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# Cedar City Mayor delivers State of the City Address

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

Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards delivered her State of the City Address during the Iron County Economic Review Breakfast last week.

The Mayor started by offering a brief overview of what she planned to cover in her address, relating to the city's future, completed and upcoming projects and the local economy.

Mayor Wilson-Edwards reported that Cedar City has grown to the 28th largest city in Utah, has experienced a 10.2 percent growth since 2010 and the population is currently approximately 31, 806.

"As our city grows and as we move into the next census that will be coming out, it ties to recruiting businesses, recruiting good jobs and also state and grant funding. All of these things rely on our population," she said. "So as our community continues to grow it helps us to plan for the future, plan for infrastructure needs, but also to be able to qualify for different types of state and federal funding."

She discussed major city projects that were completed in 2018, clarifying that many were several years in the process. The Coal Creek Flood Control Project was started in 2005 and completed last year. This project was designed to give flood protection and eliminate the 100-year Federal Emergency Management Agency flood zone designation for an area that included both businesses and private property on the Coal Creek Channel. This allowed many business and property owners in the area to avoid the high flood insurance rates



**CEDAR CITY MAYOR MAILE WILSON-EDWARDS** addresses the community about the positive and progressing state of Cedar City.

*"...as our community continues to grow it helps us to plan for the future..."*

— **Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards**

associated with the FEMA designation.

The first two phases of the golf course irrigation system were also completed. Mayor Wilson-Edwards said she frequently received questions about why the city was putting funds toward this project; she explained that the irrigation system was over 60 years old and city staff were spending a significant amount of time fixing water leaks. The completed phases have created a 25 to 30 percent water savings per year. There is one final phase to be completed, which will start this year.

A new cemetery office building and several projects related to improving the Cedar City Airport were also completed, in addition to being the Tour of Utah's 2018 Stage One Start and Finish location.

The Mayor also explained projects that will be started this year, including road improvements to Main Street this spring and fall. This involves working with the Utah Department of Transportation and will also include water and sewer line improvements. These improvements will take place on Main Street from Center Street to Monterey Drive.

From May 29 to Sept. 26, the Cedar City Airport will offer three flights per day between Cedar City and Salt Lake City due to the Saint George Regional Airport being closed for renovations.

Construction has also started for the new Cedar City Animal Adoption Shelter, which will provide additional space and capabilities that the current shelter does not have, including spaces specifically designated for law enforcement animals.

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# Alzheimer's Association to hold Walk to End Alzheimer's in Cedar

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

Representatives of the Alzheimer's Association Utah Chapter met with community leaders last week to discuss holding a Walk to End Alzheimer's event in Cedar City later this year.

Regional Manager Mike Miller started the meeting by introducing himself and discussing some of the difficulties of dealing with Alzheimer's. "People don't want to hear from us," Miller said. "Doctors don't often want to make a diagnosis, and people just think 'there's nothing we can do.' But

there is, because we can impact the caregiving population ... we can make life more productive for those with the disease through education and helping them move forward as they work through the disease itself." After brief introductions of all who attended the meeting, Executive Director

Ronnie Daniel offered information about the Alzheimer's Association. "Our vision as an organization is a world without Alzheimer's," Daniel said. "In the meantime, our mission is to provide care and support to people living with the disease and their caregivers."

Daniel also explained the six pillars the association focuses on: providing care and support services to people with the disease and their caregivers; addressing misinformation about the disease through awareness; advocating at local,

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# Bill proposed to recognize victims of polygamy

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

Director of Sound Choices Coalition Angela Kelly spoke about efforts to pass House Bill 214 as part of a supplemental education programing during an Anti-Human Trafficking Summit at Southern Utah University.

Kelly began by introducing herself, mentioning her criminal justice background and how she got involved in efforts to aid victims of polygamy. She was working with Operation Underground Railroad when she met Briell Decker, Warren Jeff's 65th wife, and eventually she became the director of Sound Choices Coalition. One of the organizations the coalition works with frequently is Holding Out HELP.

Kelly shared some statistics that HOH has collected. HOH has helped approximately 1,700 men, women and children leave polygamy. Kelly said, according to HOH, women in polygamist communities in Utah are six times more likely than the national rate and 5.3 times more likely than the Utah rate to be sexually assaulted; seventy-five percent of woman who

leave polygamist communities in Utah and seek assistance report being sexually assaulted or raped.

Kelly said the average number of children in polygamist groups is 9.6; the average poverty level is 14.5 percent nationally, within polygamist groups it's 46.5 percent; nationally, 92 percent of the population has a high school education, in polygamist communities that number drops to 43 percent.

"One of the most heartbreaking things for me to hear about when people leave these groups is the absolute shunning of their families and (having) no resources," Kelly said.

Kelly also touched on the labor trafficking that exists within polygamist groups, reporting that the Kingston group has more than 100 businesses where its members are forced to work with no compensation.

"It's not just grown women that are working, or men," she said. "(A) girl from the Kingston group was working in the mines at age five."

Kelly said one of the most disturbing things she observed was a complete lack of resources and services available to provide aid to those who leave

polygamist communities.

"For example, (Decker) tried to go to a domestic violence shelter and she wasn't accepted," Kelly said. "She wasn't considered a domestic violence victim, she was escaping."

That's what motivated Kelly to figure out a way to help, without having to create new funds specifically for victims of polygamy.

"In my research, I came across the Utah Office for Victims of Crime," she said. "... Everyone in a polygamist group right now is a victim of a crime, and it's a third-degree felony and in some cases it's a second-degree felony."

Kelly said this prompted her to propose House Bill 214 that would recognize individuals leaving polygamist communities as victims of crime, and allow them to access resources from the Utah Office for Victims of Crime.

"The particular programs that I was interested in these people accessing were, emergency housing, mental health and attorney fees," she said. "And all you have to do is be a victim of crime."

Kelly said she was only concerned with helping people who are trying to

leave polygamist groups, not trying to prosecute anyone or asking for additional funds. If victims of polygamy were legally recognized as victims of crime, they would have access to emergency services and resources to help them leave polygamy.

"People say 'if they're so miserable why don't they just leave?'" Kelly said. "It's actually very uncompassionate to say, 'well why do they stay?' A lot of them are mothers, they have a lot of children, they didn't finish school and its survival mode for them."

Kelly said she hopes that if the bill passes, it will become a federal standard and help victims of polygamy in other religions as well.

"If this bill passes in Utah, that means it could pass everywhere," Kelly said. "I lived nine years in the Seattle (Washington) area. A lot of people don't realize that the Muslim population is very high, it was very high where we lived in Washington; and I've read a lot of cases where people have left polygamist cultures outside of Mormonism in Muslim and non-Muslim (religions). If we could pass this bill here, we could pass it everywhere."

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**Feb. 15**

**Ashley A Braget, Parowan, UT**  
Poss of Stolen Credit Cards (11 Counts), Forgery (11 Counts), Theft  
**Male Juvenile Offender, UT**  
Assault, Criminal Mischief  
**James N Mineer, Cedar City, UT**  
Resisting/Interfering w/Arrest, Intoxication, Crim Mischief-Damage w/Defraud, Attempting to disarm a Peace Officer

**Feb. 16**

**Joey J Hartwick, Cedar City, UT**  
Criminal Trespass, Theft

**Feb. 17**

**Hayden Jacobsen, Cedar City, UT**  
Consume Alcohol by minor

**Feb. 19**

**Female Juvenile Offender, CVHS, UT**  
Telephone Harassment  
**Female Juvenile Offender, CVHS, UT**  
Telephone Harassment  
**Male Juvenile Offender, CVHS, UT**  
Telephone Harassment  
**Female Juvenile Offender, UT**  
Assault

**Joshua V McCarthy, Cedar City**  
Driving on Denied (2 counts), Purchase Alc by minor

**Justine Laney, St. George, UT**  
Failure to Comply w/Court

**Feb. 20**

**Male Juvenile Offender, Cedar City, UT**  
DRUG-Poss C/S/ Marijuana/Spice  
**Crystal D Campbell, Cedar City, UT**  
Drug Court Violation, DRUG-Poss of Drug Paraphernalia

**Joseph W Hendricks, Homeless, Page, AZ**  
Federal Contract Prisoner

**Brad L Martin, Cedar City, UT**  
Retail Theft, Probation Violation

**Justin W Nelson, Cedar City, UT**  
Retail Theft (2 counts)

**Feb. 21**

**Willie T Donovan, Cedar City, UT**  
DRUG-Knowingly being present C/S is Used, DRUG-Poss C/S Marijuana/Spice, DRUG-Poss of Drug Paraphernalia

**Ashley A Braget, Parowan, UT**  
Fraudulent Use of Credit Card (2 counts), Poss of Stolen Credit Cards, Theft (2 counts), Theft/firearm or operable veh

**Elizabeth K Hall, Cedar City, UT**  
Dangerous Animal at Large

**Male Juvenile Offender, CVHS, UT**  
Disorderly Conduct

**Male Juvenile Offender, CVHS, UT**  
Disorderly Conduct

**Chantal N Ivy-Staley, Cedar City, UT**  
Assault, DRUG-Poss/use of Controlled Substance, FTA- Warrant, Minor Purch/Poss/Cons Alcohol, Speed Regulations

**Steven D Kopp, Cedar City, UT**  
Theft

**Aaron P Tipler, Cedar City, UT**  
Probation/Parole Violation, Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, Forgery

**Feb. 22**

**Judith Robles, Las Vegas, NV**  
Federal Contract Prisoner

**Feb. 23**

**Johahn Wade, Cedar City, UT**  
Intoxication, Criminal Mischief, DV-Presence of Child

**Lauama Vaigafa, Cedar City, UT**  
Criminal Mischief, DUI

# Cedar High School teacher wins Outstanding Music Educator Award

At the last Utah Music Educators Association meeting held in St. George on February 2-3, 2018, Cedar High School's Steve Shirts was awarded the Utah Outstanding Music Educator of the Year Award from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in front of his peers. This is a very distinguished award and each recipient must go through a rigorous screening for consideration.

Only one music educator is nominated from each state for this honor and nominees must exemplify the highest standards of ethical conduct, and carry the endorsement of their respective state high school association. Significant and/or long-term contributions to interscholastic high school music activities are also important criterion in evaluating candidates. Long-term contributions are not an issue. Shirts has been devoted to making music and making lives better for 32 years at Cedar High School.

After winning the award for the State of Utah, Shirts was eligible to compete in Section 7, which includes Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California and Hawaii. "To be selected for your state is a very big thing," expressed Neil Hendriksen, Chair UHSAA Music Advisory



L TO R: Neil Hendriksen, Steve Shirts and Rhonda Rhodes.

*"Countless students have benefited from Steve's demand for personal responsibility. Life's lessons are hard to learn, but Steve takes the time to help students understand them."*

— David J. Palmer

Committee. "To be selected for the Section 7 award is icing on the cake. Please know of our great appreciation and admiration for you and your program."

Hendriksen's high praise was echoed by many of his peers in a nomination letter. David J. Palmer, Band Teacher at Cedar Middle School, praised Shirts for his mentorships with his students. "Countless students have benefited from Steve's demand for personal responsibility. Life's lessons are hard to learn, but Steve takes the time to help students understand them. He has worked with many students who will be forever grateful for the lifelong lessons they have learned from him."

Shirts would go on to win the award for Outstanding Music Educator in Section 7. He shared that he is both honored and humbled by both awards. He is also grateful for the love and support of his wife and children. Whatever the future holds for this beloved music mentor and educator, his greatest award will be each student, who not only goes on to do great things with their lives, but who stops in every once in awhile to say thanks. For Shirts, that's the real icing on the cake.

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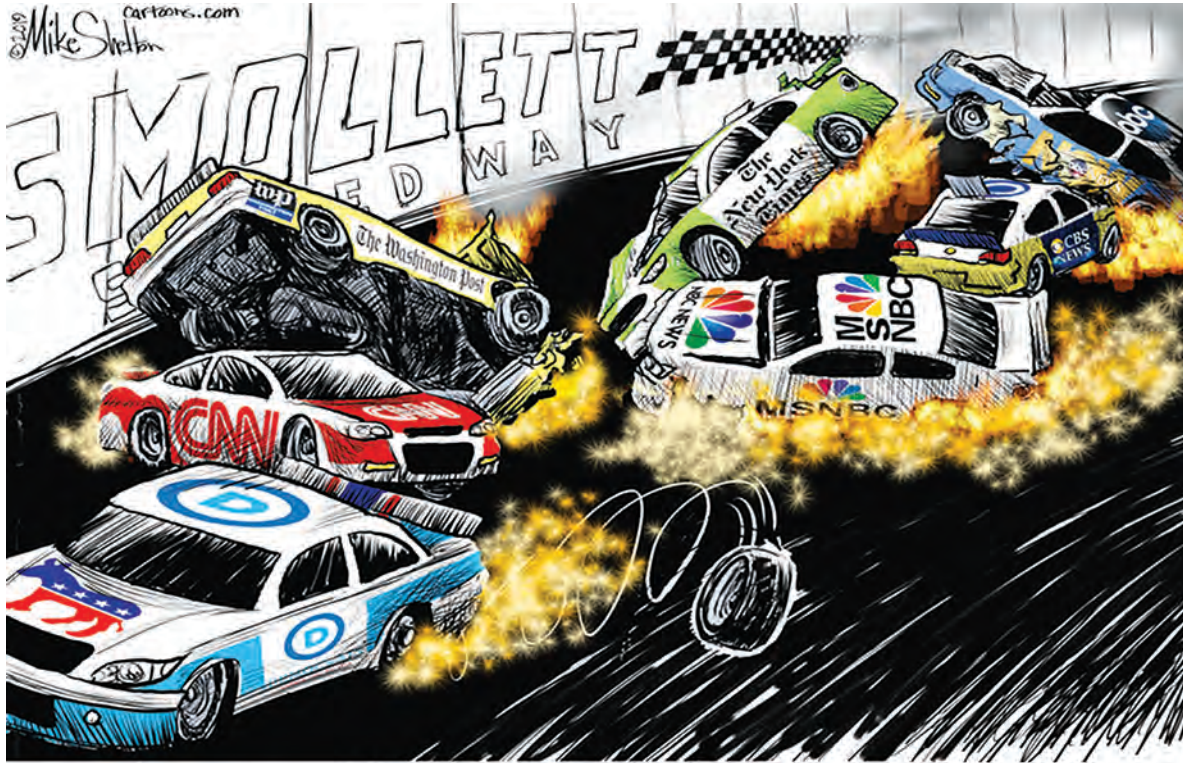
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**Opinion**



The Rush-to-Judgment 500

**Till debt do us part**

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**B**ill, a former co-worker, was a middle-aged man who fervently spread the gospel of the Republican Party. His main focus was the deficit. Only Republicans, he said, could cut spending and bring down the steadily spiraling national debt. To Bill, it was simple: The United States could not afford to spend more than it made.

I was with Bill last week. He told me he is still a Republican voter, but not a joyful one. “Republicans don’t care about the national debt,” he said. “The country could go bankrupt and all my political party cares about is making it hard for immigrants.”

Like many Utahns, Bill could never vote for a Democrat, but has a right to be concerned. The national debt is now nearing \$22 trillion; to pay it off, every family in the U.S. would have to send a check to the Treasury Department for about \$450,000.

And it will certainly rise. In his recent State of the Union speech, Pres. Trump didn’t say one word about the deficit. He praised his tax cut, but didn’t mention that it led to a 17% increase in the debt for fiscal year 2018.

Neither political party seems too concerned. Despite political rhetoric about the “spend and spend” Democrats, the Republicans in Congress want tax cuts along with more money for the military, both of which will push up the national debt. On the other hand, Democrats want more funding for non-military programs, but calling them “investments” in health care, transportation, and education does not help the deficit.

In the last calendar year, we added another \$900 billion to the deficit. Within three years, that will

rise to \$1 trillion. Within a few years, over half of all federal income will go to senior citizens and interest on the debt. Within five years alone, the interest payments will equal all the money we currently spend on the nation’s military.

Like Bill, I am a registered Republican. Unlike Bill, I never really worried too much about the deficit. I figured almost all families went into debt, usually to purchase a home, and even if the home didn’t increase in value, the “debt” would appear less as the family income increased. Our country would be the same way. So, what if the debt increased and the economy also zoomed ahead?

I suspect most Americans have similar feelings.

Sure, we might shake our heads when we hear spending statistics, but the national debt seemingly doesn’t impact our everyday lives. Maybe we are naïve enough to think that at some point Congress and our presidents can keep it under control – and if they don’t, we will still

have money and a few credit cards in our wallet.

On my frequent vacations to New York City, I always pass the National Debt Clock which keeps a minute-by-minute rundown of what the country owes. I don’t see a large number of people looking at the digital clock. Either they are unaware of its meaning or are just resigned to its drip-by-drip increase. After all, it is easier to worry about the price of gasoline or a 15-cent jump in the cost of a Starbucks cappuccino.

But Bill still worries and he’s aggravated that most Americans do not. He’s correct, of course. We cannot keep kicking the can down the road like we have with our broken immigration policy. At some point, we have to pay our bills – and that means everyone will have to “give a little” and compromise. Any bets on that happening soon?



**Cyclops**

by Bryan GRAY  
Columnist

**From the Editor**

**SPARE CHANGE**

**T**he Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, has oft been quoted with the phrase, “Change is the only constant in life.” Change, for better or for worse, is our constant companion in life. Sometimes we embrace and enjoy it, other times we fear, fight, or flee from it. As the Iron County Today Newspaper continues to bring consistent content to inform and inspire our community, change is inevitable. Not for the sake of change, but as



**COREY BAUMGARTNER**  
Managing Editor

to create and maintain a more efficient and enjoyable newspaper to read. We are hoping to begin printing the newspaper in a dynamic smaller size with other changes to follow, including a more user-friendly calendar and event section. In the meantime, we want to know what matters to you as a reader and member of our Iron County Community. What articles and stories do you enjoy and want to see more of? Is there anything you would like to see less of? Please email your thoughts and ideas to, [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com)

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: **Week 4**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's been wonderful to get all the snow we've been getting, and while it can make it harder to get around, we really have needed it. I realize it's not every day we get snow in Washington County, so I hope everyone stays safe and well through it all, and enjoys the beauty and blessing it is to have this great snowfall.

It turns out that this week 4 is hitting the official halfway mark of the Utah Legislative session, but despite that, the busier half is still ahead. To keep you up to date on what's been happening here are some of the highlights from the week:

We recognized our 2019 Senate Art Contest winners this year. We received nearly 200 submissions from 9th-12th graders around the state, and 22 were selected as finalists this year. I was proud to learn that two of these winners are from my district: Brixalee Patino from Milford High School and Zoe Peterson from Cedar High School. Both earned \$300 scholarships for their work. Their art is currently on display in the Capitol outside of our Senate offices. Well done Brixalee and Zoe!



**SEN. EVAN VICKERS**  
Utah State Senate  
District 28

## Budget

We conducted our final budget appropriations subcommittee meetings this week. The committee chairs have presented their priority budget lists to the Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) chairs. The EAC will continue to meet to sort through the priorities and budget needs submitted by the committees. They will consider both requests for appropriations that need funding and funding needed for bills. In the last week of session, the EAC chairs will run a bill with a complete and balanced budget.

## Tax Reform

The next big issue of the session is going to be tax reform. With the reports circulating of a \$1 billion surplus, I can understand why many have been asking: "Why do we need tax reform?" Here's a little background on how our budget works. Income tax is exclusively used for education, as dictated in our Utah Constitution. Transportation also receives dedicated funding through the fuel tax and some sales tax. Every other service the state provides—public safety, Medicaid, the courts—is funded through the General Fund, which is primarily funded with sales tax revenue. This sales tax revenue also goes to fund education and transportation needs, since the dedicated

funds are insufficient to provide for all of the needs. In short, essentially every service provided by the state receives funding through sales tax. This used to make a lot of sense when we were primarily a purchase-based economy, meaning people bought actual goods like cars and books. Our economy is now shifting more and more to a service-based economy; for example, people are preferring to pay for lawn care service rather than buy a lawnmower. This shift in economy spells trouble for the sustainability of our budget with how it's currently set up. This is why we need tax reform. We are still vetting possible plans.

They range from a blanket tax on all services at a lower rate, to possibly targeting a few markets with a higher tax. I will keep you updated as we make progress.

## Wildfire Preparedness

Coming off of one of the most expensive fire seasons in our state, it seems fitting to work on future funding needs to control fires in our state. HB 135, Wildfire Preparedness Amendments, creates a Wildland Fire Fund to fund grants for local fire departments and those who assist with the suppression of wildfires. This bill would move money out of the existing Wildland Suppression Fund to this new fund, so money can be used to create

a system within local fire departments to do some work prior to the outburst of big fires. This bill passed on second reading and will be debated one more time in the Senate before final passage.

## Hunting

As technology improves, we frequently update the laws to reflect new technology. There are two bills this week that do just that.

In SB 114, Hunting Amendments, the bill allows people and the Division of Wildlife resources to use aerial property and technology to control predators on their land or grazing grounds. It does require the Department of Agriculture to issue an aerial hunting permit first. This does not allow the hunting or harming of any protected wildlife, only predators. This bill passed on the second reading in the Senate and will be considered one more time in the Senate before moving to the House.

HB 167, Wildlife Documentation Amendments, brings hunting into the digital age. This bill creates an option for a digitized big game tag to use when hunting. This does not eliminate the physical tags, it simply gives hunters another option between the electronic tag or the paper tag. This bill passed on second reading in the Senate and will be considered one more time.

I am very proud to belong to our Utah Legislature that is efficient enough to have to officially only run for 45 calendar days in a year, and is fully committed to a balanced budget. Not many states can say the same. We really do have an outstanding state legislature and I am grateful for the work each do, and for the support they and all of you have given me in the new role of Senate Majority Leader this year.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me, your responses offer me a lot of insight. Please continue to share your thoughts and concerns with me, particularly during the legislative session. I can be reached at [evickers@le.utah.gov](mailto:evickers@le.utah.gov) or 435-817-5565.

Thank you, Evan Vickers



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**THURSDAY**  
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**MONDAY**  
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WINDS: N 5-10

**TUESDAY**  
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## Thought of the Week

(from the desk of R. Gail Stahle, publisher)

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### ADDRESS

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“These animals are a major investment for our community,” Mayor Wilson-Edwards said of police k-9s. “Being able to have this facility, where we know that they are safe, that they’re in their own designated area and they’re not going to get a disease from another animal because of the design of the building, it will make a major difference.”

The city will also begin work on what will be the only federal Veterans Administration Cemetery, which will be located behind Home Depot and the liquor store. Haute Route, a three-day amateur cycling event, will be hosted in Cedar City this year. Several new trail system additions are planned to be put in place, many of which will part of the process of connecting all trail systems throughout the city.

The Mayor also reported that the labor market in Iron County improved through last year. Between Sept. 2017 and Sept. 2018, Iron County added more than 1,100 new, non-farm jobs, creating a job growth of 6.2 percent -- higher than the state and national rates. The unemployment rate for Iron County is 3.6 percent and the monthly average wage is showing signs of increasing, but is still significantly lower than the average for the state of Utah. Cedar City’s cost of living expenses

average lower than the national statistics in every category (grocery, housing, utilities, healthcare, good and services) except transportation.

Mayor Wilson-Edwards also included statistics and information about the activity of the Cedar City Police Department, Public Works Department, Leisure Services Department, Fire Department, the Iron County Office of Economic Development, the Cedar City Library and Heritage Center.

CCPD now has two fully-trained police K-9s and a third DARE Officer focusing on fifth grade classes. Volunteers in Police Services donated almost 3,000 hours of time last year. There were more than 50,000 nine-rounds of golf played last year and 20 tournaments hosted at the golf course and more than 50,000 day-passes purchased for the Aquatic Center in 2018. The 52 full-time employees and volunteers of the fire department have a combined 695 years of experience -- an average of 13 years per firefighter.

In closing, the Mayor invited audience members to get involved in public hearings and meetings as the city begins preparing for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

“We want your feedback, we want your input, we want you to be involved,” Mayor Wilson-Edwards expressed. “And knowing first and foremost where the money is being spent is a great way (to get involved).”

### ALZHEIMER’S

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state and federal levels for positive changes; diversity inclusion; research; and fundraising.

During his five years as Executive Director, Daniel said he has participated in 40 walks and always interacts with someone who did not know there were services offered and resources available for caregivers.

“That just breaks my heart when we know people are going out there and struggling, day in and day out as caregivers, not knowing that there are

resources available to them ... we can help make their lives a little simpler,” he said. “So, that’s part of why we do this walk. We’re so excited in seeing so much interest from the community in helping us do to this.”

He provided an overview of what kind of effort is necessary to put a walk together, from volunteers and creating teams to marketing and acquiring sponsorships. The association’s goal for a walk in Cedar City later this year is to have 50 teams participate and to raise \$25,000.

The association will also be participating in State Advocacy Day on Capitol

Hill, taking an active role in two bills: one to acquire one million dollars to fund a state-wide plan and another to create a “Silver Alert” which will be similar to an Amber Alert, but focused in a much more localized area. It is reported that 60% of people with Alzheimer’s wander and usually found within two miles of their home; the Silver Alert bill would enable a program that sends texts to cell phones in an area where someone with the disease may have wandered off to help locate them more quickly and safely.

Miller concluded the meeting, leaving those in attendance with a reminder that keeping systolic blood pressure under 120 consistently reduces the risk of Alzheimer’s by 50 percent and the number for the 24-7 helpline, available to caregivers for support and resources is: 800-272-3900.

**RONNIE DANIEL SHARES THE MEANINGS** of the different kinds of flowers participants can carry during the walk to show their personal experiences with Alzheimer’s.



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## BYU AMBASSADORS



### GROUP ENTERTAINS DURING MUSICAL ROAD TRIP

by Corey **BAUMGARTNER**  
*Iron County Today*

Since 1970, the Brigham Young University Young Ambassadors have been on a very special road trip across the world. If you've ever been on a road trip with your family, you know that having good company and good music, and perhaps headphones, are crucial. Last Friday evening, the BYU

Ambassadors stopped in Cedar to not only share their company and playlist, but to take the audience with them on their road trip across America.

With a live band and a kaleidoscope of costumes and choreography, the Ambassadors sang and danced to some of the best Broadway and show tunes. It was more than a scrapbook of memories, their performance was a musical

time-machine, transporting listeners back to the moments when certain songs created special moments and memories on their lives.

The music of the night included songs from the Beach Boys to Chicago, from Footloose to Phantom and Hairspray to Hamilton. They took the audience over the rainbow into a whole new world; a world where musical memories come alive

reminds each of us that even when we get off track, friends and family are there to welcome us back home.

During the entertaining evening, Zurl A. Thornock, of Cedar City and BYU alumnus, was awarded the 2019 Iron County BYU Alumni Community Service Award. He was presented the award for his dedication to living the BYU motto, "Earn to Learn, Go Forth to Serve."

COREY BAUMGARTNER

## Artist Christopher Jordan brings talents home to SUU

**CEDAR CITY** — At the end of February, internationally acclaimed photographer, artist, and filmmaker, Christopher Jordan, will spend a week on campus for the inaugural SUU Artist in Residence program. In addition to offering lectures and presentations, Jordan will visit classes and interact with students and faculty. Events that are free and open to the public include a February 27th screening of documentary film *ALBATROSS* at 6:30 pm in the Student Center Theater, followed by a talk-back; an A.P.E.X. lecture on February 28th at 11:30 am in the Gilbert Great Hall; and a SUMA gallery talk at 7:00 that evening. Jordan's work has been featured in galleries and exhibits around the world, with his 2008 TED talk, "Turning Powerful Stats into Art," garnering over 1.7 million views on YouTube. Through his lens, Jordan explores contemporary mass culture from multiple perspectives, connecting the viewer viscerally to the enormity and power of humanity's collective unconscious. He challenges individuals to look both inward and outward at the complex landscapes of our collective choices. Jordan began work



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**CHRISTOPHER JORDAN**

on his film *ALBATROSS* in 2008 when he learned of an environmental tragedy taking place on a tiny island in the center of the North Pacific Ocean. He and his team travelled to Midway Island in September of 2009, where they photographed and filmed thousands of young albatrosses that lay dead on the ground, their stomachs filled with plastic. Jordan said, "The experience was devastating, not only for what it meant for the suffering of the birds, but also for what it reflected back to us about the destructive power of our culture of mass consumption, and humanity's damaged relationship with the living world." After years of development, including eight trips to the island and over 400 hours of footage, *ALBATROSS* premiered last year on Earth Day. The SUU Artist in Residence program is a collaboration between the Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values, A.P.E.X. Events, the Southern Utah Museum of Art, and Art Insights. An exhibit of Jordan's art will be on display in the Grace A. Tanner Gallery in SUMA from February 19-March 15. For more information about Tanner Center events, please visit [suu.edu/tanner/center.html](http://suu.edu/tanner/center.html).



## SUU ARTIST RETURNING FOR GROOVACIOUS RECEPTION

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by Lisa **CRETSINGER**  
For Iron County Today

Scott Campbell, a Southern Utah University alumnus with a science degree, recently returned to Cedar City after retiring from the Desert Research Institute in Las Vegas. Scott is a self-taught artist. He paints landscape, flora and fauna inspired by his view of the world as a multi-layered earth history; primal, prehistoric and ancient. He uses a unique technique using common materials to present stylized works. Come see Scott's original art and say hello in our new art space at Groovacious Records.

The Scott A. Campbell artist reception will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Groovacious Records is located at 195 West 650 South #2 in Cedar City, Utah, 435-867-9800. Groovacious is planning

to participate and host regular art related events throughout the coming year. Be sure to sign up for email updates and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

"Groovacious has a long tradition of showcasing musicians and artists of all types," said owner and founder of Groovacious Records, Lisa Cretsinger. "We opened our record store with the idea of helping creative friends and neighbors and by introducing them to diverse audiences. We provide a professional sound stage and art space for this purpose. Over the twenty-six years that Groovacious has been in business we have seen hundreds of musicians grow and move on to do big things. We have offered opportunities for artists to show their art and take part of the many projects we are involved with including Groovefest. It has always been our hope that we can be part of the development of our local musicians and artisans."

## Cedar North Elementary Presents "Music is in the Air"



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**THE ENOCH ORCHESTRA WILL BE PERFORMING** traditional folk and pioneer compositions. Friday, April 5th at 2:30 p.m. Also performing will be the Southern Utah String Quartet. Featuring the music of Sara Penny, viola; Lindsay Szczesny, violin; Leah Brown, cello and Suzanne Stewart, violin. These performances are made possible through a grant by the generous Cedar City Arts Council.

# Canyon View Theatre heads 'Into the Woods'

by Samantha **NEIL**  
For Iron County Today

The Canyon View High School Theatre Department will be performing the famous musical and movie, Into the Woods. This captivating musical intertwines several well-known fairy tales including, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel—from the brilliant imaginations of the Brothers Grimm. The story begins with the Baker and his wife who want a child. However, because of a curse placed on the Baker's house by the Witch, they can't have a child. To regain her youth and beauty, the Witch promises the Baker and his wife a child, if they will head into the woods to grab a cape as red as blood, a cow as white as milk, hair as yellow as corn, and a slipper as pure as gold. While in the woods, they meet Little Red heading to her grandmother's house, Cinderella running to and from the prince, Jack climbing up and down the beanstalk, and Rapunzel singing for her prince. Naturally, chaos and confusion follow as everyone tries to find their wish in the woods. Come join us as we enter Into the Woods! All performance will



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be held in the CVHS auditorium from February 28th through March 2nd and on March 4th. Tickets are \$5 for presell and \$7 for general admission. Showtimes are 7 pm each evening. For more information visit <http://our.show/canyonviewhighschool/intothewoods>.

## Grace A. Tanner Gallery

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Feb. 28 11:30 am - A.P.E.X. LECTURE in Great Hall  
Feb. 28 7:00 pm - SUMA GALLERY TALK



## String, piano music festivals provide performances for county students

During the String Festival, directed by Marin Colby, string and piano students will present memorized performances for a panel of judges to receive written guidance and earn Gold Cup trophies. Over 400 music students from five counties are coming to Cedar City to perform. Over 100 are eligible to earn a Gold Cup. It takes a minimum of three years and top ratings to receive this recognition. The String Festival will be held on March 2 at Canyon View Middle School.

The National Federation of Music Clubs Piano Festival, directed by Angie Maxwell and Brittnie Larson, will be held on March 16, at the SUU Music Building.

Performances are free and open to the public starting at 8 a.m. throughout the day.

Scholarships of \$100 are available for graduating high school seniors who will be attending SUU and have earned at least one Gold Cup. Strings can apply at <http://www.southernutahstringfestival.org/PDF/Scholarship.pdf> by March 30. For

piano students, contact Angie Maxwell at 435-559-0691 or pick up an application at the Piano Festival.

There is also a new piano scholarship: The Ted & Robyn Schaefer \$500 SUU Piano Scholarship, for a high school Senior, currently taking piano lessons. The applicant must have earned three Gold Cups from National Federation Piano Festivals. Applications will be available at the Piano Festival.

In addition to the Cedar City Music Festivals there is also an Orchestra Festival in St. George in the fall directed by Kirsten and Ed Candland that has developed from the original Music Festivals.

The Music Festivals have offered performance opportunities and written critiques to help students improve their playing since 1983 in Cedar City. "Numerous volunteers make this experience possible. We appreciate all of the judges, tabulators, and organizers who offer this service to our music students," said Sara Penny, Founding Director.



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**GOLD CUP RECITAL MUSICIANS** from a past performance.

## Artists to share inspiration through collaboration

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

“Collaborate”—to work with another. “Collaboration”—the act or process of collaborating. In the musical world, this refers to two or more artists who work “collaboratively” to create a product. Remember this; there will be a test later.

On Friday, March 1st, Cedar City Music Arts will present the internationally-recognized violinist, Linda Wang. Ms. Wang is an accomplished musician in every sense of the word. At the age of nine, she made her orchestral debut with Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic. Since then, she has performed violin concerti with over seventy-five orchestras throughout the United States and abroad. She has also performed solo recitals in forty states and venues around the world. She is an avid chamber musician, performing as a member of small ensembles. It would appear that Ms. Wang is comfortable in all manner of performance situations.

Dear to my heart is the fact that Ms. Wang is also a dedicated teacher. In 2016, she was the recipient of the University of Denver’s Teacher Scholar of the Year Award, where she is String Chair and Professor of Violin. Her reputation as an excellent performer and teacher has resulted in numerous invitations to present master classes and adjudicate competitions. As someone who could apparently spend all of her time in the spotlight, Ms. Wang is obviously invested in the next generation of violinists.

But as impressive as all of that is—and believe me, had I listed all the credits on her resume I’d have quickly used up my allotted word count—that is only half of the story behind this wonderful recital coming up in two days.

The very popular Robert Thies will be the other half of the recital on Friday. Cedar City audiences are familiar with the work of this excellent pianist, who loves to come to Cedar City to perform. He is always heard to say that he would love to come back, and so he is.

Mr. Thies endeared himself to me—as if any more endearing were necessary—when he published an article entitled, “I

Am Not an Accompanist”.

In it, he makes a very substantive case for the fact that the pianist is not the accompanist to the soloist, but a partner in all respects, an artist of equal skill and importance in the performance of the

repertoire at hand. In other words, a COLLABORATOR.

He makes several points that have allowed me to be more confident in my own decades-long career as the person sitting on stage with the singer or instrumentalist.

A few points: Have conviction about the way the music should be performed and don’t be afraid to make suggestions; ask for a fee that makes you feel respected; don’t wait for acknowledgement—stand up and bow.

I could go on, but I’ve made my point. Ms. Wang and Mr. Thies will collaborate on stage at the Heritage Theater on Friday at 7:30. Take my word for it, it will be fabulous.



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# Ballet to share delightful stories at upcoming show

by Marlo **IHLER**

For Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — Most people are familiar with Hans Christian Andersen, the Danish author best remembered for his fairy tales. Likewise, most people have heard of “Peter and the Wolf.” And what better way to share delightful stories like these than through ballet? Cedar City Junior Ballet presents the charming tales of Hans Christian Andersen’s, “The Puppet-show Man” and “Peter and the Wolf” as full-scale ballets on March 8 and 9, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Center Theatre, 105 North 100 East, Cedar City.

As per their annual tradition, CCJB produces a full-length ballet each spring. This year, for the first time, it has opted to do two shorter shows instead of one longer one.

“I chose these ballets because they afford opportunities for dancers of all abilities to perform a variety of fun roles, and these stories are accessible and enjoyable,” says Christine Mills, director and CCJB founder. “I also wanted to recreate the original ballet of ‘The Puppet-show Man’ by Valerie Silver, my first ballet teacher, who was my role model when we began CCJB.”

Surprises and comedy abound in “The Puppet-show Man,” a story of a puppet man at a fair who longs for his marionettes to come to life. This energetic show is filled with larger-than-life characters, “ponies,” gymnasts, gypsies, and an actual professional illusionist named Jason Byers from Boise, Idaho. “You can’t have ‘live’ puppets without a proper magician!” exclaims Christine.

“Peter and the Wolf” is a perfect introduction to ballet and orchestra, featuring a live narrator and orchestra which represents each character with a specific instrument or group of instruments. It tells



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**DANCERS REHEARSE A SCENE** from “The Puppet-show Man” where the marionettes come to life and break free from their strings.

the story of a young boy named Peter who lives with his grandfather in the woods. Grandfather tells Peter to stay inside their fenced garden to be protected from wolves nearby. But as expected, Peter disobeys and meets all kinds of animal creatures in the woods, ultimately capturing a wolf and running into a group of comic hunters.

CCJB’s production features Utah Shakespeare

Festival and Neil Simon Festival actor Dan Frezza as the narrator as well as a live 23-piece orchestra conducted by Carylee Zwang.

“I have always wanted to use an orchestra for CCJB ballets,” remarked Christine. “I reached out to Sara Penny of the Orchestra of Southern Utah and she was hugely instrumental, no pun intended, in helping to arrange musicians for the show.”

Costuming for these shows is directed by Lise Mills, artistic director of CCJB. There are 57 cast members, ranging in age from four to adult, and 174 costumes, plus just as many head pieces for the dancers and numerous props.

“Tutus are always the most time-consuming costume pieces, but the wolf costume is a difficult one to build as well,” says Lise. “And I couldn’t possibly get the costumes ready for the production every year without help. CCJB is lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers including moms, neighbors and friends of cast members, and a few of my personal connections in the professional theater world.”

Cedar City Junior Ballet was founded in 2003 and is the city’s only classical ballet company designed to involve community talent of all ages. Past full-length productions include “The Secret Garden,” “The Sleeping Beauty,” “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” “Coppellius,” “Cinderella” and “Les Patineurs.” It is funded, in part, by Cedar City RAP tax and generous donations from individuals and local businesses.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the Heritage Center box office, (435) 865-2882, or online at [cedarcity.org](http://cedarcity.org). These are wonderful shows for families, but please no children under the age of four as the productions are recorded. For more information, email [cedarcityjuniorballet@gmail.com](mailto:cedarcityjuniorballet@gmail.com), visit [facebook.com/CedarCityJuniorBallet](https://www.facebook.com/CedarCityJuniorBallet), or visit [cedarcityjuniorballet.org](http://cedarcityjuniorballet.org).

## African Children’s Choir tour comes to Cedar

by Lydia **SHERWOOD**

For Iron County Today

A few years ago, the African Children’s Choir creatives: Choir Director, Barbara Serungoji, Technical Director, Andrew Stanley and International Director of Choir Operations, Julia Barnett-Tracy, brainstormed about producing a new album and touring show for the Choir. The result was a merging of two worlds, infusing traditional Western Hymns with the vibrant musical style of Uganda. “We landed on this idea of doing an album of

hymns, but with a distinctly African feeling,” Executive Producer, Julia said. “You’d be amazed at what can happen when you merge two worlds that don’t normally go together.”

Price Kwagala, a composer originally from a small Ugandan village, arranged the hymns to flow with African rhythms and styles while leaving plenty of room to layer the children’s vocals and harmonies. She led a team of local artists through an arrangement of instrumentals at a local Ugandan Studio owned and engineered by Sam Bisaso.

Barbara Serungoji, selected 20

students and former Choir members from the African Children’s Choir Primary School to record the vocals. They trained diligently with Barbara and Price to bring the harmonies and arrangements together. “Working with younger voices brings out the innocence and beauty of these arrangements,” Price said.

A friend of the choir, Nashville-based, Grammy Award-winning producer Luke Wooten was called upon to record the children’s voices in Uganda. Amazingly, he created a make-shift studio in a classroom at the African Children’s Choir Primary School. Luke graciously volunteered his time and talent to meticulously capture the children singing each note of each song. He returned to Nashville with the instrumental and vocal recordings in hand and mixed the sounds and merging of the two worlds into the final product.

The result is a nine-song album including 6 classic hymns and 3 original African gospel songs that will take you on a soulful journey from a familiar place to another place, located somewhere between two worlds.

The African Children’s Choir’s latest album “Just as I Am” is set to release this fall. The 49th African Children’s Choir will begin their west coast tour in September to perform these new songs live.



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#### JENSINA OLIVER, PIANIST

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February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

by Rachelle **HUGHES**  
*For Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** — Fall 2018 semester marked an all-time high for Southern Utah University's international student enrollment and that trend continues with 573 international students currently enrolled at SUU, representing 62 countries and territories.

Students come to SUU from many places abroad including China, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Côte D'Ivoire, Italy, and many others. Fall 2017 to Fall 2018 semesters had an 83% retention rate for SUU's international students. As part of their international services, SUU sends some professors to work with students in their select home countries before they make the move to Cedar City.

benefits from the sharing of different perspectives," said Kurt Harris, director of SUU Learning Abroad.

SUU works hard to support and grow its international student population. This year SUU facilitated 35 shopping trips, 13 cultural showcases, 6 outdoor excursions, and 14 internationally themed celebrations.

In addition to the positive economic

the cultural showcases and international food fairs.

"ISA impacts international students and helps them truly call SUU home," said Jamie Orton, director of International Student and Scholar Services. "Involvement with our prestigious organization provides life-changing opportunities for members, international students, and SUU as a whole."

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT at SUU reaches all time high

This jump in enrollment creates a positive impact on Cedar City's economic situation with SUU currently ranking fourth in the state for international student economic value. SUU's international population contributes approximately \$17.3 million to the U.S. economy and supports roughly 106 jobs according to NAFSA, the Association of International Educators.

"It was a great opportunity for me to meet some SUU professors. It provided me a chance to get to know SUU," said 21-year-old SUU senior Zhao Zhe (Jimmy) from Wuhan, China.

"SUU is fortunate to have such a diverse international student population. When students from elsewhere interact with American students in the classroom or in extracurricular activities, everyone

impact, international students also bring invaluable academic and cultural diversity to both the SUU campus and the Cedar City community. New perspectives add to the classroom environment in a way only possible with international students.

The international students have prompted many on-campus organizations, such as the International Student Ambassadors (ISA), and events including

"Collaborating with those from other countries who have a different culture, upbringing, and outlook than your own, provides an enriching outlook on life and current events that we may have never considered," said Meagan Beesley, international affairs business manager. "When students and community members are able to discuss and understand experiences with those from other countries, we all become better global citizens and one step closer to bridging the world together." Beesley continued.



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# Calendar

## Wed, Feb 27

**CEDAR CITY COUNCIL**, 5:30 p.m., city hall.  
**TAE KWON DO CLASS TO BENEFIT THE CANYON CREEK WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER**, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Cedar City Aquatic Center, \$25 per month, ages 5 and older with any experience level, sign up at the Aquatic Center.  
**IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS**, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, for questions call 586-2437.

**FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at 2569 Freeway Drive between Rally Stop and the Travelodge. Rides available at no charge, leaving the Main Street Pavilion by the library at 11:30 a.m. and returning to same location after the meal. Look for the Sonrise Christian Fellowship van.

**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.

**BAND: COLOR COUNTRY WINDS**, Call Debbie at 435-559-9609 for time and location. Come brush up on your band skills to share with the community.

**TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) MEETINGS**, lose weight without buying special foods, morning meeting weigh-in at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m., evening meeting weigh-in 6:30 with meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedar City Library in the Park. For more information, call Rhea Church (morning meeting) at 586-3233 or Liz (evening meeting) at 867-4784.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP**, 6 to 7:30 p.m., for women 18 and older, Canyon Creek Outreach Center, 95 N. Main St. #22 in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 867-9411.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 a.m., 203 E. Cobblecreek (KKCB upstairs).

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 6 p.m. AA Misfits, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

**AL-ANON (NEW BEGINNINGS) WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY MEETING. 6:30-7:30 P.M.**, 203 E. Cobblecreek Drive, Cedar City.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS JUST FOR TODAY**, 8 p.m., KKCB, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890 or (435) 635-9603.

**HEY CEDARS SQUARE DANCE CLASS**, 6:30 p.m., Cedar City Senior Center. Info from Pat at 435-531-6811 or Ralph at 435-669-4867.

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## Thurs, Feb 28

**BROADWAY MUSICAL - LITTLE WOMEN - PAROWAN HIGH SCHOOL**, 7 pm, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children. Don't miss this moving performance!

**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.

**IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS**, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Dept., 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City. Call 435-586-2437 with questions.

**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.

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

**AL-ANON - "AFFECTED BY SOMEONE'S ADDICTION OR DRINKING? AL-ANON CAN HELP. 6-7 P.M.**, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. More info at 435-531-1045.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m., KKCB, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. More info at 877-865-5890 or 435-635-9603.

**WATER AEROBICS CLASS**, 9 a.m., SUU pool. Fun, up-tempo workout to current pop hits. The class is medium to high intensity and includes full body toning. Can be modified to any fitness level. People with arthritis or knee, hip or back injuries are encouraged to participate. Cost is \$3/class. Call Allison at 435-327-2091 for more info.

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**PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., City Center  
**CEDAR CITY RADIO CONTROL CLUB**, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park

## Fri, March 1

**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.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, noon. Speaking from the Heart AA and 6 p.m. AA Misfits, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 a.m., 203 E. Cobblecreek (KKCB upstairs).

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS TWISTED SISTERS MEETING**, 7 p.m., KKCB, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS LIVE AND LET LIVE**, 8 p.m., KKCB, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890 or (435) 635-9603.

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

## Sat, March 2

**BROADWAY MUSICAL - LITTLE WOMEN - PAROWAN HIGH SCHOOL**, 7 pm, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children. Don't miss this moving performance!

**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.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS CLOSED**, Candle Light meeting, KKCB, 203 Cobblecreek, Cedar City. Info at 435-635-9603 or 877-865-5890.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 a.m., 203 E. Cobblecreek (KKCB upstairs).

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6:30 p.m. AA BB Study, and 8 p.m. My Story speaker meeting, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

## Sun, March 3

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 a.m., 203 E. Cobblecreek (KKCB upstairs).

**BROADWAY MUSICAL - LITTLE WOMEN - PAROWAN HIGH SCHOOL**, 7 pm, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children. Don't miss this moving performance!

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 11 a.m. (TGISS) AA and 6:30 p.m. 12x12 Book Study, 203 E. Cobblecreek, 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.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WOMEN ONLY**, 11 a.m., KKCB, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. Info at 435-635-9603 or 877-865-5890.

**COMMUNITY MINDFULNESS MEDITATION**, 4 p.m., St. Jude's 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.

## Mon, March 4

**BROADWAY MUSICAL - LITTLE WOMEN - PAROWAN HIGH SCHOOL**, 7 pm, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children. Don't miss this moving performance!

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**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.

**FREE DANCE AEROBICS CLASS**, 9 a.m. Class is medium to high impact but can be adapted to any fitness level. Beginners and people of all ages welcome. Moms can bring young children. For more information, call Allison at 435-327-2091 (no text).

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 a.m., 203 E. Cobblecreek (KKCB upstairs).

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, noon. Speaking from the Heart AA, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MONDAY NIGHT BASIC TEXT STUDY**, 8 p.m., KKCB, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890 or 435-635-9603.

**FREE AEROBICS CLASS**, 9 a.m.—fun easy dance moves to current pot hits, Latin, jazz, hip hop, and 80s choreography all included. People of all ages and fitness levels welcome. Moms can bring young children. For more information, call Allison at 435-327-2091

**CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 435-865-1387 for an appointment. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare and all private insurances.

## Tues, March 5

**BROADWAY MUSICAL - LITTLE WOMEN - PAROWAN HIGH SCHOOL**, 7 pm, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children. Don't miss this moving performance!

**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. 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.

**RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP**, 6 to 7:30 p.m., for women 18 and older, Canyon Creek Outreach Center, 95 N. Main St. #22 in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 867-9411.

**COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL**, 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.

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

**AL-ANON**, 7 TO 8 P.M., Parowan Senior Center

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 a.m., 203 E. Cobblecreek (KKCB upstairs).

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6 p.m. AA Misfits and 8 p.m. AA Cedar Group, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call(877) 865-5890.

**WATER AEROBICS CLASS**, 9 a.m., SUU pool. Fun, up-tempo workout to current pop hits. The class is medium to high intensity and includes full body toning. Can be modified to any fitness level. People with arthritis or knee, hip or back injuries are encouraged to participate. Cost is \$3/class. Call Allison at 435-327-2091 for more info.

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**CEDAR CITY LION'S CLUB**, Southwest Tech, 757 W. 800 South, Cedar City. For more information, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP LEAGUE**, noon, Five County Aging Offices, 585 N. Main Street, Ste. 1, Cedar City.

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

## Wed, March 6

**CEDAR CITY COUNCIL**, 5:30 p.m., city hall.

**TAE KWON DO CLASS TO BENEFIT THE CANYON CREEK WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER**, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Cedar City Aquatic Center, \$25 per month, ages 5 and older with any experience level, sign up at the Aquatic Center.

**IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS**, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, for questions call 586-2437.

**FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at 2569 Freeway Drive between Rally Stop and the Travelodge. Rides available at no charge, leaving the Main Street Pavilion by the library at 11:30 a.m. and returning to same location after the meal. Look for the Sonrise Christian Fellowship van.

**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.

**BAND: COLOR COUNTRY WINDS**, Call Debbie at 435-559-9609 for time and location. Come brush up on your band skills to share with the community.

**TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) MEETINGS**, lose weight without buying special foods, morning meeting weigh-in at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m., evening meeting weigh-in 6:30 with meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedar City Library in the Park. For more information, call Rhea Church (morning meeting) at 586-3233 or Liz (evening meeting) at 867-4784.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP**, 6 to 7:30 p.m., for women 18 and older, Canyon Creek Outreach Center, 95 N. Main St. #22 in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 867-9411.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 7 a.m., 203 E. Cobblecreek (KKCB upstairs).

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 6 p.m. AA Misfits, 203 E. Cobblecreek, Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

**AL-ANON (NEW BEGINNINGS) WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY MEETING. 6:30-7:30 P.M.**, 203 E. Cobblecreek Drive, Cedar City.

**ARP-ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM**, 7 p.m., Parowan Seminary building, Main and 300 North, Parowan.

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



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**YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS MEMBERS, TIARA & MCKENZIE**, pause for a photo while volunteering at the annual charity dodge-ball event.

## Cedar City YVC named one of top WC programs in North America

by cindy ROSE  
For Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — Youth Volunteer Corps in Cedar City was named a Gold Level program. Only one in 14 WC programs throughout the U.S. and Canada are awarded this honor. The YVC program, sponsored by Five County Association of Governments, offers volunteer opportunities for more than 86 youth volunteers, who serve over 3200 volunteer hours every year.

"YVC is paving the way for WC programs all over the U.S. and Canada," said David Battey, founder and president of WC's headquarters, located in Kansas City. "The program has had such a profound impact on both youth volunteers and the community they're serving."

WC Headquarters works with each WC Affiliate to ensure that they are serving the youth and their community in the best way possible. The Gold Level rating goes only to the very top WC programs that serve as stand-out examples for how the program can serve its community.

"We're so proud of this honor for the WC program and the youth volunteers involved," said Cindy Rose, Program Director of WC in Cedar City. "We look forward to seeing all the great things that Cedar City youth will accomplish in the coming year."

Last year, Cedar City youth volunteers were helping out at places like retirement homes, soup kitchens, animal shelters, parks, feeding the homeless and hungry, and the Operation Christmas Child event and more.

Volunteer Corps' mission is to create volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service. The program offers volunteer projects throughout the year for youth ages 11 to 18. Hosted by the Five County Association of Governments, WC in Cedar City, is one of more than 35 affiliates of Youth Volunteer Corps, headquartered in Kansas City. If you would like more information or would like to join our program, visit us on Facebook; Cedar City Youth Volunteer Corps or contact Cindy Rose at (435) 867-8384.

## 27 Years and counting

**B**efore you read this rut, I encourage you to grab some tissues. Just in case.

What if you were told today that you were going to die? Not from natural causes, but from a disease such as cancer. What if a doctor placed an estimated number on the remaining days of your life? My heart aches for each person and family who feels torn apart by this and any other tragedy, especially those that have already, or will end in loss of life. My heart aches for those who receive such news and then feel all is lost, that the rest of their lives will be filled only with living with the regrets of days wasted and days and dreams ahead that will go unfulfilled. I wish I had the words to comfort and inspire anyone suffering through any disease or disability in their lives, to help them not give up, but to have the courage to live every day and every breath; to have hope that as long as one more breath remains, you will use it to live and love.

I have experienced both endings to the story of life and death. I have lost two loved ones to cancer. Loved ones who had so much left to do. Loved ones who were still needed, loved and who had amazing memories yet to make and great love left to share. Thankfully, they left behind good memories to be enjoyed, and to help assuage the feelings of their loss.

*What if you knew you had 27 years left to live?*



### The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

Then, there is my dear grandmother. She was told that her liver was failing and her earthly life would soon end. Thankfully, through a loving liver donor and skilled doctors, a life-saving transplant was completed. And thanks to family and community members who helped fund her miracle with donations and prayers, my grandmother is still alive today; 27 years later. And she has not only survived but created countless loving memories and changed the lives of all that have enjoyed her life and love. I cannot imagine all the adventures, counsel, love and joy that would have been lost during these past 27 years.

As you wipe your eyes, and I wipe mine, I want to ask you another question. What if you knew you had 27 years left to live? Would they be precious to you? How would you choose to live them? Who would you want to share them with? Whether its 27 years or 27 days, whether you have a life threatening disease or not, please don't let one more precious day be wasted. Don't let doubt and fear steal any more of your days. Even if there is a number placed on your days remaining, make them count. It's not easy. I won't pretend to know how difficult it is, but cure or no cure, please keep fighting. Your family and friends may get frustrated, but they need you and love you. Live your life to the very end.

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## People

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

#### David R Braegger

David R Braegger turns 80 years old on March 1st. David's passion for teaching for 39 years at SUU as a biology and anatomy professor has created deep roots within the community. He is a wonderful man with many talents. He has incredible craftsmanship and has built beautiful tables, chairs, beds, etc. and also worked as a park ranger at Zion National Park. His life so far has truly been fulfilling



with his wife of 57 years, Connie Braegger, and his children. Happy 80th birthday David, WE LOVE YOU!!

### 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday



#### Mazie Kay Hunter

Mazie Kay Hunter turned 7 on February 25th! Her parents are Brady and Cami of Cedar City. Grandparents are Vaughn and Dawn Evans of Logandale, NV, Gina and Glen Banks of Enoch, and Craig Hunter of Cedar City.

## Mission

#### Elder Peterson

Mason Peterson has been called to serve in the Nevada Reno Spanish Speaking Mission, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will be speaking Sunday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m. in the Wagon Trail Ward Chapel, 638 E. Canyon Center Drive. He will report to the Mexico City MTC on March 19. Mason is the son of Tracy and Kori Peterson.



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IRON COUNTY **today**

# Cedar City seniors amazingly display that age doesn't matter

by Karen **GORDON, M.ED.**

For Iron County Today

It is common knowledge that for seniors to be physically active will assist in aging healthfully and help to maintain and even increase levels of functionality. Physical activity and exercise are considered medicine, provided the individual engages in the activities at a comfortable, tolerable level. For anyone it may mean, starting at their own level of fitness. For seniors, becoming regularly physically active not only gives their lives meaning and purpose, but also can provide a social network to combat isolation during retirement years.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that healthy aging is more than the absence of disease, it is the maintenance of functional ability. The focus on function is the key element to impact the quality of life. The ability to be able to continue to get up and get down, to reach, to push, to pull, to walk, even to dance is the evidence that one is aging healthfully. Having a chronic disease, such as diabetes,

functional physically, but it also is good for brain health. It increases what is called BDNF (brain derived neurotropic factor) that improves memory and cognitive abilities. In fact, exercise is one of the main methods to generate BDNF.

There are many fun and interesting activities for Seniors to participate in here in Cedar City to become more functional and enhance brain health. From Pickleball and Tai chi to walking and hiking. There's also Senior Yoga and Square Dancing.

It is obvious that there are opportunities for Seniors to become more physically active to age healthfully in Cedar City. We are hoping that all seniors here will come out and participate in as many activities as possible so they can age healthfully.

The Cedar City Aquatic Center (435-865-9223) offers aquatic exercise classes on Monday and Wednesdays at 7 pm, and on Saturdays at 9 am. and the Lazy River for people to water walk in.

A sponsor of many Senior Activities is Area Agency on Aging Five County RSVP program. They train senior volunteers



COURTESY PHOTO

**SENIORS STRIVE TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH** through regular exercise and a more active lifestyle.

or hypertension is manageable, but if one cannot get up, walk, do daily activities done by human movement, everything changes.

Statistics reveal that being regularly physical active may slow down the aging process biologically, improve levels of functionality, and improve quality of life. One may be getting older in numbers, but not necessarily in what one is able to do. Many of Senior citizens display the traditional stereotype of getting older, meaning doing less, this places a person at risk, the less we move we lose strength and balance and increase the chance of a fall.

Instead of focusing on what can't or shouldn't be done, the focus is on what can be done. Cedar City has a wide variety of activities for Seniors to participate in. Most of these activities are clubs or classes. Participants range from 50-97 years old. Each individual participant chooses activities that they believe they can do, and or may want to try. Recent research has demonstrated that learning something new is so healthy for the brain, encouraging new brain cell growth, called neurogenesis. It is much encouraged to learn something new. It is known that being physically active in general is not only beneficial for staying

age 55 and older to facilitate Evidence Based Health Programs, that prevent falls, and hospitalizations. Currently RSVP is looking for volunteers to teach classes of Walk with Ease, Stepping- On, Arthritis's Exercise Foundations Dr. Paul Lam's Tai Chi for Arthritis, and The Chronic Disease Self-Management Preprogram that originated at Stanford University. Volunteers Training is provided by and monitored by RSVP Director. These activities are offered at the local Senior Centers in Iron, Beaver, Washington, Garfield and Kane Counties and some classes are offered in the communities as well facilities in the community, True Life Center has a Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention class on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm.

To be a volunteer contact RSVP Director Jaime Vanderlaan at 435-673-3548, [jvanderlaan@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:jvanderlaan@fivecounty.utah.gov) and the Area Agency on Aging website <https://www.areaagencyonagingfivecounty.org>

For an additional list of great and healthy activities, contact the Iron County Cedar City Senior Center at (435) 586-0832 and check the calendar on their website, <https://www.ironcounty.net/department/senior-citizens/cedar-city/>

## Schools

# Annual 4th Grade Water Fair celebrates sixth year

by Jessica **STAHელი**

For Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD) and Utah State University Extension (USU Extension) are hosting the sixth annual Water Fair for Iron County fourth graders, on March 4th and 5th. Learning about water is part of the State fourth-grade curriculum. The Water Fair is designed to further expand on what students are learning in the classroom.

Angela Harker, a fourth-grade teacher from Escalante Elementary said, "I think the sooner students can learn about protecting our precious resources, the better. It will serve us all well to be aware of our impact on our environment and realize that we can all make a significant difference if we care to."

After the Water Fair, students are more aware of how important our small amount of usable water is. Which is great, since the National Groundwater Association (NGWA) says only 0.3 percent of water on earth is usable for humans. The other 99.7 percent is in the oceans, soils, icecaps, and floating in the atmosphere. "Education about water is extremely important, especially in an area such as Cedar Valley", said Jessica Staheli of CICWCD, "where groundwater is at a continual decline due to the fact that more water is being pulled from the aquifer, than is being put in each year."

Education and awareness help

us to live more environmentally conscious lives. Last year Utah experienced one of the warmest and driest years on record, but things are looking up this winter. As of February 22nd, Southwestern Utah had a snowpack measuring 174 percent of normal. Water experts from the across the state come together and teach the fourth graders. Each speaker teaches a different topic involving water. A highlight for the kids is when chemistry professors and students from Southern Utah University conduct water experiments. Many of the classes at the Water Fair have hands-on aspects to help engage students and increase understanding.

In the weeks leading up to the Water Fair, infographics with water fun facts are displayed at schools, and teachers are sent materials to study with their classes for Water Jeopardy. Water Jeopardy is a popular station at the Fair since the overall winning class gets a pizza party to celebrate. At the close of the Water Fair, each class receives a gift to help them continue to learn about the importance of water, including water cycle materials and experiments. Each student is also given toilet tablets to test for leaks in their homes. CICWCD and USU Extension are happy to celebrate six years of the Water Fair and educating our future generations about this precious natural resource. For more information or questions, contact CICWCD at 435-865-9901 or email [jessica@cicwcd.org](mailto:jessica@cicwcd.org).



COREY BAUMGARTNER

**LOCAL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** learn about the importance of water conservation during a previous water fair.

# Schools

## NEWS Nuggets

Compiled by Le Ann WOOLSTENHULME

Iron County School District

### East Elementary

The application window for our Dual Immersion program is now open at East Elementary! If you currently have a kindergarten student that you would like to participate in the Spanish Dual Immersion program, please fill out an application. Students from throughout Iron County are eligible to participate. Applications can be picked up in the school office or downloaded from the school website. Applications are due by the end of March. Students who speak Spanish, live in East Elementary boundaries, or already have siblings in the program, will be given priority with the remaining spots determined by lottery. Applications received after March 31st will be placed on a waiting list. If you have questions about the Dual Immersion program or the application, please contact the office.

Second graders enjoyed a special presentation about dental hygiene by Mrs. Theresa Williams, the wife of dentist, Chase Williams. Students learned about the types and purposes of teeth and about the importance of brushing and flossing to keep their mouths healthy. We extend a big thank you to Mrs. Williams and to our PTA for purchasing a new toothbrush for every student! Our PTA is currently needing help for next year. Please contact our PTA president if you can offer any assistance. A question or discussion is not a commitment, so please ask to find out if there is a way to help that would fit within your schedule! We'd love to have your help!



**STUDENTS HELP MRS. WILLIAMS** teach about how to care for their teeth.

### Three Peaks Elem.

The fourth-grade classes at Three Peaks Elementary had the opportunity to visit the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) last week. Students discussed elements of art and design and then used the classroom area to create personal art pieces using embossing. During the same trip, the classes were excited to tour the Fehner Museum of Natural History and the greenhouse where they learned about moths and butterflies and their migration patterns. Thank you, SUU, for providing these learning opportunities for our students.

We are celebrating Read Across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss this week. On Monday, each class made a poster listing their favorite books and displayed it on their classroom door. Tuesday was Top Hat Tuesday. Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday - bright colored clothes and wacky hair. Thursday is Horton Hears a Who

day and students will practice random acts of kindness. Friday is pajama day, a read-a-thon, and special guests will be reading to each class. Thank you, Shauna Marshall, for organizing these fun events.

### South Elementary

South PTA sponsored the annual Spelling Bee. Congratulations to the winners. 3-5th Grade Bee: 1st place: Jack Parson, 2nd place: Alanah Clark, 3rd place: Alex Ekker, 4th place: Ellie Leavitt.

1st-2nd grade bee: 1st place, Karli Adams, 2nd place, Grayson Jones. Thank you to the PTA and all of the Spelling Bee participants.



**3-5 GRADE SPELLING BEE WINNERS:** L-R Alex Ekker, Alanah Clark, Ellie Leavitt, Jack Parson



**1-2 GRADE SPELLING BEE WINNERS:** Karli Adams and Grayson Jones

### Enoch Elementary

Rangers from Zion National Park visited the Enoch Elementary 5th graders, on February 20th. They taught the students about the rock cycle and led them in a hands-on activity. This visit is in preparation for a field trip to Zion in March.

Kite Flight for Reading and Sight representatives, Mark and Julia, encouraged students to read and track their minutes every day. The Lions Club will hold the 15th annual Kite Flight Festival on April 27. Students can earn prizes for the minutes they read.

Congratulations to all the top readers and the students who exemplified the monthly theme of "Empathy."

Our school has an overwhelming number of unclaimed coats, scarves, gloves, and lunch bags. If your child is missing any items, please have them check the lost and found. Remember to label your child's items so that they can be returned if lost.

### Escalante Elem.

Escalante Valley School wishes to send a big thank you to South Central Communications for their recent donation to our school! Thank you for your generosity and support in education.



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## GATEWAY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS REACH FOR THE STARS DURING LOVE OF READING WEEK

Gateway students are participating in the "Reach for the Stars" reading program, which encourages students to read at home. When the Usborne book fair comes in March students with the most minutes read will be able to win some prizes and books! As the whole school celebrates our annual "Love of Reading" week, Gateway teachers and students will also decorate the entire school, including decorating doors to look like a favorite book. Stop on by to see some of the fun and creative doors if you get a minute. Students also get celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday all week long with different themes of activities and dress each day. Friday is a fun celebration with a special visit from the one and only Cat in the Hat. This is always one of our favorite weeks of the year! Don't forget kindergarten registration is coming up, go to the school website for more information [www.gpacharter.org](http://www.gpacharter.org).

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# Business

## Enoch Dental Care Grand Opening

The Iron County community is invited to help celebrate Dr. Daniel Norris DDS and his staff for the grand opening of the first dental office in the city of Enoch. An open house will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019, from 11 am to 1 pm. The ribbon cutting will be held at 11 am. They are located at 850 East Midvalley Road in Enoch. For more information call the office at (435) 216-3084 or email: enochdental-care@gmail.com

## Local Realtors continue to build relationships

by Mari **EDDY**  
Southern Utah Realtor

Your hometown Board of Realtors hope that everyone is having a great start to 2019. As a group, realtors are invested in the community and love giving back. In 2018, realtors donated hundreds of pairs of shoes, school supplies and backpacks, gave Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts and toys to hundreds of children and less fortunate families in our community. We not only help the community, we are part of the community and helping each other is what we do.



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**TOYS AND OTHER GIFTS DONATED** by generous community members are prepared to be given to less fortunate families throughout the community.

# Religion

## Who is my neighbor



**GOD'S Porch**

by Corey **BAUMGARTNER**

[LUKE 10:25-37]

**W**e live in a diverse community. We all have different beliefs, talents, histories, hopes and dreams. Each neighborhood displays a beautiful kaleidoscope of culture, color and creed. They contain the most treasured part of our communities, you and me. No matter where we live, how we dress, or how we worship, we are neighbors.

What defines a neighborhood? Is it just a nice name we assign to a certain location of houses, or do we know the truer meaning of the word neighbor? That was the question a certain lawyer posed to Jesus. In asking the Savior what must be done to inherit eternal life, we learn from their exchange that we should love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind. Also, that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. When the lawyer then asks who our neighbors are, Jesus shares the simple, but powerful parable of the Good Samaritan.

We don't know why the man in the parable was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. We do know that he fell among thieves that left him for dead. We also know that there were others, a certain priest and a Levite, who were traveling the same road. Whether out of fear, apathy, or busyness, they chose not to stop and help. Thankfully, a Samaritan stopped and took the time to do what he could before moving on.

There are times in my life when I have been the certain priest, or the Levite, who passed by on by the other side; times when I have left the caring word unspoken, or compassionate deed undone. There have also been times in my own life, when in my darkest hours, I too have been passed by. Thankfully, there have also been times when I have had the opportunity to be the one who stopped and helped.

There are times in each of our lives when we feel as if we've fallen among thieves and need a helping, healing hand; when we need our wounds bound up and our hearts cheered up. There are dark moments when we feel stripped of our joy, dreams and we feel left for half dead. Therefore, in all of the chaos and evils in this world, when another neighbor needs help, it should not matter what race, religion, color, or creed they, or we are. For we are all humans and also all children of God. This truth alone should call forth a greater reaching out and a relationship more than simply being a neighbor, but being a brother, or sister in Christ.

Going back to the antagonistic lawyer, though his quarrelsome question seems to be motivated more by contention than compassion, let us each seek an opportunity to ask the Savior for ourselves who our neighbors are. In our righteous desires, the proof of our discipleship will not be found in only listening to His answer, but if will we then go, and do likewise.

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# Obituaries

## Beverly Peterson Neilson



Our beautiful, beloved mother, Beverly Peterson Neilson, (89) passed through the veil into the arms of her sweetheart, Clemont Neilson, on February 21, 2019. Beverly was born on March 7, 1929, in Cedar City, UT, to Harry Neill and Theresa Maxwell Peterson. Mom was raised in a loving home with three sisters, and one brother. Elda Randall, (deceased) Charles (deceased) and (Darlos) Peterson, Dianne and (Melvin) Wilkey and Cheryl Smith.

Her early childhood was spent with dolls, play dishes, mud pies and lots of "dress ups"! In fact, she always liked to dress up! Mom

would never leave the house without her nails manicured, touch up and earrings on, and the "cobwebs" had to have just the right touch of "spring" in her perfectly teased hair. She was the epitome of class, style and grace. Yet, underneath that beautiful façade, was a delightful sense of humor and a face that should have "harass" tattooed across her forehead. Everywhere she went she made a lasting impression that brought a smile and laugh. She was well known for her positive attitude, even in the face of adversity.

She met the love of her life in front of the Cedar City Rock Church. They were married September 18, 1946, in Cedar City, UT. Our family was sealed in the St. George Temple on October 15, 1960. Her greatest joy came from her family of two sons and two daughters; Vaughn, and (Ann) Neilson, Curt and (Jane) Neilson, Lorie and (Dana) DeMille and Belinda and (Bill) Barlet. She is survived and loved by a great posterity of four children, 29 grandchildren, and almost 43 great grandchildren, who each have a special memory that will brighten quiet moments. She is an incredible example of womanhood, love, and service to both her family and church. As she stepped through the veil, she had a joyous reunion with her husband who has been deceased for almost 29 years. She cherished relationships more than earthly treasures.

A funeral/90th birthday celebration will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 11:00 am in the Rock Church (75 East Center Street, Cedar City, UT). Viewings will be held on Sunday, March 3rd, from 6:00 until 8:00pm and prior to the service from 9:00 to 10:30am. Both viewings will be held at the Cedar City Rock Church. Internment at the Cedar City Cemetery will be under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

The family would like to thank all those that helped with her care and ministered to her. A special thank you for the loving care she received from Dr. Marshall, Dr. Poulson and Ethan Bunker. Thanks to the Cedar City First Ward for the compassionate service, luncheon and to Melvin Wilkey, who arranged the beautiful flowers. Our hearts are full of gratitude for our wonderful parents. Mom and Dad, "Thanks Again".

## Joeseeph Rockwell



Joeseeph Rockwell, 82, passed away on January 7th, 2019. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, Judy Rockwell; brother, Paul Rockwell, children and grandchildren, who he loved with all his heart. There will be a gathering of family and friends for a celebration of his life, followed by a memorial, on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the Cedar West Stake Center, 725 south 1100 west in Cedar City, Utah, 84720.

## Roderick George LaPoint

Roderick George LaPoint, 94, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2019, at his home in Cedar City, Utah. He was born August 11, 1924, to George and Ada Carr LaPoint in Burlington, Vermont. He served with the United States Navy during WWII and retired after 20 years of service. He was a member of the True Life Center in Cedar City. He married his beautiful wife, Lucille Mormile, on December 13, 2008, in Mesquite, Nevada.

Roderick is survived by his wife, Lucille LaPoint of Cedar City, and his step-children, Shelley (Las Vegas, NV), Ronald (Phoenix, AZ), and Christopher (Las Vegas, NV). He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Ada LaPoint.

There will be a memorial for Roderick on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 11:00 am at the True Life Center (2111 N Main Street, Cedar City, UT). Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

## Gary Louis Knoke



Gary Louis Knoke passed away on February 5, 2019, in Cedar City, Utah. Gary was born on November 12, 1969, to Gloria Susan Young and Louis O Knoke. He was raised in Panorama City, California. He married Gaylene Sue Pellegrino on August 18, 2001. Gary loved to read and enjoyed the outdoors. He received his Associates Degree from Dixie State University. Gary is survived by his wife, mother and step father Barney, sisters Tracie and Brenda and brothers James and Rick. There is a celebration of life scheduled on Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Heritage Theater Festival Hall (105 N 100 E) in Cedar City, Utah.

## RAMS TAKE 2ND IN 2A HOOPS



DAVID MINEER

by tom **HARALDSEN**  
For Iron County Today

**OGDEN** — Parowan boys basketball head coach Lance Stubbs knew exactly what his team would have to do to compete with Layton Christian Academy in Saturday night's state 2A state title game—and the Rams responded. Despite taking on a team with more athleticism, a team that averaged over 100 points a game in region play, Parowan hung tough until the final minute before dropping a 43-36 decision.



Parowan  
**36**



Layton Christ.  
**43**

Parowan	8	5	10	13	36
LCA	12	3	14	14	43

Parowan - Goodman 0, Topham 11, Stubbs 1, Benson 8, Wood 16, Townsend 0. 12 10-15: 36

LCA - Ramikson 12, Tomasi 9, Petty 0, Muller 18, Saez 4, Souza 0, Marques 0, Lalau 0, Penezola 0. 19 4-7: 43

Still, the Rams came home with a silver trophy produced by a team that may have been the finest boys' basketball squad in school history.

"We knew what we were facing," Stubbs said. "They play a high energy, up tempo offense that we had to slow down. We had a game plan and the boys executed it perfectly."

The Rams got the opening tip and the opening basket, keeping the ball out on the perimeter for a full minute before working it over to Shaydon Benson, who it a 10-footer to make it 2-0. LCA

responded with Sam Muller, who tallied 8 of the team's 12 first-quarter points. Parowan star Porter Wood hit two baskets and a pair of free throws, giving the Rams an 8-6 lead, but LCA scored the next six points and added a free throw as the second quarter began to stretch its lead to 13-8.

Parowan came back with five free throws, one from Wood and four from Max Topham, and the game was tied at 13-all with three minutes left in the half. LCA's Lino Saez hit the final basket of the half, leaving the Eagles up

15-13 at the break.

To show how defensive-minded Parowan was, the Rams only took nine shots in the first 16 minutes and held LCA to just 17. The Eagles averaged more shots than that per quarter in the regular season.

"I thought we did a great job of being patient and looking for opportunities when they came our way," coach Stubbs said.

When the third quarter began, Parowan quickened the pace. Wood scored twice in the

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## Lady Reds seize control in 4A hoops opener

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**  
Iron County Today

As he showed off a piece of paper to his players with the numbers 1 through 4 written on it, Cedar girls head coach Corry Nielson drew an X in black ink through the first digit.

The symbol was a clear statement. The Lady Reds knew the first win in the four-game march to a 4A state basketball title wouldn't be easy, but it was the first step of a potentially historic process.

Mayci Torgerson led three players in double figures with 16 points, and Cedar closed the third quarter with a 13-0 run to break the game wide open towards a 53-31

win over the Salem Hills Skyhawks on Feb. 23 at the Cedar High gym.

The win kept the Lady Reds unbeaten on the year at 22-0 and earned them a quarter-final matchup against the Stansbury Stallions on Thursday at 9:10 p.m. at the America First Event Center. The Stallions advanced by beating Logan on the road, 49-41.

"You just don't know when the run's going to be," Cedar head coach Corry Nielson said of the key moment in another win. "We have good shooters and our press is going to pay off at some point."

That point came near the end of the third quarter for the Lady Reds in a rematch of last year's quarterfinal game won by the

Skyhawks. After Torgerson was fouled on a drive to the basket, the Salem Hills bench was whistled for a technical foul in protest of the call.

The junior made three of the four resulting free throws, then hit her third 3-pointer of the night on the next possession. When Logann Laws finished the run with a conventional three-point play, Cedar's lead had ballooned to 39-18 after three quarters.

"In the first (playoff) game, there are always jitters," Nielson said. "We played Salem Hills and beat them in December, but they've gotten a whole lot better."

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Cedar  
**53**



Salem Hills  
**31**

Salem Hills	8	5	5	13	31
Cedar	14	10	15	14	53

Salem Hills - Michelson 3, Turnbow 3, Vaitohi 1, Moser 4, Vance 14, Gustin 4, Oldroyd 2. Totals 13 2-7 31. 3-pointers - Michelson 1, Turnbow 1, Vance 1.

Cedar - Laws 10, Weaver 8, Torgerson 16, Davis 2, Johnston 5, Henkel 12. Totals 19 11-12 53. 3-pointers - Torgerson 3, Johnston 1.

# Falcon boys fall in 4A hoop playoffs

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

The knowledge was there about the Orem Tigers. They scored points in bunches on the way to winning the Region 10 title. The Canyon View Falcons got a first-hand look at just how good the Tigers are as the teams faced each other in the opening round of the 4A state basketball playoffs Feb. 22.

Orem started fast and didn't let up, getting 24 points from Ike Richards and 19 from Taft Mitchell as they cruised to a convincing

74-56 victory over Canyon View to advance to the state quarterfinals happening Thursday at America First Event Center in Cedar City.

The Tigers (19-4) built a 65-31 lead through three quarters as CV (10-13) simply couldn't keep pace. The Falcons, who were the No. 4 seed from Region 9, got 18 points from senior Mason Lyman and 12 from fellow senior Parker Holmes in the loss.

Orem will play Bear River, a 68-55 winner over Tooele, in one of the quarterfinal games Thursday at 12:50 p.m.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

**LADY REDS JAPRIX WEAVER** elevates over the Skyhawks defense to score.

## LADY REDS

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Torgerson said the key to the run was simple communication between teammates.

"I talked with Logann and we decided we were too tentative in the first half, playing not to lose instead of to win," she said. "We said at halftime we were just going to get after it. We had nothing to lose by going for it and playing with a lot more confidence."

Cedar never trailed in the game as they scored the first seven points. The Skyhawks stayed close behind the play of Brooke Vance (14 points), but Torgerson would hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions in an 8-0 run that finished the first half and put the Lady Reds up 24-13 at the break.

Stansbury faced Cedar at the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic on Dec. 29 and scored just 12 points in the second half of a 52-34 loss. The Stallions have won 11 of 13 games since then.

## Long days of losing nearing end for T-Birds

The day doesn't quite live in infamy as once described by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but March 4, 2007 was a big deal for the Southern Utah men's basketball team.

They ended that season with a 71-59 loss to IUPUI in the opening round at the Summit League tournament, but the T-Birds finished with a 16-14 overall record.

No one really knew it would take this long before a taste of something like a winning season came around again. The senior classes of our area high schools haven't seen one through their educational careers.

Almost a full 12 years later, SUU is on the verge of breaking the losing funk and ending the school's long nightmare. With three games left in the regular season, the T-Birds are 14-12 overall and 9-8 in Big Sky Conference play.

That means there's actual wiggle room here. All the team has to do is win one more game out of the next three and a real, honest-to-goodness winning season can be secured.

You'd think it would be easy, but it won't be. Nothing worth having ever comes easy, especially in the Big Sky.

For starters, SUU has to travel to Montana for games against the league-leading Grizzlies on Saturday in Missoula, then follow up with a 200-mile jaunt down Interstate 90 to Bozeman for a meeting with Montana State on March 4.

Montana will likely be the No. 1 seed in defense of its Big Sky championship when the men's tournament convenes in Boise, Idaho, on March 13. The Bobcats are



**RANDOM Thoughts**  
by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Sports Writer

in a tie with Eastern Washington for fourth, but both teams lead SUU by just a half-game.

If we include Weber State, there's a two-game separation among five teams for the third through seventh seeds. It's a pretty big deal because the top five won't have to play on Day 1 of the tournament.

See the standings elsewhere on the pages of this paper for a closer look, but once the T-Birds wrap up the Montana trip, they have to face Northern Colorado at home to close out the regular season March 7.

The Bears are second to Montana heading into this week and needed to beat the Grizzlies in a showdown that happened Feb. 25 to keep hope alive for the top spot.

Here's the good and bad for SUU's situation. The good comes from having a real chance at not only a winning season, but a first-day bye at the Big Sky tournament. The bad is that the T-Birds didn't beat any of these teams the first time they faced them – losses at home to the Grizzlies and Bobcats and a road loss to UNC in Greeley, Colo.

The counter to that point is a simple one. While the T-Birds are just 2-6 on the road in Big Sky play, they've won seven straight at home since those opening losses at the start of the conference schedule.

As we hit the stretch drive, it feels like every remaining game will have at least some bearing on where the teams end up in the final tournament pecking order from another crazy season of ups, downs, twists and turns.

But when the dust settles, we hope and pray we can finally say Southern Utah had a winning season. It's been way too long for everyone involved.

Follow Tom Zulewski on Twitter @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

## Scoreboard

### Scores

#### High School Boys Basketball

**4A PLAYOFFS • FIRST ROUND**  
2/22 Orem 74, Canyon View 56  
Payson 70, Hurricane 53  
Dixie 66, Lehi 50  
Pine View 53, Salem Hills 46

#### 2A PLAYOFFS • QUARTERFINALS

2/21 Kanab 51, North Summit 48  
Parowan 56, Draper APA 47  
Layton Christ. 78, Enterprise 38  
Rowland Hall 40, Beaver 37

#### 2A PLAYOFFS • SEMIFINALS

2/22 Layton Christ. 76, Rowl. Hall 59  
Parowan 51, Kanab 27

#### 2A PLAYOFFS • CHAMPIONSHIP

2/23 Layton Christ. 43, Parowan 36

#### High School Girls Basketball

#### 4A PLAYOFFS • FIRST ROUND

2/23 Uintah 58, Desert Hills 50  
Spanish Fork 64, Dixie 63, OT  
Lehi 49, Pine View 44  
Cedar 53, Salem Hills 31

2/14 Cedar 74, Hurricane 45  
Dixie 61, Canyon View 55  
Desert Hills 69, Pine View 44

#### Big Sky Mens Basketball

2/21 So. 76, Ea. Washington 62  
No. Arizona 75, Idaho 54  
Sac. State 78, Weber State 76  
Portland St. 99, Idaho St. 93

2/23 Southern Utah 85, Idaho 76  
Ea. Wash. 86, No. Arizona 73  
Montana 89, Montana St. 83  
Portland St. 65, Sac. State 57

#### Big Sky Womens Basketball

2/21 Ea. Wash. 80, So. Utah 66  
Idaho 90, No. Arizona 72  
Idaho St. 72, Portland St. 54

2/23 Idaho 77, Southern Utah 49  
Montana St. 75, Montana 71  
Idaho St. 84, Weber State 57  
Ea. Wash. 81, No. Arizona 76  
Portland St. 75, Sac. State 57

### Standings

#### Mens Basketball

	CONF.	OVERALL
Montana	13-2	20-6
Northern Colorado	11-4	17-9
Weber State	10-6	16-11
Montana State	9-7	12-14
E. Washington	9-7	11-16
Southern Utah	9-8	14-12
Portland State	8-8	13-14
Northern Arizona	7-10	9-18
Sacramento State	6-10	12-13
Idaho State	5-11	9-16
Idaho	1-15	4-23

#### Womens Basketball

	CONF.	OVERALL
Idaho	13-3	16-9
Idaho State	13-4	18-8
Portland State	12-4	20-5
Northern Colorado	11-4	16-8
Montana State	9-7	14-12
E. Washington	8-8	9-16
Montana	7-8	12-12
Sacramento State	6-10	10-14
Northern Arizona	5-12	9-17
Southern Utah	3-14	6-20
Weber State	2-15	5-22

### Schedule

#### High School Boys Basketball

#### 4A QUARTERFINALS

#### AT AMERICA FIRST EVENT CENTER

2/28 Dixie vs. Sky View, 9:30am  
Green Cyn. vs. Payson, 11:10am  
Orem vs. Bear River, 12:50 pm  
Pine View vs. Bonneville, 2:30

#### High School Girls Basketball

#### 4A QUARTERFINALS

#### AT AMERICA FIRST EVENT CENTER

2/28 Uintah vs. Bonneville, 4:30pm  
Spanish Fork vs. Ridgeline, 5:50  
Lehi vs. Green Cyn., 7:30 pm  
Cedar vs. Stansbury, 9:10 pm

## RAMS

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first 90 seconds, giving Parowan its last lead at 17-15. LCA ran off the next eight points, but a lay-in from Benson cut the lead to 23-19. The Eagles expanded it to 27-19, but again, Parowan responded with hoops from Benson and Wood to make it 27-23. Muller's basket with four seconds left gave LCA a 29-23 lead entering the final quarter.

Five quick points from the Eagles made it look like LCA might run away in the fourth period, but Parowan never gave up. Trailing 34-23, the Rams got scores from Wood and Benson to make it 34-27. Muller rallied for the Eagles, then Krue Stubbs and Topham hit free throws, and Topham nailed a three-pointer to make it 36-32 with 2:12 remaining.

On the subsequent possession, LCA turned the ball over, and Stubbs took a three-point shot that looked good all the way but rimmed out. Muller grabbed the rebound and drove down court, pulling up and hitting a trey with 1:07 left to make it 39-32. That kind of sealed the deal. Parowan got back to within four at 40-36 when Wood scored with 18 seconds left but could get no closer.

"They fought all the way," coach Stubbs said. "It was a great season, and I can't say enough about how all the boys played. Porter is the best athlete I've ever seen at Parowan High School. I felt fortunate to be his coach for so many years."

Parowan finished 22-4 on the year, and including the JV and freshmen teams, the Rams were 56-11 as a program this season. Wood is the only graduating senior, and there were 9 freshmen and 7 sophomores in the program—meaning the Rams will be a team to contend with for years to come.

Wood finished with 16 points, Topham had 11 and Benson 8 for the Rams. Muller led LCA with 18.

### The Rams' road to the finals

Parowan arrived in Ogden on Wednesday night and faced Draper ACA in the first round on Thursday. The Rams were sluggish in the first half, and Draper was up 10 early in the third quarter before Parowan made its comeback. An eight-point run helped Parowan take a 40-36 lead into the fourth quarter after outscoring Draper 21-12.

The Rams never trailed again, even though Draper ACA got to within two at 42-40. Wood scored twice as part of his 16 second-half points, and Parowan went on to win 56-47. Wood had 33 points and 10 rebounds, Stubbs 8 points and 4 steals, and Benson 8 points and 10 boards.

That brought the Rams into Friday's semifinal with Region 18 foe Kanab. Parowan had beaten the Cowboys twice in league play, but no one saw the first quarter coming. Parowan started fast and kept the Cowboys completely at bay, taking a 14-0 lead after one period. Kanab never truly got back in the game. At halftime, the Rams led 21-10.

Kanab couldn't close the gap under 10 points. With Parowan up 26-15, Benson scored on a reverse layin, Topham scored off the board, Wood scored on a rebound and Stubbs hit a free throw to stretch the lead to 33-16. The game was never in doubt after that, as Parowan moved into the final with a 51-27 victory.

Wood led Parowan with 18 points, Topham had 9 and Stubb 7. Freshman Benson had five blocks in the game as well, a preview of seasons to come for the Rams.

# T-Birds victorious over Idaho

by Bryson **LESTER**

*SUU Athletics Strategic Communication*

**CEDAR CITY** — The Thunderbird men's basketball team continued their home dominance on Saturday afternoon, as they knocked off the Idaho Vandals 85-76 inside the America First Event Center.

For SUU, that marked its 10th overall home victory and its

**SUU T-BIRD GUARD HARRISON BUTLER** soars above his defender for the easy bucket.



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seventh-straight in Cedar City.

The T-Birds also notched their ninth Big Sky Conference victory, which is the most league wins the program has had since transitioning into the conference.

Southern Utah also earned its 14th overall victory, which is the most the program has had since the 2011-12 season when they hit the same number.

"It was a solid performance today," SUU head coach Todd Simon said. "Anytime you can get a win it's a good performance, but we felt like we controlled the game for the most part which is a sign of our maturity."

Both teams shot it well in the opening minutes of the contest, and the majority of the first half was a back-and-forth affair between the Thunderbirds and the Vandals. Late in the opening frame the T-Birds found their momentum, and built a double-digit lead with just over five minutes to play in the first half. SUU took a nine-point lead into the half, 43-34.

With 16:21 to play the Vandals had cut the Thunderbird lead to five, but a quick 6-0 run put SUU on top by a comfortable margin and they were able to stay ahead by seven or more the rest of the way.

Harrison Butler had a career-high 21 points for Southern Utah, and matched his rebounding career high with 13 to finish the day with a double-double for the T-Birds.

Cameron Oluyitan finished the contest with 17 points. Dre Marin scored 14 points for SUU, to go along with five assists and four rebounds. Brandon Better finished with 13 points and went 5-of-5 from the free throw line for the Thunderbirds.

SUU's bench outscored Idaho's 22-12, and the T-Birds held a 13-4 advantage in terms of second chance points.

Jared Rodriguez finished with 28 points and 11 rebounds, and was a big key for the Vandals staying competitive in the contest.

The T-Birds will now turn their attention to the road, as they head to the Treasure State to face off against Montana (March 2) and Montana State (March 4). The T-Birds fell to both of those teams to start their Big Sky slate in early January.

## Flippin' Birds use season-high floor performance to knock off no. 17 BYU

by Kyle **BIRNBRAUER**

*SUU Athletics Strategic Communication*

**CEDAR CITY** — The Southern Utah gymnastics team took down the No. 17 ranked BYU Cougars Friday night, scoring a 196.000 in their final home meet of the season.

"I loved what I saw out of the girls tonight. It was a fantastic meet, the girls looked awesome, and it was great to get our seniors in the lineups," head coach Scotty Bauman said. "We left some gymnastics out there, but what happened on floor was amazing. To see that team rally, without Hannah Nipp, was fantastic. It was good to see Maddy McBride and Autumn Jorgensen back in on floor."

The Flippin' Birds scored a 49.175 on floor, their highest score of the season on that event, to keep the Cougars at bay and secure the win. The 196.000 overall score is their second-highest of the season, having set their season-high last week against Temple. Morgan Alfaro and Becky Rozsa-Thompson both earned event champion titles, as Alfaro had the best vault of the night and Rozsa-Thompson had the best bar routine.

In her final meet in Cedar City,

Karen Gonzalez led the way on floor for SUU, scoring a 9.875, a new season-high. Molly Jozwiakowski and Madison McBride both earned 9.850's and Autumn Jorgensen scored a 9.825 in her first floor routine of the season. Shylen Murakami rounded out the scoring with a 9.775.

Southern Utah's second-best team

score of the night came on vault where they scored a 49.025. Morgan Alfaro led the way for the second week in a row scoring a 9.850. Rachel Smith and Stephanie Tervort both earned 9.825's, a new career-high for Smith. Jozwiakowski scored a 9.775 and Karley McClain rounded out the scoring with a 9.750.

On bars, Rozsa-Thompson had the highest score for the T-Birds for the third straight week, scoring a 9.825. Murakami and McClain both scored 9.800's and Tervort and Caitlin Kho each earned a 9.750. This was Kho's first bar routine of her collegiate career.

Murakami and McClain also both scored 9.800's on beam, leading the way on the event for the Thunderbirds. Jorgensen scored a 9.775 and both seniors, Gonzalez and Kamryn Bayer, were awarded 9.750's for their routines.

4,543 fans packed the America First Event Center for the final home meet of 2019, the highest attendance number since the University of Utah made the trip to Cedar City to open the 2016 season.

The Flippin' Birds will now be on the road for five straight meets starting with a matchup with the University of Nebraska in Lincoln next Saturday March 2.



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