of Christmas lights and created an enchanting scene designed by Festival Properties Director Ben Hohman. Each of the homes and museum buildings featured a themed tree with handmade ornaments. A fiber artisan tree featured ornaments handmade with yarn and fiber, while the sheep shearing shed Christmas tree was decked out with a Christmas tree with all wool ornaments and the Festival's two complete miniature lighted Christmas villages.

Along the way, Santa was found waiting to visit with children and the schoolhouse had free cinnamon rolls and cinnamon frosted waffles. Another stop warmed chilled wanderers with hot chocolate and peppermint popcorn. Each corner of the museum grounds offered a discovery and those more willing to adventure into the corners would find a storyteller in the stockade, a blacksmith working in the cold and even an all steel and iron Christmas tree. This charming event only costs \$5 a family and for Festival Media and Public Relations Manager, it continues to be one of his favorite Festival events.

It is one of my favorite events because it is so tied to the community," Stavros said as he strolled through the grounds.



Calendar

Wed, Dec 13

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., council chambers
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'THE PATH TO TRUE RICHES', Vernon Howard. Notice yourself being 'self-absent' and correct it by keeping your mind where your body is. 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park (Rare Books Room). A 25-minute video followed by casual discussion. The Literary Club. For more information, call Manny at 435-559-3333.

Thurs, Dec 14

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

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

PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP, 2:30 p.m., Brookdale Sr. Living Center, 995 S. Regency Road, Cedar City.

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, Color Country Chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m., 593 N. 1450 West, Cedar City.

CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS, 5 and 7:30 p.m., school auditorium. Admission is free.

IN JULIO WOMEN'S CHOIR-CHRISTMAS ON THE AIR, 7 p.m. Canyon View Middle School, Cedar City.

Fri, Dec 15

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

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NUTCRACKER BALLET, 7:30 p.m., Heritage Theatre, Cedar City.

Sat, Dec 16

YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET, every Saturday rain or shine, 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot across from Pastry Pub. Local vegetables, greens, fruit, herbs, baked goods, artisan cheese, live plants, flowers, jams, raw honey, farm fresh eggs, and more. Also every Wednesday, same location, 4 to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY MARKET, 9am-1pm every Sat. @ IFA, 905 S. Main. Good weather outside - bad weather inside. Farmers with vegetables, fruits, eggs, honey, baked goods & breads, meats, tamales, food vendors, hand-crafted items including soaps, lotions, jewelry, clothing, home décor and gifts for all ages. For more info call 435-463-3735.

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.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FORT WITH THE ENOCH ORCHESTRA, 6-8:30 p.m., 5546 North 1400 East, Enoch. Admission is free.

Sun, Dec 17

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

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

COMMUNITY MINDFULNESS MEDITATION, 4 p.m., St. Judes Episcopal Church, 89 North 200 West, Cedar City. This is facilitated by Amber Gower. This is a guided meditation open to the public. It is non denominational and free to all looking for guidance in group meditation. Phone 435-590-4092 for more information.

MASTER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7 p.m., Heritage Theatre, Cedar City.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA, 6 p.m., LDS Chapel at 90 S. Main, Parowan. Refreshments provided by DUP.

Mon, Dec 18

COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL, 7-10 a.m., 155 East 400 South in Cedar City. Paddles and balls supplied. For more information call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City. For questions call 586-2437.

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

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

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

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 1 to 5:30 p.m., Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City. For questions call 586-2437.

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

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

'VEDANTA, A MEANS OF KNOWLEDGE', James Swartz. Learn who you REALLY are. The means of knowledge that removes your doubts. 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park (Rare Books Room). A 25-minute video followed by casual discussion. The Literary Club. For more information, call Manny at 435-559-3333.

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Religion

Cultural Celebration held before LDS temple events

by Corey BAUMGARTNER
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — It was an evening of celebration and inspiration in honor of the newly constructed temple in Cedar City. The theme, “A Light on the Hill and Iron in our Will,” signifies the sacred mission and power of the temple and the faith and fortitude that comes to all those who keep that light shining brightly within their hearts and their lives by keeping the commandments and covenants of God.

The main mission of the cultural celebration held Saturday was to honor the heritage, culture and legacy of Cedar City and the surrounding areas, and also to connect the youth and the audience to the spirit of the temple through dance and song. Performances included tributes to the Native Americans, the majestic Utah mountains, the historic and heroic quilt-walk, the iron miners, and reaching through the veil to our pioneer ancestors of the past. One performer, Clain Heaton, was excited to finally get to perform and see the temple completed. “I’ve been looking forward to this since they announced it,” he said.

Preparation for the celebration began back in August and the event combined more than 3,700 youth, ages 12-18, and their leaders from 106 LDS wards and 14 LDS stakes within eastern Nevada and southwestern Utah. The challenge was how to tell such an inspiring story in such a short period of time and with such a large number of youth from such a vast area.

Director and producer of the cultural celebration, Michael Bahr, was the perfect person for the task. Bahr is a natural communicator and connector—with his professional teaching and leadership skills perfected during his current professional calling as the education director at the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Bahr brought together not only the youth, but many other talented people that helped make every aspect of the production an inspiring success. A success which he knows that the Lord was in the logistics every step of the way.

“From the very get-go inspiration came in small ways from different people,” he said. “It’s about listening to other voices, not just your own.”

Bahr’s love for performing is eclipsed only by his love for those he is honored to teach and to work with. “I want the youth to know that they have been part of something that is more than a once in a lifetime experience; it is a one-time experience and they were part of it and were successful. It connects them to those who went before, and they will be able to tell others that they were part of the celebration.” He added, “There are people beyond the veil, both those in the past and those waiting to come who are interested in the story we’re about to tell.”

Lisa Allen, a committee member of the temple cultural celebration committee noted, “There is no playbook for cultural celebrations. There were a million little challenges and million little miracles to go



PHOTO More than 3,700 youth participated in Saturday night’s Cultural Celebration in the America First Event Center.



YOUTH AND LEADERS FROM 104 WARDS celebrated the heritage, culture and history of Cedar City and surrounding areas.



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

along with them.” In the end, like many who have loved this pioneer performance of hard and heart work, she expressed, “It will be bittersweet because I’ve loved being a part of this and seeing people’s talents and abilities. It’s been miraculous.”

Prior to the performance, leaders from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were welcomed warmly into the America First Event Center. The youth cheered loudly as President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, accompanied by Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and other church leaders made their way into the arena and onto the stage to watch the performances. President Eyring also shared a few heartfelt and inspiring words of wisdom to the youth.

“You will never forget this night. Years from now you will bring your children back here. You will tell them how you felt as you participated in this great cultural celebration before the dedication of the beautiful temple of God. The reason for this event is for you to express your love and appreciation for all whose sacrifice and faithfulness made it possible for the Lord to give us the blessing of a magnificent temple of God here in this place.” He added, “Tonight you honor those heroes and their faith and sacrifice. They were pioneers who chose to follow the Lord wherever he needed them and to serve whatever the cost. Each of you who perform tonight is such a hero yourself. You worked hard to prepare for this event.”

Shelby Townsend, one of the heroic performers, agreed. “I look forward to being able to tell my kids that I was a part of this and inspire them to go the temple with me.” Another performer, Andrew Maxwell, said he was looking forward to using the experience as, “A wonderful opportunity to talk about our church with those who aren’t members.”

Then, speaking of the importance of the experience, President Eyring counseled, “My dear young friends, when you go home tonight, write in your journal what you saw and felt this evening. That record will help you when you tell your children and grandchildren what it meant to be a part of the celebration of a completion of the temple of God in Cedar City.”

In closing, he emphasized the memories from the experience. “I bless you that your determination to follow the Lord, Jesus Christ will grow and will remain with you. I bless you that this experience tonight will stay in your memory like a light and will draw you back to the light of the temple, time and time again.”

Echoing those sentiments, Peter Ipson said of his experience, “I want to remember the whole thing; that I was part of the memory.” This night was full of memories and was much more than a celebration. It was a connection to an historical past and the weaving and leaving of a legacy that will inspire and bless generations yet to come in Cedar City and beyond.

Metamorphosis



The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

Remember the classic children's story about the hungry caterpillar? Its sole mission in life was to find food. Each day of the week it ate something different, but it was still hungry. One day it ate so much that it got sick. Eventually, it built a nice little cocoon for itself and went to sleep. When it woke up it discovered a miraculous metamorphosis had taken place. The hungry caterpillar that crawled around searching for food, was now a beautiful butterfly. It could explore a world it had never seen, or even imagined during its search to satisfy its stomach.

Where are you in your life, right now? Are you truly happy where you're at and with what you're doing? Do you feel fulfilled, or are you just filling up time searching for things that do not edify and never seem to truly satisfy? There are plenty of ruts in this world that appear to be fun and fulfilling, but like junk food, will only leave you hungry for more, until you get sick.

Maybe it's time for your own miraculous metamorphosis? Are you stuck in your cocoon? Maybe you don't want to be a caterpillar, but don't believe you can be a butterfly, either? I've found that it's difficult to receive the butterfly blessings of life while I'm still living like a caterpillar.

I get it, cocoons can be comfy. But are they comfortable only because they've become familiar? What if you're meant to be more than a hungry caterpillar, or stuck in a cocoon all of your life? I also get that breaking free is scary! It takes time and effort. Do you remember in elementary school, when that long-awaited moment arrived when the butterfly finally begins breaking free from its cocoon?

There's an awkward struggle. Perhaps you wanted to help the butterfly by reaching out and remove the rest of the cocoon? Then, you learned that the butterfly needed the struggle to strengthen its wings.

It's similar to our lives. No one that I know of likes to struggle. In today's world, not having wi-fi or two-day shipping is considered a struggle! But we can't fear change, or improvements just because there is struggle in the change. Like the butterfly, beginning to break free from the cocoon is great, but without the struggle, the butterfly won't be able to be all it was created to be. Without its wings being strengthened by the struggle of casting off the cocoon, it would fall helpless to the ground.

This week, I challenge you to become more like a butterfly. Don't fear the silence, solitude or struggle of the cocoon. Embrace it and let it transform you, but don't stay stuck. Begin to break out and when it gets difficult, don't let the struggle tempt or transform you back into a comfortable, hungry caterpillar. You were created for something much more. It's time to spread your wings and go find out what that is!

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People

Missions

Sister DeMille

Sister Shantel Connie DeMille, daughter of Greg and Becky DeMille of Cedar City, has been called to serve in the Sydney, Australia mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, departing Dec. 20. She will be speaking in the Cedar 2nd Ward on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. The church is located at 256 S. 900 West in Cedar City.



Sister Callison

Rachel Callison is leaving to serve in the England London South Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will be speaking in church December 17 at 1 p.m., 2233 E Village Green Rd. She is the daughter of Dave and Cathie Callison.



Madison Taylor Clark

Madison Taylor Clark of Cedar City, Utah, has been called to serve in the Alpine German-Speaking mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This mission includes Switzerland, Southern Germany, Austria and Liechtenstein. Madison enters the England MTC in Preston, England on December 29, 2017. Madison will be speaking on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 9



a.m. at the Historic LDS Rock Church, located at 75 East Center Street, Cedar City. Madison is the daughter of Dr. Gary and Janet Clark of Cedar City.



Sister Yardley

Whitney Yardley has been called to the Hungary Budapest Mission. She will report to the MTC January 3. Her farewell is December 17 at 1 p.m. at the Cross Hollow Stake Center, located on 2830 W Cody Dr., Cedar City, Utah. Whitney is the daughter of Randy and Kim Yardley.

91st Birthday

Mel Aldrich

Happy 91st birthday to Mel Aldrich of Cedar City! Love from your family: Your wife, Zoe; children Dan (Karen), John (Donna), Debbie (John); grandchildren Dena (Mike), Mika, Tom (Becky), Christina (Jeremy), James (Emily), and Joe (Nicki); and great grandchildren Madison, Collins, Natalie, Milla, Cate, Johnathon, Liam, Jameson and Grace! We love you very much!



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Plan to recycle, repurpose items this holiday season

According to www.ecocycle.org, Americans create 25 percent more trash during the holidays. That trash is produced by excess food scraps, disposable plates, cups, etc. that don't make it to a recycle bin, wrapping paper, and much more. However, we can all pitch in a bit with just a little advanced planning.

Gift bags/tissue » A trend of many years has been to "wrap" gifts using paper gift bags with colored tissue paper. How can this be turned into a positive move? Select a durable bag and just slightly crumple tissue that can be re-used by the receiver. Think how fun it could be to have the friend or family member gift something in return using the same bag!

Gift Boxes » Many gift boxes today are already decorative and do not really need wrapping paper. If you decide to add ribbon or bows, be conservative. To make the boxes reusable, consider fewer pieces of tape or perhaps small "glue dots" that can be easily removed from inside the box lid after it is opened. If tape is used, a straight edge, scissors or a knife could cut the tape without tearing the box.

Gift Wrap » There are so many beautiful, cute, trendy rolls of wrapping paper available! The foil wrapping paper can be especially bright and shiny. To be an effective recycler, however, consider using wrapping paper that can be placed in a recycling bin or used as kindling in the fireplace or wood-burning stove. Foil wrap cannot be recycled as "paper." Also, consider using some type of alternative wrap—perhaps simply tie ribbon around the gift without paper.

Packaging Peanuts/Air Bags » On-line orders may be received boxed up with packaging paper, foam peanuts or air bags inside. Some of these can be stored for future use- even to ship returns or exchanges.

Batteries: Most families will need at least a few batteries for new toys or electronics this Christmas. Consider purchasing re-chargeable batteries for those items you know will need to have batteries replaced often due to frequent use.

Christmas Cards » There are still many folks who send and receive annual Christmas/holiday cards this time of year. One suggestion for recycling these cards is to cut the card in two halves- save whichever side of the card that does not have handwriting on it. Tape a new front or back to the card where children can either create a new hand-drawn cover picture or write a personal greeting

inside. There are many decorative types of Duct Tape or clear packaging tape may be used. Depending on the cover design, portions might be cut out and used as gift tags.

Storage Space » A concern some may have about storing excess packaging and supplies from year-to-year is the lack of space and actually remembering what you do or do not have on hand. Some have opted to have one or more totes stored with Christmas decorations. If the container is stored elsewhere, an updated inventory can be placed with the decorations while the actual items may be elsewhere.

Live Christmas Trees » Watch local newspapers and municipal newsletters for guidance on donating your tree after the holidays. Most trees are chipped and/or mulched. These are then donated back to the community for yard and garden use.

Electronics or Small Engines »



Kathy's CORNER

by Kathleen RIGGS
Utah State University Extension

Americans create 25% more trash during the holidays

Are you replacing a monitor, a laptop or perhaps an electric drill or saw? Anything with a small motor or electronic panel? Consider donating it to your local 4-H program for youth to use in "Maker" projects where youth learn to disassemble, repair, and/or rebuild items.

Cell Phones/Glasses » Instead of storing these items in a drawer where they will be forgotten and never used again, watch for opportunities to donate used cell phones to the military and prescription glasses to opticians who prepare them and donate to international humanitarian projects.

Choosing to do even one of the above suggestions- or coming up with something on your own- is a step in the right direction.

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Schools



COURTESY PHOTO

KIMBER ACADEMY'S BELLA VOCE' CHOIR performed at the Dickens Festival on Dec. 2.

Kimber Academy students share talents, give service

It has been a busy time of year at Kimber Academy full of service, fun, and learning. After the Thanksgiving holiday, the school hosted a book fair run by the senior class to earn money for the Christmas jar that will be donated to a family in need this Christmas season.

On Thursday, November 30, we celebrated our Night of Talents. At this event both of our choirs sang beautifully, the dance class performed some very entertaining dances, the Tae Kwon Do class demonstrated the awesome skills they have learned, and two of our students honored one of their ancestors in a presentation about their ancestor's life. Each of the students also displayed some of their academic work, some of their sewing projects made in sewing class,

and their art work created in art class including paintings and nativity pieces created from clay. It all made for a very fun night!

Our Bella Voce' choir had the privilege of singing at the Dickens Festival on Saturday, December 2. Four members of the choir sang solos and the choir did a wonderful job of bringing in the true meaning of Christmas through music. Before their performance at the festival the choir had the opportunity to sing for the residents at The Retreat, an assisted living facility. They also sang for the residents at Bella Terra, a rehabilitation and care center on Dec. 6.

We look forward to more service, learning, and fun through the remainder of the year and in the year to come!

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Schools

Elementary school play at PHS

PAROWAN — The Christmas Candle: a new musical based on the book by Richard Paul Evans, will be performed at 6 p.m. Dec. 14-16 at the Parowan High School auditorium, 168 N Main Street.

Admission is free, as a gift to the community from Parowan Elementary students and their PTO organization.



COURTESY OF GATEWAY ACADEMY

STUDENTS AT GATEWAY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, with many others participating schools, to create small collages representing the National Parks in Utah. These collages will fit into small plastic globe ornaments and the finished ornaments will be juried and twelve of them will be sent to hang on the Utah tree in Washington D.C.. The remaining ornaments will be on display in SUMA for the holiday season. The Pathway of Peace is a walkway surrounding the National Christmas Tree in Washington D.C. that features 56 state and territory trees decorated with hand made ornaments that are unique to each tree. Four of the twelve ornaments selected to hang on the Utah tree in Washington D.C. came from Gateway! Those selected were Liang Chen, Isaac Everett, Hannah Hughes, and KayLee Gregersen! Congratulations to all those who participated and were part of such a special event.

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Iron County School District

Enoch Elementary

Mr. Daniel Ekker would like to thank parents for all the support they give the teachers at Enoch Elementary. He is appreciative and humbled by the number of parents who volunteer in our school and help their students be successful. Mr. Ekker would also like to remind parents to label student's coats and jackets.

Fourth grade students had the opportunity to attend a women's basketball game December 5th, at SUU. The college paid for each student's tickets and provided them with a bag of popcorn and pizza. Thank you SUU for your generosity. Students had a great time.

Enoch Elementary teachers learned about robotics and implementing technology into their classrooms at the STEM open house at North Elementary December 6. There were many different booths where teachers could participate in hands-on learning with STEM products.

School will be closed for winter break December 21-January 2. Please continue to read daily and fill in your reading calendars during the break.

Three Peaks Elementary

On Wednesday, December 6, the PTA sponsored, "Pastries and Parents" in the gym. We had over 400 parents attend this event with their children. It was so nice to see them eating muffins or doughnuts and reading Christmas stories together. Thank you for your hard work PTA and thank you to the constant parental support we feel at Three Peaks Elementary.



Our next Marvin and Jessie assembly will be held on December 13 at 12:55 pm. We will be learning about Courtesy.

South Elementary

South would like to congratulate our Volunteer of the Year. Danielle DeMille has been an integral part of our school's success. Last year she organized a fundraiser that amassed over \$17,000! Way to go Danielle! That money, along with money donated by several local businesses, our own PTA funds, and some from our school fund allowed us to purchase ChromeBooks for our third, fourth, and fifth grades.

In addition to that great news, we also want to

congratulate Michele Griffith and Cheryl Savage as our Team of the Year. These two make an amazing team that assists our principal in the daily occurrences that require office attention. Congratulations everyone! Thank you for making South the most amazing school to be a part of!



OUR PTA PRESIDENT JANE CLAYTON AND DANIELLE DEMILLE, our Volunteer of the Year.



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Canyon View Middle

The Hope Squad at Canyon View Middle School has put out a challenge to all Houses-LOOK FOR KINDESS AMONGST YOUR PEERS. Students have been recognizing kindness then writing about it on a strip of paper. These strips have been put together in a large chain that represents each House. The House with the most acts of kindness recognized will receive a treat. It has been wonderful to see the students help and appreciate one another.



As a school, we are collecting money to help those less fortunate at Christmas. Each class has a Christmas Jar in which the donation can be placed. If every student brought in \$1, we would raise about \$1000. This will go a long way to help some families during the holidays.

Make sure to attend the Christmas Spectacular on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 either at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. The band, orchestra and choirs will perform. There will also be a festival of trees and an art show.

North Elementary

One of North Elementary's masterful teachers, Kerstin Bolton, was honored with the "Ann Adamson Excellence in Teaching Award" from SUU's teacher education department and funded by Iron Fist Tae Kwon Do. Iron Fist's sensei, Johnny Oh, funds the award each year in honor of his American mother, Ann Adamson, a professor of teacher education at UVU. Kerstin was chosen because of her excellence in the classroom and for the way she mentors pre-service teachers placed there by SUU's Department of Teacher Education. We are very proud of our Kerstin and all our fine teachers at North!

Parowan Elementary

It's an exciting time of year for Parowan Elementary! Our school's Christmas program will be on December 13. We will perform twice, once in the morning at 9 a.m. and again in the evening at 6 p.m. in the Parowan High School Auditorium. The title for this year's program is "Let It Be Christmas." The public is invited to both performances. Come and feel the spirit of Christmas.

The students at Parowan Elementary and the Parowan Elementary Parent Teacher Organization are presenting the play The Christmas Candle. It will be performed from Thursday, Dec. 14 through Saturday, Dec. 16 in the Parowan High School Auditorium. It begins at 6 p.m. and everyone is invited; admission is free. It is based on the book The Christmas Candle by Richard Paul Evans.

To make the season even more meaningful, we will continue our tradition of singing in the halls beginning on December 18 until our winter break.

People say there is no such thing as a free lunch. This is not always true. We have a very generous, anonymous donor in Parowan who paid the balance for our students who owe money for lunch. This warms our hearts and is evidence of the true Christmas spirit of giving. Thank you!

Cedar Middle

CMS Horticulture club has completed their terrarium projects. Students planted, grew, and monitored various herb plants and transplanted them to homemade terrariums. Symphonic Band and the Concert Band performed wonderfully during their concerts on December 7. Come listen to the 6th Grade Band on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The Intermediate 6th Grade Band will play at 5:30 p.m. The Advanced 6th Grade Band will play at 7:30 p.m. JV Band will play on Thursday, December 14 at 6 p.m.



THE CMS HORTICULTURE CLUB planted, grew, and monitored herbs for terrarium projects.

Obituaries

Cynthia Jeanette Bradford



August 27, 1965-November 20, 2017
Cynthia Jeanette Bradford, beloved by many, passed away suddenly the morning of November 20, 2017, at the age of 52, from anaphylactic shock. She was born August 27, 1965, in Cedar City, Utah, and was raised by loving parents, Richard and Barbara Batt.

Cindy graduated with honors from Parowan High School in 1983. After graduation, she attended Southern Utah State College where she again earned high honors, as well as an Associates Degree of Applied Science in 1985.

She married her eternal sweetheart, Kelly Barton Bradford, in the St. George Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in June of 1985. She lived the last 30 years in Blanding, Utah, where she shared her love and many talents with family and friends. She spent her days loyally caring for her husband, children and eventually her grandchildren.

Cindy radiated love and acceptance and had the ability to make fast friends with everyone she met. She brought life into every room with her beautiful smile and laughter. Cindy had the voice of an angel and readily used her talent to bless many with her heavenly gift, from singing lullabies to her children to leading the music in sacrament meeting.

When Cindy wasn't inside her home or making wonderful meals, you could find her digging and planting in her amazing garden, day or night.

Cindy was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and continuously and faithfully served in various callings. Her most recent calling was serving as Primary president at the White Mesa Branch. She loved serving others and especially loved teaching and singing with the Primary children.

Cindy will be greatly missed by her husband, Kelly; their five children and their spouses: Charles (Heidi) Bradford, Mandy (Tyrel) Wilcox, Spencer (Kayden) Bradford, Logan (Ashlee) Bradford, and Porter Bradford, who is currently serving in the Ukrain K'viv Mission.

She is survived by her parents, Richard and Barbara Batt; older brother Rich (Sherri) Batt; and younger sister Rachel Batt. She left behind nine precious grandchildren. She will shortly send off one more sweet grandchild from Heaven.

Eric Raynold Dennett



Eric Raynold Dennett, age 56, passed away suddenly on December 6, 2017. A man of limitless ingenuity, empathy and selflessness will be impossibly missed by those that knew him.

On May 13, 1961, Eric was born to Raynold Dennett and Nancie Morris amidst an uncharacteristic snowfall of over 12 inches in Cedar City, Utah. The first of three sons to Raynold and Nancie, he was reminded of this historical weather phenomenon each year as the morning of his birthday came about.

Eric married Lori K. Smith in the St. George LDS Temple on June 17, 1983. As an inseparable pair they had five sons-Nathan, Stephen, Sterling, Michael and Walker.

While raising five unruly boys, Eric managed to create a rewarding plumbing business where he had the opportunity to pass both his industriousness and intrepid work ethic onto his boys. More recently, he was exposed as the softhearted man we knew him to be whenever he was around his seven grandchildren who all lovingly referred to him as "Papa."

A tremendous void has been left within our ranks, as those close to him no longer have the luxury of requesting his mechanical and engineering expertise that is typically bestowed upon only those with a graduate degree in each respective field.

Eric is survived by his wife of 34 years, Lori, his mother Nancie, his brother Ryan (Ginger) of Las Vegas, sons Nathan (Jaclyn), Stephen (Ashlee), Sterling (Jessika), Michael, and Walker of Cedar City. He will be lovingly remembered by his seven grandchildren; Kailey, Abigail, Madison and Connor (Nathan & Jaclyn); Harper and Raegan (Stephen & Ashlee); Linkyn (Sterling & Jessika).

He was preceded in death by his father Raynold, and his brother Curtis.

A viewing for family was held on Monday, December 11, followed by a graveside service for friends and family at 11 a.m. at the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com

Cody James Marshall



Cody James Marshall, 23, passed away on December 2, 2017 in Seattle, Washington. He was born October 24, 1994, in Cedar City, Utah, to Tim and Natalie Marshall, older brother to Ashlee, Hunter and Randy.

Cody was incredibly intelligent, and able to recite any number of trivia, especially about books, music, geography and statistics. He had a kind soul, never wanting anyone to feel unwanted or unloved. At times, the world was hard for him, and he struggled to feel the love and acceptance he always strived for others to feel.

Cody is survived by his parents, Tim and Natalie Marshall, of Panguitch, his sister Ashlee Sheridan, and brothers Hunter Marshall and Randy Marshall, his grandparents Tom and Laraine Marshall, and Vic and Joyce Gordon. He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Joyce Marshall.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017, at the Panguitch 2nd Ward chapel (178 N 400 East, Panguitch). There was a viewing on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at the Panguitch 2nd Ward chapel, and again on Monday, December 11, 2017, in the Panguitch 2nd Ward chapel. Interment was in the Panguitch Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com

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SUU's Warren is named Region Five Coach of Year

WACO, Texas - The accolades continue to stack up for Southern Utah head football coach Demario Warren.

It was announced that he has been named the American Football Coaches Association FCS Region 5 Coach of the Year. This honor comes on the heels of him being named Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year following the conclusion of the regular season.

The Thunderbirds had a lot of first this season, including hosting their first playoff football game, making it to the Second Round of the FCS Playoffs by earning a First Round bye, and winning nine Division I games in a single season.

All of those accomplishments were made possible by coach Warren.

The winners will be honored at the American Football Coaches Awards, presented by Amway, broadcast live on the USA TODAY Sports Facebook page on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 8 p.m. EST. The awards show will air from the Crown Ballroom at the Charlotte Convention Center during the 2018 AFCA Convention.

The AFCA recognizes five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's five divisions: Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III and NAIA. The winners are selected by Active members of the Association who vote for coaches in their respective regions and divisions.



COURTESY OF SUU

SUU HEAD FOOTBALL COACH DEMARIO WARREN was named FCS Region 5 Coach of the Year.



SOUTHERN UTAH'S JACOB CALLOWAY drives against a Michigan State defender in the T-Bird's 88-63 loss.

COURTESY OF SUU

T-Birds get by 49ers, lose to Spartans

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

If a last name could represent the continued improvement being shown by the Southern Utah men's basketball team, Brandon Better has certainly lived up to the billing. Facing a team picked to finish at the top of its conference, Better made the T-Birds better when it mattered and gave SUU a key victory.

Better led five T-Bird players in double figures with 26 points, and Southern Utah shot 56 percent from the floor in the second half to beat Long Beach State, 94-89 on Dec. 6 before an announced crowd of 2,487 at America First Events Center. SUU improved to 5-3 on the season and had to hold on after losing all of a 10-point lead inside the final 20 minutes.

"Those games are exciting for us as a program because that's a good team," head coach Todd Simon said. "As a measuring stick, it was significant for us. Long Beach played very well, made plays, and we got buckets when we needed them."

The T-Birds trailed 81-78, but Better fed Dre Marin for a 3-pointer and a Christian Musoko dunk

knotted the score at 83-83 with 3:15 remaining. After Musoko was whistled for a technical foul for hanging on the rim, Bryan Alberts (25 points) hit a free throw and Gabe Levin (24) added two more from the line to put the 49ers back up by three at 86-83 with 2:20 to play.

It was reassuring, a sign of guys starting to have belief and a confidence that winning teams get."

Jadon Cohee, who backed up Better with 25 points and five assists, said the win had the look of a heavyweight fight, especially through much of the second half.

"...from a competitive standpoint I'm really proud of the guys"

— **Todd Simon,**
SUU head coach

When Better hit a layup with 1:16 left, the T-Birds would take the lead for good and stay unbeaten at home on the season.

"The last four minutes was winning time. Our guys executed and made the right plays," Simon said. "There was a calm confidence that said 'we'll withstand this. Let's go get another one'."

"We took every punch they hit us with," Cohee said. "They went up, we went up, we just kept fighting, and when C got the lob, it changed the momentum. We knew we were going to win from there."

Musoko added 14 points for the



Michigan St.

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Southern Utah

63

Oregon swamps Lady Thunderbirds, 98-38

by **SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**

For Iron County Today

EUGENE, Oregon — The Southern Utah University women's basketball team traveled to Eugene, Oregon Saturday to take on the No. 9 Oregon

Ducks in Matthew Knight Arena. The Ducks were able to come away with the 98-38 victory.

The Lady T-Birds got down early in the first half as the Ducks put up a whopping 57 points in the opening half, including 31 points in the second quarter. The Thunderbirds were held to

just 16 points in the first half.

The second half was an improvement defensively for the Thunderbirds, but they weren't able to pick up the offense scoring just 22 points over the final 20 minutes of play.

Breanu Reid led the Lady T-Birds in scoring, dropping in 11 points and

picking up four rebounds. Rebecca Cardenas scored six points, pulled down six rebounds, and dished out three assists.

The Thunderbirds will take just over a week off before returning to action on Monday, December 18 in Arizona against Grand Canyon University.

HIGH SCHOOL Basketball

Beavers spoil Falcon girls home opener

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**

Iron County Today

Beaver head coach Jon Marshall knew his team didn't play very well in a loss at Cedar on Nov. 30. In a return trip to Cedar City on Dec. 5, the Canyon View Falcons played the foil to the Beavers' determination to refocus and right the ship.

Tavy Gale led four players in double figures with 14 points, and Beaver held

Canyon View without a point for the first 12 minutes on the way to a 66-31 rout over the Falcons, spoiling the home debut of new head coach Jaycee Barnhurst.

"Our girls wanted to prove what type of team they were, and I guess you could say Canyon View took the brunt of that," Marshall said. "Our girls were fired up and ready to play."

With Beaver's suffocating full-court press leading to turnovers and easy baskets, the Falcons didn't get on the board until Cristal Elias hit two free throws with 3 minutes, 57 seconds to play in the first half. By then, Beaver had a 20-2 lead and stretched the margin to 28-6 at the break.

Once the Beavers doubled their halftime output in the third quarter,

Marshall was able to clear the bench.

"Our hustle and intensity at both ends of the floor were very good tonight," Marshall said.

With Jordan Nielson scoring 11 of her team-high 13 points in the fourth quarter, Canyon View outscored Beaver 18-10 in the period.

"We were prepared, but the girls were scared," Barnhurst said. "Instead of being motivated to do something good, I think they came out scared. ... We forgot how to play basketball for a little while."

The Falcons fell to 1-4 on the season and will return to the court Friday at Richfield to play Kanab in the Central Utah Girls Basketball Preview at the Sevier Valley Center. Barnhurst said that even with the long layoff, the fourth quarter can be used as a building block for what's ahead.

"Instead of looking at (the loss) as an awful thing, we go off the fourth

quarter and make the next seven days better," she said. "I'm a little disappointed right now, but just looking forward to how we get better."

Sydnee Gillins added 12 points for the Beavers, while Linley White and Karlie Hollingshead contributed 11 apiece.



Beaver

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Cyn. View

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Beaver	12	16	28	10	--	66
Canyon View	0	6	7	18	--	31

Beaver - Gale 14, Goff 9, Carter 5, Gillins 12, White 11, Jessop 2, Davis 2, Hollingshead 11. Totals 25 15-20 66. 3-pointers - Gale 1.

Canyon View - Johnson 4, Nielson 13, Elias 5, Mellon 1, Fuller 1, Wadsworth 4, Garrett 3. Totals 10 8-12 31. 3-pointers - Nielson 1, Elias 1, Garrett 1.



ASHLYN BANKS OF CANYON VIEW PUTS UP A SHOT over a Beaver defender in the Falcons' home opener.

JR ROBINSON

Lady Reds run past Riverhawks at home

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**

Iron County Today

After rolling over its previous opponent on the road, the Cedar Lady Reds found themselves in a bit of a struggle against the Ridgeline Riverhawks on Dec. 7. The fourth quarter made all the difference to preserve the team's winning ways.

Japrix Weaver scored a game-high 15 points and Cedar outscored Ridgeline 18-7 in the fourth quarter to come away with a 46-36 win on the home floor, their third straight to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Cedar held Ridgeline to 24 percent shooting to help offset an 8-of-19 effort from the free-throw line.

The Lady Reds started the week with a

54-32 rout over 5A school Springville on Dec. 5. Cedar held the winless Red Devils (0-6) to single-digit scoring in each quarter to cruise to the win. Japrix Weaver matched her scoring from the Ridgeline game with 15 points, while Dream Weaver and Carly Davis added 11.

Cedar played Richfield at home Tuesday night in a game that was too late for press deadline.



Cedar

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Ridgeline

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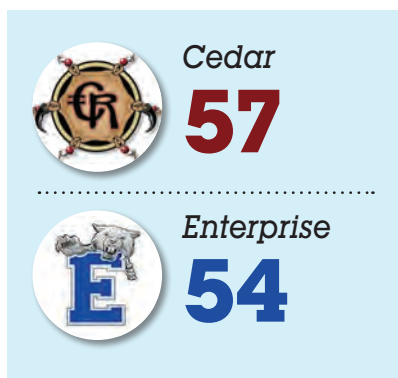
HIGH SCHOOL Basketball

Redmen win two at Invitational

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

The Cedar Redmen continued its preseason road trip over the weekend at the Bulldog Invitational in Mesquite and came away with two wins in three hard-fought games.

In the opener Dec. 8, Cedar held on for a 54-49 win over Moapa Valley behind 17 points from Dallin Peterson and 13 from Ethan Boettcher. The Redmen had the range from long distance, hitting 11 3-pointers in the win.



In the early game Dec. 9, Cedar got 22 points from Dallin

Grant, but couldn't overcome Enterprise's Chasen Truman, who had 23 points and five 3-pointers in the Wolves' 57-54 win over the Redmen.

Cedar would rebound later in the day and beat Virgin Valley, 58-39. The Redmen built a 28-18 halftime lead and pulled away in the second half behind 20 points from Grant, 15 from Peterson and 12 from Treyton Tebbs.

The Redmen are now 3-3 on the season and will return to the court Friday with a road game at North Sanpete. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

T-BIRD HOOPS

Continued from page 22

T-Birds, Jamal Aytes scored 12 and Jacob Calloway chipped in 10. SUU outrebounded Long Beach, 37-29 and enjoyed a 42-33 lead at the half.

The Thunderbird men's basketball team took on the No. 3 team in the country on Saturday, as they went head-to-head with the Michigan State Spartans in a contest the home team eventually took 88-63.

"I'm real proud of my guys," Simon said. "I thought our guys played really hard, we didn't quite get enough shots to fall and not enough stops down the stretch, but from a competitive standpoint I'm really proud of the guys."

The Thunderbirds knocked down the first bucket, and held the lead for the first three and half minutes. As the first half wore on, Michigan State got hot and eventually built their lead to as many as 15 with just about two minutes left in the opening frame.

The Spartans led at halftime 42-30.

It was the second half where the Thunderbirds found their momentum.

With 12:25 to play a two point shot by Dre Marin and a three point field goal by Jacob Calloway cut the Michigan State lead to just five. The T-Birds also cut the lead down to five with 11:04 to play.

The lead stayed right around single digits until the Spartans pushed the lead to 16 with an 8-0 run, and led 74-58 with 5:49 to play. From that point on it was all Spartans, as they took a 88-63 victory.

Marin, Calloway and Jadon Cohee all finished the game with 12 points. Cohee had five assists and four rebounds and Marin had five rebounds and four assists.

Next up for the Thunderbirds will be a home date with Central Michigan on December 16. Tipoff for that contest is set for 12:30 p.m. inside the America First Event Center.

Canyon view boys win finale at North vs. South

Falcon's senior Brantzen Blackner continues hot start with 23 points

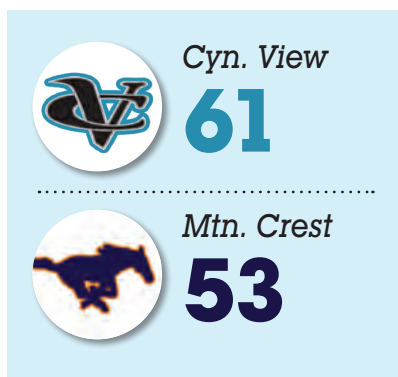
by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

The Falcons used a big advantage at the free-throw line to beat Mountain Crest 61-53 on Dec. 8 in the finale of the North vs. South tournament at Sky View High in Logan.

In its only win out of three games, CV enjoyed a 20-6 edge in points from the line to hold off the Mustangs. Joey Lambeth backed

up Blackner with 17 points in the victory as the Falcons improved to 2-5 on the season.

Against Ridgeline on Dec. 7,



Blackner had a double-double of 27 points and 13 rebounds, but the Falcons couldn't overcome Breck

Jackson and Landon Brenchley, who matched Blackner and led the Riverhawks to a 70-65 victory in overtime.

Lambeth added 18 points in the loss for the Falcons, and Mason Lyman chipped in 13.

In the opener of the tournament Dec. 6, Blackner had 22 points to lead three players in double figures, but the Falcons came out on the short end of a 66-62 loss to Sky View. The game was tied 29-29 at the half, but the Skyhawks outscored CV by four in the third quarter and made the lead hold up the rest of the way.

Lambeth and Toby Potter each had 14 points in the loss, and the Falcons made 10 3-pointers.

CV returns to the court Friday night with a road game at South Sevier. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

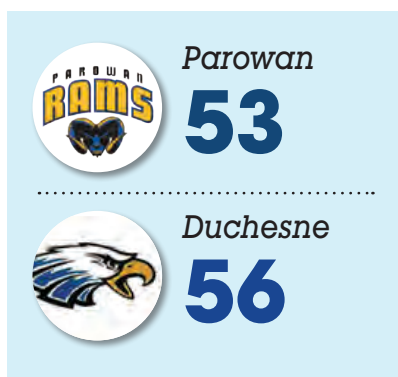
Parowan boys split pair at Richfield

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

The Parowan boys outscored St. Joseph 20-3 in the fourth quarter and pulled away to a 60-32 victory over the Hawks on Dec. 8 at the Central Utah Boys Basketball Preview in Richfield. Porter Wood scored 22 points and the Rams broke the game open after leading 27-19 at the half.

In the tournament finale the following day, Wood scored 23 points and Porter Miller added 15, but the Rams came out on the short end in a 56-53 defeat to Duchesne.

The Eagles had three players score in double figures as Parowan fell to 1-5.



The Rams will open play in their new 2A home in Region 18 tonight on the road at Millard in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Parowan's girls got a big fourth quarter in its only game of last week, outscoring North Sanpete 17-4 in the final eight minutes to rally for a 43-31 win over the Hawks on Dec. 7. Autumn Rogerson had 18 points and three 3-pointers in the victory.

The Rams started Region 18 play at home against Millard on Tuesday in a game that was too late for press deadline.



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DATE OPPONENT LOCATION TIME (MT)

Sportco Kickoff Classic (hosted by UNLV)

February 9th	Minnesota	Las Vegas, Nevada	10:00 AM
February 9th	North Dakota State	Las Vegas, Nevada	12:15 PM
February 10th	Creighton	Las Vegas, Nevada	4:45 PM
February 10th	Utah Valley	Las Vegas, Nevada	9:15 PM
February 11th	UNLV	Las Vegas, Nevada	2:30 PM

Purple & Gold Challenge (hosted by LSU)

February 16th	Oregon State	Baton Rouge, La.	10:00 AM
February 16th	Louisiana Tech	Baton Rouge, La.	12:30 PM
February 17th	Central Arkansas	Baton Rouge, La.	7:30 AM
February 17th	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	3:00 PM
February 18th	Louisiana Tech	Baton Rouge, La.	7:30 AM
February 24th	Utah Valley	St. George, Utah	1:00 PM
February 25th	Utah Valley	St. George, Utah	1:00 PM

Red Desert Classic (hosted by Southern Utah)

March 2nd	Seattle	St. George, Utah	12:30 PM
March 2nd	Nevada	St. George, Utah	3:00 PM
March 3rd	Nevada	St. George, Utah	12:00 PM
March 3rd	Boise State	St. George, Utah	2:30 PM
March 4th	Seattle	St. George, Utah	10:00 AM
March 4th	Utah Valley	St. George, Utah	12:30 PM

LMU Tournament (hosted by Loyola Marymount)

March 9th	Florida Gulf Coast	Los Angeles, Calif.	11:30 AM
March 9th	Harvard	Los Angeles, Calif.	2:00 PM
March 10th	Providence	Los Angeles, Calif.	11:30 AM
March 10th	Loyola Marymount	Los Angeles, Calif.	4:30 PM
March 11th	Harvard	Los Angeles, Calif.	10:00 AM

March 16th	BYU (DH)	Provo, Utah	4:00 PM
March 23rd	Weber State (DH)	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
March 24th	Weber State	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
March 27th	BYU	Cedar City, Utah	3:00 PM
March 30th	Northern Colorado (DH)	Greeley, Colo.	1:00 PM
March 31st	Northern Colorado	Greeley, Colo.	1:00 PM
April 6th	North Dakota (DH)	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
April 7th	North Dakota	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
April 10th	Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	TBA
April 13th	Montana (DH)	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
April 14th	Montana	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
April 20th	Sacramento State (DH)	Sacramento, Calif.	12:00 PM
April 21st	Sacramento State	Sacramento, Calif.	12:00 PM
April 27th	Idaho State (DH)	Pocatello, Idaho	2:00 PM
April 28th	Idaho State	Pocatello, Idaho	1:00 PM
May 5th	Portland State (DH)	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
May 6th	Portland State	Cedar City, Utah	1:00 PM
May 10th-12th	Big Sky Tournament	Ogden, Utah	TBA

Location doesn't matter when winning is involved

After the Southern Utah football team was dominated by Big Sky co-champion Weber State in its first December playoff home game in school history 11 days ago, it was striking to see some of the reaction among media types.

The recurring theme was that the Big Sky wasn't getting a fair shake when the FCS playoff bracket was made.

For a few moments, the argument seemed plausible. Not only did Weber State have to play on opening weekend, but when the Wildcats came to Cedar City to face the T-Birds, the reward for the winner – if you want to call it that – was to face the defending national champion on their turf six days later.

Weber State earned the honor and had the James Madison Dukes on the ropes. Nearly dead to rights, even.

Traveling 2,000 miles and two time zones away? Didn't matter.

Facing a team looking to extend a 24-game winning streak? They live for the challenge, and Wildcats head coach Jay Hill said as much in his postgame comments after beating the T-Birds.

For those who didn't see the game Friday night on ESPN2, you missed one whale of a battle. Weber State's defense kept them in the game long enough for quarterback Stefan Cantwell to find Kevin Smith for an 81-yard touchdown pass. Midway through the third quarter, the Wildcats were in front, 14-10.

The drama was just getting started. After two more lead changes, Dixie High grad Drew Batchelor came through with an epic catch of a 36-yard Cantwell pass for a fourth-quarter touchdown with two Dukes defenders draped all over him.

With 3 minutes, 14 seconds left, Weber State led James Madison 28-20. The home team needed a touchdown and two-point conversion just to tie.

Like any great team, the Dukes did exactly that in less than a minute.

But when Weber State couldn't come up with a first down, it was the window of opportunity that allowed James Madison to avoid overtime and preserve its winning streak. On the game's final play, redshirt freshman Ethan Ratke snuck a 46-yard field goal just inside the right upright to give the Dukes a 31-28 victory and a semifinal matchup with South

Dakota State on Saturday afternoon.

Even in the loss, it was an incredible effort by the Wildcats that proved the words of new Arizona State football coach Herm Edwards more impactful than ever.

You play to win the game. Location doesn't matter.

» **Through four rounds** of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, CoBurn Bradshaw is the Wright family member with the best shot at a gold buckle, but the youngest one of the family is starting to make some noise of his own.

Ryder Wright became the fourth different cowboy to win a saddle bronc round at the Thomas & Mack Center on Sunday night, scoring 89 points aboard Pony Man to collect the \$26,230 paycheck for first place. The 19-year-old from Milford moved up another spot to fourth in the money at \$171,976 as the 10-day



RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

Traveling 2,000 miles and two time zones away? Didn't matter

rodeo neared the halfway point.

As the week unfolds, watch to see if the cowboys continue to score on their rides. Although CoBurn Bradshaw didn't cash for the first time Sunday night, he still rode Second Thoughts to a score of 77 points. The Beaver resident maintained his hold on second place in the money and has a seven-point lead over Brody Cress in the average.

If he can keep up the pace when all is said and done Saturday night, Bradshaw will collect an extra \$67,269 for winning the average, which could easily give him a gold buckle for the first time.

Check online at ironcountytoday.com for updates after each round finishes, and look for a full story from the event in the Dec. 20 print edition.

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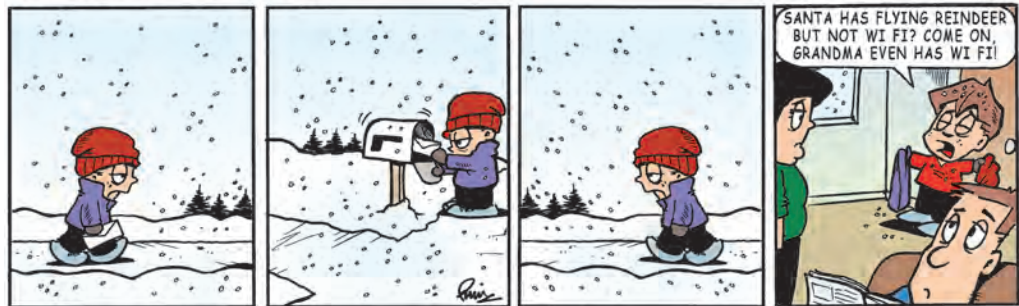
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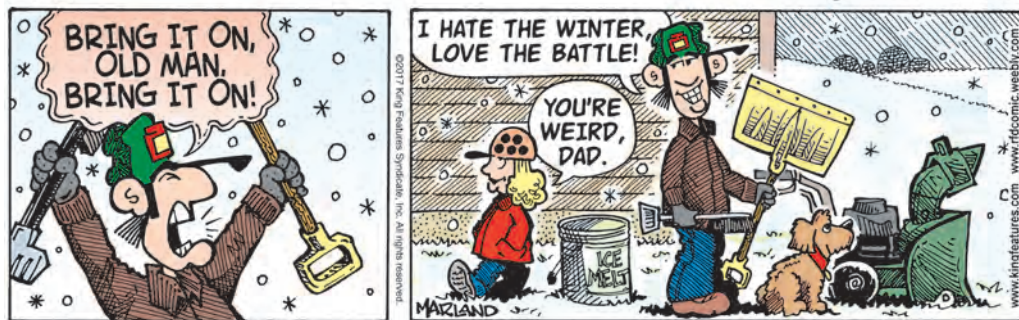
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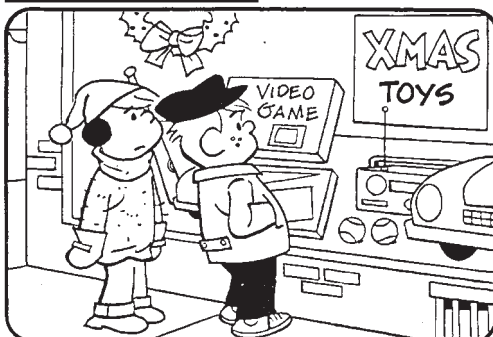
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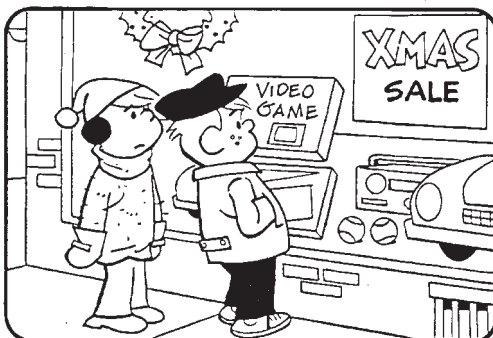
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- Big drip?
- Get more magazines
- In the twinkling — eye
- Chopped
- One with an exciting social life
- "Absolutely" (out)
- Sand formations
- Homer's interjection
- Wasp's weapon
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- Odds' opposites
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- "Hail!"
- Mischievous tykes
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- Fact-checker, often
- Sore
- United Nations
- Lounge about
- Dueler's sword
- Eat away at
- Supermarket stack
- Shaft of sunlight
- Former mates
- Birds' home
- Title holder
- Hints at
- Advantage
- Reddish
- horse
- "CSI" collections
- Day fractions (Abbr.)
- Dutch river
- Get back at
- Satanic
- Marceau's forte
- Portent
- Doing
- Operatic solo
- Drivel
- Joke
- Greek H
- Scarlet

DOWN

- "For — a Jolly Good Fellow"
- Last (Abbr.)
- Neither partner
- Stabbed
- Long story
- Salt Lake athlete

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MEASUREMENTS: How long is a cubit?
- MEDICAL: What malady would you have if you suffered from "striae gravidarum"?
- TELEVISION: What long-running soap opera is set in Genoa City?
- HISTORY: What world peace group preceded the United Nations in the 20th century?
- MUSIC: Where did the Beatles have their first concert in the United States in 1964?
- GEOGRAPHY: What English city's Roman name was "Aeque Sulis"?
- LITERATURE: Who was Don Quixote's sidekick in the 17th-century novel?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the official residence of the Russian president?
- AD SLOGANS: What company's advertising slogan proclaimed, "There are some things money can't buy"?
- THEATER: What was the name of the family in the play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"?

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. About 18 inches; 2. Stretch marks; 3. "The Young and the Restless"; 4. The League of Nations; 5. Washington Coliseum; 6. Bath; 7. Sancho Panza; 8. The Moscow Kremlin; 9. MasterCard; 10. The Pollitts

Trivia Test Answers