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# Southern Utah mourns loss of former Director of Athletics Communication

by Jason Marsteller

SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

**CEDAR CITY** — Southern Utah University Athletics lost one of its staunchest supporters as former Assistant Director of Athletics for Media Relations Neil Gardner passed away. Gardner served as Southern Utah's Assistant Director of Athletics for Media Relations from 1991 until 2014.

During that time, he oversaw the SUU Athletic Media Relations department and its workings with the University's 17 NCAA Division I sports, with primary responsibility for

football, men's basketball and golf during his time with the Thunderbirds.



COURTESY SUU  
**Neil Gardner**

Gardner joined the SUU athletics department in 1991 as an assistant sports information director, with primary responsibility for

football, men's basketball, gymnastics and baseball. He has also served as the primary contact for women's basketball, tennis and softball during his time at the University. He was named Sports Information Director in 1993, Athletic Media Relations Director in 1998 and Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations in 2007.

A 1980 graduate of SUU with a degree in communication, Gardner did post-graduate work at the University of Arizona before returning home to Utah. He taught part-time in the Southern Utah Department of Communications and worked a handful of media-related jobs before joining the SUU Department of Athletics.

After retiring from Southern Utah University, Gardner spent the rest of his days in Hawaii where he was able to let his hair down and soak up paradise in the sun. Neil is survived by his wife, Anne, and his son, Patrick.



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COURTESY CEDAR CITY

# Cedar City Council discusses zone changes, General Land Use Plan amendments

by Kelsey Cooke

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Amendments to the city's General Land Use Plan were presented to the council accompanying zone changes for property located at approximately 1221 South Main Street. The parcel is 17.58 acres, 15.71 of which are already zoned Central Commercial.

There are two sections of the remaining property that are addressed in the proposed amendments: the first does not have a General Land Use Plan designation and is zoned Highway Services, the second is designated as Highway Services in the General Land Use Plan and zoned Dwelling Two Unit.

Skylar Stewart with Superior Development explained that the development company purchased part of the property already desig-

The amendments propose designating both sections as Central Commercial in the General Land Use Plan and rezoning them to Central Commercial. All items were given a positive recommendation from the

*“Given the intent with what you’re wanting to do with the development, as a whole mixed-unit development, I think this makes sense to try and get it under the right zoning,”*

**Councilman Scott Phillips**

right zoning,” Phillips said.

Another set of ordinance amendments was presented to the council regarding property at approximately 1400 North Main Street.

The proposed General Land Use Plan amendment changes the designation of the east side of the property from Central Commercial to High Density Residential, and the accompanying zone change request would change the zone from General Commercial to Dwelling Multiple Unit. Both of these amendments were given a negative recommendation by the Planning Commission.

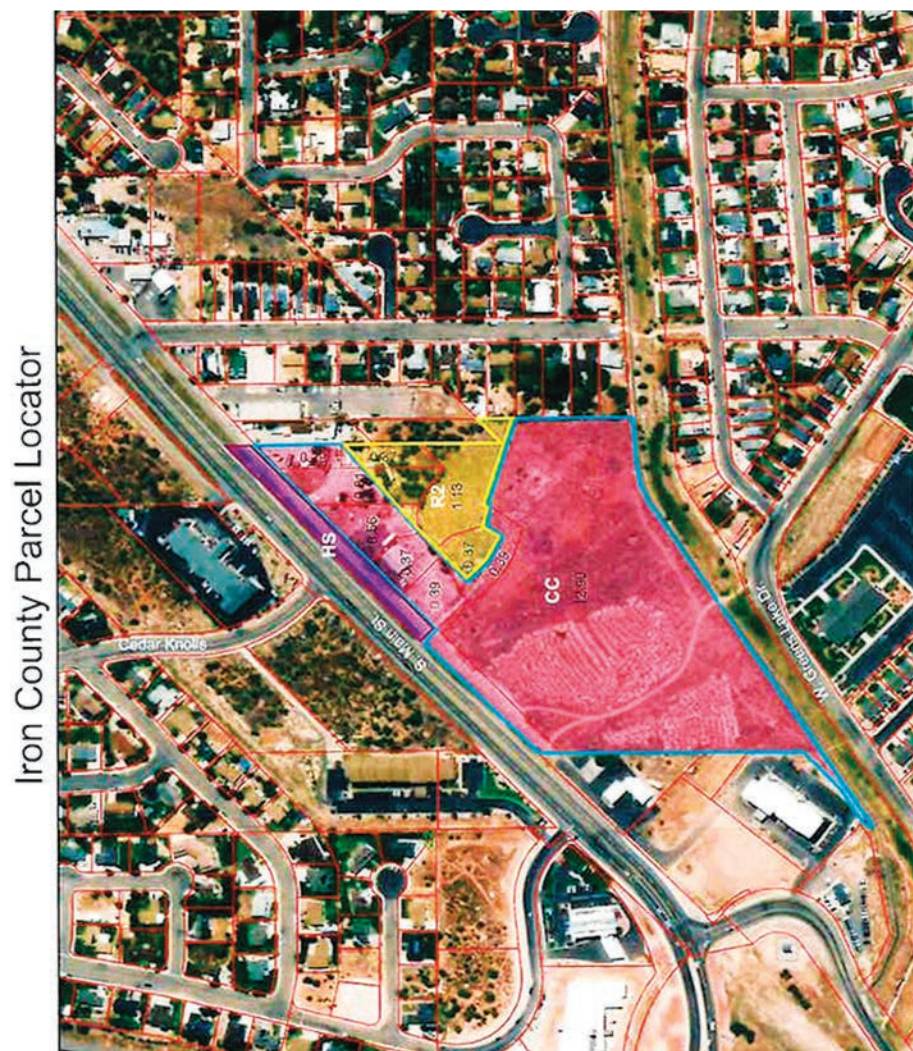
Dallas Buckner with Go Civil

Engineering said originally the proposal was to make the entire parcel Mixed Use.

“We originally came through and tried to do Mixed Use on the whole thing,” Buckner said. “Based on the feedback from Planning Commission we came back with this revision.”

The amendment changing the zone for the west side of the property next to Main Street from General Commercial to Central Commercial was given a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission.

All of these ordinance amendments will be on the action agenda during tonight's City Council Meeting.



Iron County Parcel Locator

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**A map from the Dec 7 City Council Packet, outlining the property at approximately 1221 South Main Street.** The purple section is currently zoned Highway Services (HS) and the yellow section is currently zoned Dwelling Two Unit (R2).

nated as Highway Service and the area of the property zoned Dwelling Two Unit had a house that has since been leveled.

“What we’re proposing is just to make this entire project (Central Commercial) zoned, in the General Plan and in the zone,” Stewart said.

Planning Commission.

Councilman Scott Phillips said the changes make sense.

“Given the intent with what you’re wanting to do with the development, as a whole mixed-unit development, I think this makes sense to try and get it under the

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# Cedar City's Aviation and Aerospace Industries making waves with recent NASA Artemis I rocket launch

by Gabrielle Costello

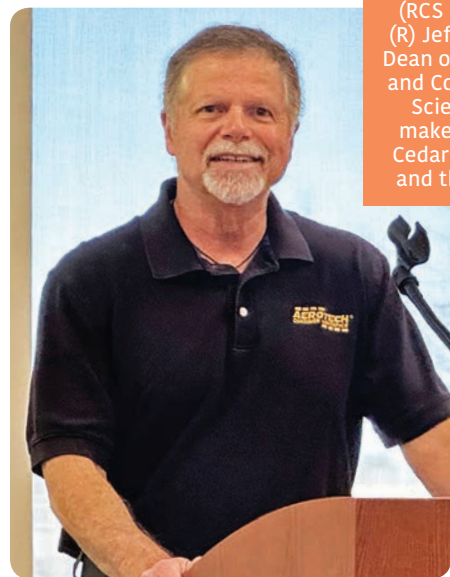
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**CEDAR CITY** — Cedar City and the Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce highlighted local aviation and aerospace companies on Thursday, December 8th at a press conference held at Southwest Technical College. Although there are a variety of booming industries in Cedar City and the greater Iron County, many do not know that our aviation and aerospace industries have recently played a historical part in providing crucial elements for NASA's recent Artemis I rocket launch.



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*Innovators, educators and leaders throughout Iron County, including (L) Gary Rosenfield (RCS Rocket) and (R) Jeff Miller (SUU Dean of Engineering and Computational Sciences) help make a name for Cedar City in Utah and the universe.*



*“It is so exciting to see the variety of products and programs coming out of Iron County, and especially the little things that nobody knows about”*

**Chris McCormick**

After being postponed a few months, the launch of the 322-foot-tall moon rocket officially launched with great success on Wednesday, November 16th, 2022 at 1:47 a.m. EST at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The goal of NASA's uncrewed flight test was to provide a foundation for human deep space exploration, paving the way for astronauts to return to the moon in late 2025.

A Cedar City-based company, American Pacific, provided nearly 75% of the thrust to get the Artemis I rocket into orbit with two million pounds of a product called ammonium perchlorate. According to Hal Murdock, CEO of American Pacific, it takes a year and a half to cast the materials that make the final ammonium perchlorate product. Murdock was invited to see the rocket launch

in person on November 16th and was able to describe his experience at the press conference.

“This was an amazing experience to be a part of and was truly life-changing for me,” said Murdock. “American Pacific materials are already in place for future rocket launches, which is incredible because we have been chosen out of an extremely competitive industry.”

As the largest producer of composite repellant hobby rocket motors in the world, Gary Rosenfield, President of another Cedar City-based company called RCS Rocket Motor Components, was also in attendance at the press conference to talk about their role in the industry.

“One of the significant things about

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FROM THE EDITOR

# More Good Today Day

**“M**ore Good Today Day” is celebrated today in the United States.

It’s a simple reminder about the power of kindness and generosity. It also inspires people to think more positively.

That being said, I know that once in a while there are some “negative” things that are printed and catch



**COREY BAUMGARTNER**  
MANAGING EDITOR

your eye in this newspaper and our quarterly *Color Country Magazine*. As you know, we have always strived to print the “good news” each week. And yet, sometimes the “bad” must

also be mingled in the mix.

Nevertheless, our mantra and mantle are still to inspire and inform as positively and productively as we can. When something is shocking, misunderstood or misprinted, I am grateful for your patience and continued patronage of this newspaper. We (especially me) will continue to yearn to learn to be better at the responsibility entrusted to us by you, our readers, writers, advertisers, deliverers and supporters in any way.

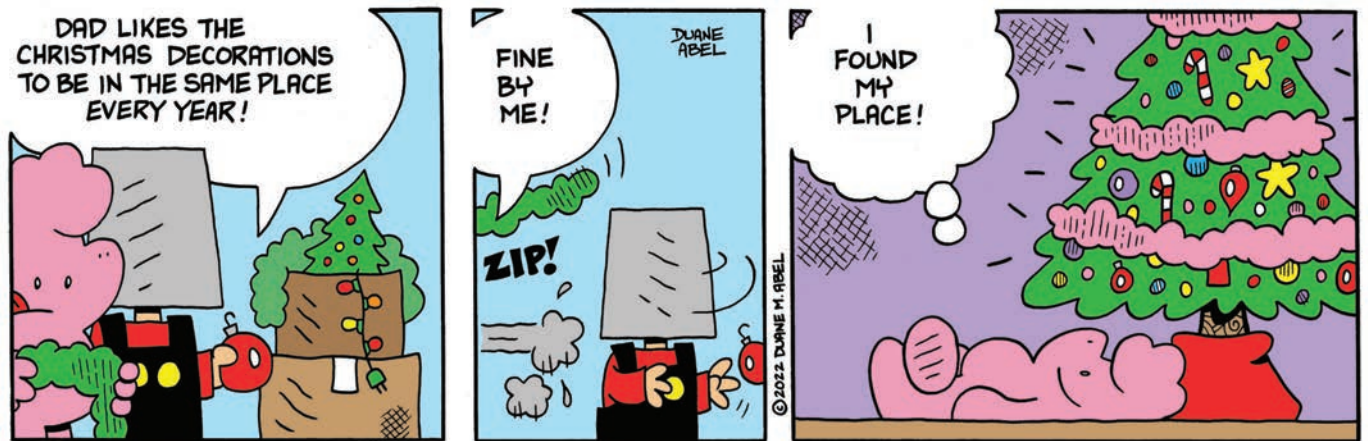
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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“In the canvas of life, a flat landscape would be pretty boring. It is the valleys and the mountains that help us to appreciate the flatlands. It is the dark that makes us appreciate the light, and the cold that makes us appreciate the warmth.”*

Anne Copeland

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# A Rose Bowl by any other name

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**Y**ou didn’t have to be a sports fan to know that the University of Utah beat the odds – long odds, in fact – by winning their second PAC-12 Conference championship. Not only did a trio of other teams have to win or lose setting up the chance, but the Utes then had to defeat a favored University of Southern California team led by a quarterback considered to be the best college player in the country.

By now, you know what happened. USC jumped out to a quick lead in the first quarter, but the Utes forcefully knocked them around for the rest of the game – and it was also a mauling hardly anyone predicted.

One guy did. An executive for a major sports betting firm told me prior to the game that he smelled an upset. USC was favored to win by three points; he said the smart move was to bet on Utah. And what did he say after the game?

“The betting was absolutely crazy,” he said. “We have never had a larger amount of money bet on a college game this season – and almost all of it was on USC. Every

15 seconds or so we were getting five-figure wagers on it: \$15,000 on the Trojans, \$10,000 on them, \$25,000 on USC.”

The single largest amount spent on sports wagering in the U.S. came last year in the Super Bowl, resulting in \$180 million of legal wagering. The Utah-USC game didn’t approach that amount, but the executive told me the totals were unprecedented for a college game, especially one featuring two West Coast area teams. But what about Utah? Did anybody throw their

game, they’ll usually say.

But the Utah-USC game was rooted in a once-entrenched American value: loyalty. Sports analysts will tell you that USC’s program is built on having above-average and superstar players suit up for one or two years and then leave to cash in at the National Football League. If a player is annoyed, he leaves for another college and someone else steps in. Utah, on the other hand, has traditionally succeeded by recruiting young players, often unknown, then molding them into a system. There’s little come-and-go; Utes typically stay and improve and play multiple years. Often they play all four years at Rice-Eccles Stadium and then graduate.

Sports provides a focus on the state. I’d venture

more people in Alabama are aware of the Utes victory than they are of Bryce Canyon or Temple Square. An appearance in the Rose Bowl makes Utah look “cool”.

In the coming years, BYU will have the same opportunity to “sell the State of Utah” if it becomes a powerhouse in its new conference. But for now, everyone throughout the state should appreciate what Utah accomplished and cheer them on at the Rose Bowl. Even if you’re not a sports fan!



wallet down on the Utes?

“Yeah, we had one guy,” he said. “When he kept seeing all the money placed on USC, he decided to buck the crowd.”

The man bet \$85,000 on Utah to win the game outright. He had faith. And the Utes also have Cam Rising, a story in courage, patience, and loyalty.

There are people who downplay the importance of sports. They see it as a dim entertainment for folks disinterested in the more important parts of American life. It’s just a



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opinion

# Rep. Stewart statement on final passage of the Respect for Marriage Act

WASHINGTON — Chris Stewart (R-UT) voted in favor of the Respect for Marriage Act. This bipartisan legislation is a compromise that provides permanent certainty for same-sex couples while ensuring robust protections for churches and religious organizations – protections that are more robust and expansive than what currently exists under federal law.

“I proudly voted in July to codify these all-important protections,” said Rep. Stewart. “And today I was proud to once again vote in favor of protecting our LGBTQ and religious friends and neighbors. As a man of faith and a conservative, ensuring the religious liberties of people in Utah is absolutely essential. This bill not only guarantees that protection, but simultaneously expands the rights of those in the LGBTQ community.

“The alternative to this bipartisan solution – the Equality Act

*“Civil rights are not a finite resource; we do not have to take from one group to give to another.”*

– is hostile to religious liberty and would exact a heavy toll on religious Americans. Additionally, same-sex marriage is already legal in the United States, and the Respect for Marriage Act did not change that. It simply expands current religious freedoms and LGBTQ civil rights.

“Civil rights are not a finite resource; we do not have to take from one group to give to another. The intent of our forefathers in the Constitution was to strike a balance that

protects fundamental religious beliefs with individual liberties. I believe this bipartisan legislation effectively does just that.”

The Respect for Marriage Act is a narrow but important bill that would do three primary things:

First, it would require the federal government to recognize a marriage between two individuals if the marriage was valid in the state where it was performed.

Second, the bill would guarantee that valid marriages between two individuals are given full faith and credit, regardless of the couple’s sex, race, ethnicity, or national origin, but the bill would not require a State to issue a marriage license contrary to state law.

Third, it affirms proper respect for reasonable and sincere people with beliefs based on decent and honorable religious or philosophical premises.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### WAGGISH

*Roguish in merriment and good humor; mischievous, merry, jocose, droll, comical, funny.* May we each strive to be more waggish than caddish during this holiday season.

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## ROCKET

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the rocket motors that we make, especially for the hobby industry, is that they use the same kind of propellant that was used in the Artemis I boosters,” explained Rosenfield. “We get our ammonium perchlorate from American Pacific and have a great relationship with them.”

Multiple presenters were also in attendance at the press conference to share a few words on their footprint in the industry including President Chris McCormick of the Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce, Cedar City/Iron County Director of Economic Development Danny Stewart, Mike Mower of Southern Utah University (SUU) Aviation program, SUU’s Dean of College of Engineering and Occupational Sciences Jeff Miller, Corey Judd of Align Precision, Megan Ralphs of the Utah Aerospace Pathways program, and the SUU Rocketbirds Club. Following final remarks, attendees were able to watch a replay of the Artemis I rocket launch while Hal Murdock of American Pacific narrated.

“It is so exciting to see the variety of products and programs coming out of Iron County, and especially the little things that nobody knows about,” said Chris McCormick, President of the Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce and main organizer for the press conference.

Cedar City / Iron County Economic Development Director, Danny Stewart, beamed with pride to know that Cedar City is truly only a few degrees of separation away from such a historical moment. From products used for rockets, to training tomorrow’s pilots, to aerospace engineering internships and programs that foster future growth, there is no doubt that Cedar City will continue to make future impacts worldwide.



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# Local Children spend morning with Public Agencies as part of Shop with a Cop program

by Gabrielle Costello

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

**CEDAR CITY** — On Saturday, December 10th, Cedar City Police officers and over a dozen other public agencies spent the morning in Cedar City with nearly 100 local children as part of the Shop with a Cop program.

The children and their families arrived bright and early Saturday morning to enjoy breakfast with Santa at Canyon View High School, donated by the Cedar City Elks Lodge. Gina and Angie from the Elks Lodge shared they are proud to have been helping in this capacity for 20 years by raising money through various events and efforts throughout the year. The Elks Lodge also donates a pair of shoes, hand-picked by each child, in addition to the breakfast.

Upon arrival, every child is greeted by a police officer, firefighter, volunteer, etc. who becomes their designated shopping pal for the remainder of the day. Once breakfast is over, the kids hop in a public safety vehicle and drive down Main Street to Wal-Mart with lights and sirens, where they get to spend \$200 each on toys, home goods, clothing, and more. Although many residents were alarmed at the commotion, multiple messages of gratitude were received to learn it was all for a great cause.

"This event is made possible thanks to the community's generosity," said Cedar City Police Sergeant Justin Ludlow. "From major contributing events like the Holiday Tree Jubilee to Mom 'n Pop shops to individual donations, every cent counts in making this holiday season special for these kids."

Children of all ages raced around Wal-Mart with enthusiasm, some walking hand-in-hand with officers, some hanging on to the shopping cart as they were zipped around the store. Baskets were loaded with items like bicycles, rollerblades, dolls, jackets, and more. After picking out gifts for themselves, their families, and even some of their pets, they were guided over to a special gift-wrapping station where all their purchases were hand-wrapped by volunteers including some Southern Utah University student-athletes.

Public agencies that participated this year included Cedar City Police, Iron County Sheriff, Parowan Police, Enoch Police, Southern Utah University Police, Utah Highway Patrol, Cedar City Fire, Bureau of Land Management, Iron County Search and Rescue, National Park Service, Gold Cross Ambulance, Iron County District Attorney's Office, Utah Department of Wildlife Resources, and Beaver County Sheriff.

The Shop with a Cop program accepts year-round monetary donations to assist children who are in need of extra help during the holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at the Cedar City Police Department Headquarters located at 10 N. Main Street, Cedar City UT 84720, or by mail.

"We hope this event can continue to grow and help more and more children in the coming years," stated Cedar City Police Chief Darin Adams. "It is truly our favorite time of the year."

The Cedar City Police Department would like to thank the entire community for their generosity surrounding this event, as well as surrounding agencies who donated their time to make this event so memorable.



So many amazing volunteers helped provide transportation, shopping, wrapping and adventures for the children.



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## public & health

### Small Businesses in Iron County have opportunity to apply for grant funding in January

**CEDAR CITY** — Are you a small business in Iron County looking for funding assistance? The Iron County Economic Opportunity Board and the Cedar City Business & Innovation Center Partners are administering a Small Business Grant program. This grant provides a way for businesses in Iron County to apply for incentives that promote economic growth, offering up to \$60,000 depending on the quantity and quality of applicants.

Pre-applications will be accepted from January 1st through 13th, 2023, and will determine preliminary eligibility. Key components like the business's project description, general company information, business development, and job creation potential will be used to evaluate the pre-applications.

"This grant is powerful because it is local. Often, when businesses apply for these types of grants, they are competing statewide or even nationally, and your chances of receiving the funds are lower as a result," stated Tessa Douglas, Director of Community Relations at Southwest Technical College. "We at the Cedar City Business & Innovation Center hope Iron County small businesses will take advantage of this incredible opportunity."

Project examples outlined in the Application Instructional Packet include:

- » Infrastructure developments
- » Construction of a new building
- » Adding to an existing building
- » New or upgraded equipment or machinery
- » Value-added agriculture expansion projects
- » New or uncommon industry investment
- » Business-related technology or services

Business owners are invited to explore the Application Instructional Packet online at [www.bit.ly/icsbgo](http://www.bit.ly/icsbgo) and prepare their ideas in anticipation of the pre-application window opening on Sunday, January 1st, 2023. Pre-applications will be reviewed and narrowed down by the Business & Innovation Center Partners after the Friday, January 13th deadline. If selected to move forward in the process, businesses will be invited to fill out a full application to be reviewed by the Iron County Economic Opportunity Board. As part of the grant requirements, awardees are required to provide at least a 1-to-1 funding match.

"We know financial assistance is a major hurdle for many businesses," explained Danny Stewart, Cedar City & Iron County's Economic Development Director. "It is always our goal to sup-

port Iron County businesses to the best of our ability, so we hope this grant comes as a glimmer of hope especially following the holiday season."

For more information about the Iron County Small Business Grant and the requirements to qualify, visit [www.bit.ly/icsbgo](http://www.bit.ly/icsbgo).

*Gabbie Costello,  
Cedar City Community Relations & PIO*

### Creating a dementia-friendly holiday season

#### 4 Tips from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America

With the holiday season underway, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is providing four tips to help families affected by dementia enjoy the spirit of the season in a dementia-friendly way.

"The holiday season can be both joyful and stressful for all of us, especially individuals living with a dementia-related illness," said Jennifer Reeder, LCSW, AFA's Director of Educational and Social Services. "Being proactive, adaptable, and inclusive of the person's wishes and abilities are the best ways to help them have a happy and joyful holiday season."

Families, partners and friends caring for someone with dementia should consider the following steps:

#### **AVOID OVER-DECORATING.**

Decorating is part of the holiday season fun, however, too much stimulation may be challenging for someone with dementia. Keep decorations festive, but simple—too many flickering lights or noisy items could be overwhelming. Instead of elaborate decorations, try choosing a few favorite items. Phase in decorations over a period of days instead of all at once, so that changes to the person's environment are less confusing.

#### **CREATE A SAFE AND CALM SPACE.**

Don't use fragile decorations (which can shatter and create sharp fragments) or ones that could be mistaken for edible treats. Be mindful of potential tripping hazards on the floor, such as wires for decorations. Securely hook Christmas trees to the wall to avoid falls and use menorahs or kinaras with electric candles to reduce fire hazards. As well as a physically safe environment, create a space where your loved one can sit in comfort and where guests can visit in small groups or one-to-one. As much as possible, maintain the person's normal routine when scheduling visits.

#### **ADAPT PAST FAVORITE TRADITIONS OR CREATE NEW ONES.**

Build on old traditions when appropriate, such as enjoying favorite music or movies, or looking at pictures of past holiday celebrations. Start new ones

that center on activities and events the person enjoys and can do, such as touring neighborhood holiday lights, and do it together. Take a strengths-based and person-centered approach and incorporate what the person can do and what they choose to do now, rather than dwelling on what they used to do. Focus on those things that bring joy and let go of activities that seem too stressful.

#### **INVOLVE THE PERSON IN THE PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS.**

Whenever possible, involve the person by asking what traditions are important to them—it keeps them active and involved and helps you prioritize and plan appropriately. For example, if they always sent out holiday cards or baked holiday cookies and still want to do so, do it together with them. If they can no longer shop for gifts for their loved ones, invite them to help with wrapping the gifts so that they feel they are contributing.

The AFA Helpline is available seven days a week to help provide additional information about creating dementia-friendly holidays or any other caregiving questions. Connect with a licensed social worker by phone (866-232-8484), webchat ([www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org)) or text message (646-586-5283). The web chat and text message features can serve individuals in more than 90 different languages.

*The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide support, services and education to individuals, families and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias nationwide and to fund research for better treatment and a cure. Its services include a National Toll-Free Helpline (866-232-8484) staffed by licensed social workers, the National Memory Screening Program, educational conferences and materials, and "AFA Partners in Care" dementia care training for healthcare professionals. For more information about AFA, call 866-232-8484, visit [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org), follow us on Twitter or connect with us on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn. AFA has earned Charity Navigator's top 4-star rating for seven consecutive years.*

### Intermountain Cedar City Hospital given "A" grade for patient safety

Intermountain Cedar City Hospital received an "A" grade in the latest nationally recognized LeapFrog Hospital Safety Grade survey for its efforts to protect patients and provide safe, high-quality health care to the community.

The LeapFrog Group is a non-

profit, independent organization which reviews hospitals across the country using more than 30 national performance safety measures to determine their grade.

Accidents, medical errors, injuries, infections, and anything that may bring possible harm to patients is considered in the LeapFrog scoring system. LeapFrog also examines the systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. LeapFrog then assigns a grade of "A" through "F" based on the hospital's overall performance.

"We are proud to provide world-class healthcare to our rural area, and it's gratifying when national organizations like LeapFrog recognize this," said Eric Packer, Cedar City Hospital Administrator. "It's due to the outstanding work of all our caregivers who are committed to providing the best care with true compassion, and total dedication."

All Intermountain caregivers receive Zero Harm training to highlight the importance of safety no matter their position in the organization. This also includes policies that encourage caregivers to always double check for patient care and to speak up if there are any safety concerns.

To see more details on grading criteria and scores from around the country visit: [www.hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org).

*Glen Beeby, Media Relations Specialist,  
Intermountain Medical Center*

## BOOKINGS

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

#### DEC. 5

**Sherri A Levy**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI, DRUG - Poss C/S

#### DEC. 6

**Daniel R Klappoth**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI, DRUG - Poss C/S,  
Paraphernalia

**April M Grayson**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
Retail Theft

**Richard J Pellingier**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI w/BAC at/over .08,  
Failure to Remain at  
Accident

**Milton T Toleafoa**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
Enticing Minor Over  
Internet

**Joseph V Valverde**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI w/BAC at/over .08

**Britnie L Jones**  
IRON COUNTY GRID  
CC Fraud, DRUG - Poss  
C/S, Paraphernalia

#### DEC. 7

**Kaitlyn D Minks**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
Disorderly Conduct

#### DEC. 8

**Cindy Hollinger**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
Retail Theft

#### DEC. 9

**Robert L Burke**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
Retail Theft

**Donald D Biggs**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
Burglary

**Brett C Caldwell**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI w/BAC Over .08

#### DEC. 10

**Craig F Merrell**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI

**Alex Udave-Palomera**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI

#### DEC. 11

**Jayson B Dowdy**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI w/BAC at/over .08

**Timothy R Payton**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI (2nd)

#### DEC. 12

**Kylen B Robinson**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI, Aggravated Assault,  
Burglary

**Brian M Sabatier**  
CEDAR CITY, UT  
DUI

# Southern Utah University

## SUU Disability Center receives special recognition

by Nikki Koontz

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATION

Southern Utah University's Susan Hunter was recently named provider of the year by the Utah Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Each year, the Golden Key Awards recognize those who have helped promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Hunter and SUU's Disability Resource Center received the recognition after creating an internship program that helps students find stability and gain experience in the workforce. Inspired by Disability Resource Center Director, Carmen Alldredge, the internship program is available to students with disabilities who are between the ages of 17 and 21.

"I couldn't stop thinking that a student with disabilities can do great things," Alldredge said. "Our internships place the student in a position that gives them the experience of that specific work environment all semester long."

The program goal is clear; to welcome and support students, and guide them along the way as they



**The program goal is to support and guide students** to help them discover their passion in a job they're interested in.

COURTESY SUU

discover their passion in a job they are interested in. Students in the program have a mentor to help them figure out what they would like to do and who they want to become. Every student has weekly meetings with staff and student mentors at the Disability Resource Center to evaluate their academic progress, as well as the professional development that the

students are experiencing within their respective internships.

"We are adamant about supporting the students so that they can learn to do something and learn to do it well," Alldredge added. "We've seen lots of growth from the students, as well as advocacy and believing in themselves. There is a noticeable difference before and after they complete one of our

internships."

And the growth doesn't stop at graduation.

"The internships are meant to help prepare students for what lies ahead, beyond walking under the bell tower at graduation," Hunter explained. "These internships can encourage students to grow and learn in multiple ways to succeed in their future careers."

Since the first grant, the Disability Resource Center has been awarded an extension and an additional \$1.2 million in the last year. In addition to continuing to revise the grant to incorporate students 22 and older, Hunter and Alldredge are looking to include more opportunities for students. The Center started with 22 internships per semester and the number continues to grow.

Southern Utah University works daily to modify teaching and learning methods for students of all abilities. The SUU Disability Resource Center provides internships and other opportunities for hundreds of students and changed many lives along the way. Learn more about SUU's Disability Resource Center.

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# EVERY BRILLIANT THING

## LIFE-AFFIRMING SHOW TO TOUR AGAIN IN 2023, 2024

by *Liz Armstrong*

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

**CEDAR CITY,** — Offered free by the Utah Shakespeare Festival to every public high school in the state of Utah, Every Brilliant Thing will tour once again. In 2019, the play swept the state with the “intention of cultivating the use of proactive, life-affirming communication when you or those you love are confronted with depression.”

Director of Development and Communications Donn Jersey said Every Brilliant Thing is one of the most critical pieces of work the Festival has ever produced.

“Every Brilliant Thing demonstrates why no darkness lasts forever; even then, there are stars,”

Jersey said. “It reminds us of things hiding in plain sight that make life worth living that we don’t see when we are suffering.”

Starting this February, the show will tour across the state of Utah to bring the heartwarming and comforting message to secondary school students. To reach as many schools in Utah as possible, the tour will continue in spring 2024, as well.

“This show is so relevant, and it’s the relevancy that heightens the importance,” Associate Education Director Stewart Shelley said. “This show opens up dialogue in a very positive manner and is a door that students who are experiencing anxiety, depression, or suicide ideation, can walk through to get the resources that they need.”

The one-person play tells the story of someone who learns that their mother is in the hospital after her first attempt to take her own life. The narrator then begins a list of every brilliant thing in the world worth living for: “ice cream, water fights, staying up past your bedtime and being allowed to watch TV, the color yellow, and things with stripes.”

Filled with humor and inventiveness, the plot explores hope and depression, change and uncertainty, relationships, risk, guilt, and

forgiveness.

Directed by Cordell Cole, the traveling company will consist of just four members—Tour Manager Jordan Simmons, Stage Manager Kathryn Whilden, and actors Kat Lee and Jeremy Thompson.

Interim Managing Director Michael Bahr noted that the first touring productions cured hearts, amplified voices, and saved lives.

“Over the next two years we will be canvassing and performing across the state, bringing messages of hope and serving as partners to Utah schools,” Bahr said. “This production has been instrumental in cultivating consequential conversations about suicide and depression with students and their families.”

Simmons noted that the project has four goals, the first being to create an active dialogue between all stakeholders about emotional and mental well-being in regards to depression and suicide.

“I hope students learn that they’re not weird, they’re not alone, that things get better, and that life goes on,” Simmons said. “We want every student to know that when they need help there is help available.”

The team hopes to increase awareness of

mental health resources available for students and find applicable ways to use these resources. The other goals are to provide an artistic experience that enables young people to see things from a new and positive perspective, and to inspire people to see the beauty in life.

For Simmons, the show hits close to home, and why he is eager for as many students as possible to see Every Brilliant Thing.

“Having experienced suicide ideation periodically in my own life, it wasn’t until I was an adult that I’ve been able to openly address it,” Simmons said. “I wish I would have experienced something like this when I was a teenager that would have inspired me to get help.”

Funded by the Utah State Legislature, the production is free to any secondary education school in Utah that is interested. The tour will begin February 13, 2023, and will run through the end of April.

If you would like Every Brilliant Thing to come to your school or community, or if you have questions, please contact Jordan Simmons at 435-299-0567 or [brillianttour@bard.org](mailto:brillianttour@bard.org). For more information on the play, please visit [bard.org/brillianttour](http://bard.org/brillianttour).

*Michael Doherty*  
interacting with  
audience members in  
the Utah Shakespeare  
Festival’s 2019  
production of Every  
Brilliant Thing.



# Students are moving along without me, it would appear

by Mary Anne Andersen

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

**W**ell, what did I think?! Did I think that just because I am no longer working in the music department at SUU that things have ceased to move forward? As we sat in our seats at the recent Christmas concert, I watched the students file into their chairs on stage and I was almost surprised to see so many faces I still cared about.

“Oh, there is Dave. (All names are fictitious.) I wonder how close he is to graduating now? Surely he is ready for student teaching.”

“Karen is sitting as concertmistress. She is just a sophomore. Good for her.”

“Hmm. There is Lisa. She dropped out of my class and didn’t pass her piano proficiency test. She can’t progress through the program without doing that but there she is. Maybe she is having more success with the new teacher...”

“Oh, there is that really nice guy who took both semesters of class piano and did pass the test.

Except now he is beautiful young woman.”



“Amy is back! She went on a mission with a promise to return and continue school. Good for her!”

And on and on as I scanned the faces. Some were new, of course, but I knew at least half of them and they were doing just fine without me, apparently. It is akin

to raising your children to be independent and live their lives without you and then they go on to do just that. Rats!

A real pleasure was to see Andrew Briggs conducting the choir. Dr. Briggs, actually. Maybe twenty years ago I was his accompanist as he was an undergraduate vocal student, and here he is: a very capable teacher in his own right—mature, married to another former student, with a family of six kids, and obviously very competent to be in charge. With a doctorate, no less! How did that happen while I wasn’t looking? And his wife Kristin, another former student, is also conducting one of the choirs.

I used to think that it was surprising that we fostered more than a few in-department marriages as the semesters went by. But I realized that of course we would. The students take a set curriculum: same classes, multiple performances, countless study sessions. Romance would not be far behind. A couple of semesters were dominated by strollers in the lobby. Young couples married, babies happened and came to school with their parents. The mom and dad alternated their classes and passed off the babies between classes.

I was amused over the course of twenty-two years to hear how faculty, some members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but some not, all spoke “Mormon”, as it were. They spoke of so-and-so “submitting her papers”, or “getting his call.” Most missionaries—more young women as the years went by—left with the intention to come back but that didn’t always happen. I was pleased to see some who had returned. Life goes on, with or without us, it would appear. As it should do.



Iron County Royalty and North Pole Royalty join forces for fundraiser.



# Holiday Tree JUBILEE

Annual Cedar event celebrates record-breaking fundraising year

from Laura Albrecht

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Holiday Tree Jubilee fundraising event had a record-breaking fifth year here in Cedar City. The three-night event was hosted at Cedar City's Heritage Theater and opened in conjunction with the Cedar City Downtown Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 26th.

Thousands of people attended the event that featured free family photographs with Santa Claus, over 60 beautifully decorated Christmas trees donated by local businesses and families, free hot chocolate, concessions, raffle baskets,

live music, and much more!

The Holiday Tree Jubilee donates all proceeds to three local charities - Shop With a Cop, Iron County Care and Share, and the Iron County School District Foundation for Homeless and At-Risk Teens. Every year thousands of local friends and neighbors come out to support these important charities at Christmas time and to spend time together enjoying the Christmas spirit.

The committee would like to thank the community for their support and patronage that continues to make this event thrive each and every year.

## calendar

WED, DEC 14

ENERGY CONSERVATION

**CEDAR CITY SMALL BUSINESS NETWORK** (9:30am) @ Pastry Pub (86 W University Blvd, Cedar City). FREE. No long-term commitment. Come connect, interact, build relationships. INFO: cedarcitysmallbusinessnetwork.com.

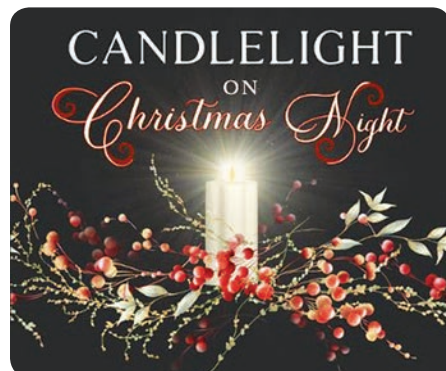
**CHARACTER SKETCHES (WEDS, 6:30-8:30PM)** @ Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Weekly drawing/painting sessions using live models as characters from art, literature, books, movies, TV, video games. INFO: 435-586-6661.

**JENNY OAKS BAKER CONCERT – “JOY TO THE World!”** (7pm) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). Tickets \$18 – \$35. Available online (<https://ci.ovationix.com/35507>). Celebrate Christmas in Cedar with Jenny Oaks Baker & her talented children, musical group Family Four as they present an inspiring Christmas show of sacred, exhilarating, and beloved Christmas Carols.

THURS, DEC 15

CAT HERDERS DAY

**IN JUBILO WINTER CONCERT (7PM)** @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). Come feel the magic of Christmas with this wonderful women's chorale concert "Candlelight on Christmas Night." Admission FREE. Everyone invited. INFO: injubilochorale@gmail.com.



FRI, DEC 16

UGLY SWEATER DAY

**SWEET PEA FARM CHRISTMAS STORY TIME** (5:30-6:30pm) @ Sweet Pea Farm and Orchard (136 S 600 W, Parowan). FREE. Open to everyone. "Twas the Night Before Christmas" read by holiday characters. The Farmstand will be open with Hot Cocoa & Holiday Treats. INFO: sweetpeafarmandorchard.com.

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL – “MAKE ROOM”** (Fri & Sat 6:30pm) @ Red Hills Southern Baptist Church (4277 N Wagon Wheel Dr., Enoch). Make room on your schedule to join us for this special Christmas celebration.

SAT, DEC 17

WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY

**CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET (10AM-1PM)** @ inside IFA (winter) (905 S Main St, Cedar). FREE. Farmers, food, and artisans. Drawings, bingo, and more! INFO: Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or Nancy (435) 463-3735.



**FESTIVAL CITY HOLIDAY MARKET** (10am-1pm) Winter. @ (W Center & 100 S.) By Bristlecone Coffee. FREE. Live music, hand-made treasures and a bounty of local farmers, backyard gardeners, fresh fruits, veggies, with local artisans for jewelry, art, wood, pottery.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (2PM) @ CEDAR** City Cemetery (685 N Main St, Cedar). The mission is to Remember our fallen US Veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach your children that value of freedom by carrying out coordinated wreath-laying ceremonies across America. INFO: wreathsacrossamerica.org.

**BRIAN HEAD ICE: GRINCH DAY (3-9PM)** @ Brian Head Ice (249 Village Way). Tickets \$16 adults, \$12 children, \$4 skate rentals. Skate among the trees with the Grinch! INFO: brianheadice.com.



**RED ACRE FARM CHRISTMAS COOKIES** (4-6:30pm) @ Red Acre Farm (2322 W 4375 N, Cedar). \$70 per person. Tickets available online @ redacrefarmcsa.org. Come to the Red Acre Farmhouse and make cookies! Ginger, chocolate chip, orange shortbread, and depending on time, a few others. Take home two dozen cookies – one for you, one for a neighbor, and recipes to make more.

**WINTER SOLSTICE AT SUMA (4-7PM) @ SUMA** (13 S 300 W, Cedar). A serene evening to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Family-friendly activities, orange pomander making, luminary creating, storytelling, live music. Hot cider, soup, bread, spiced cookies to enjoy with loved ones.

SUN, DEC 18

HANUKKAH

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – “THE JOHN 3:16 House”** (6pm) @ Mountain View Baptist Church (1160 S 860 W, Cedar). The community is invited to come see a delightful story about how an orphan boy learns the true meaning of Christmas!

**MASTER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** (7-8pm) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). Admission FREE. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the Master Singers in concert again with familiar and new Christmas songs – Silent Night, Silver Bells, The Sleigh Torches and The Hat I Got for Christmas is Too Big. Admission FREE. Masks optional.

MON, DEC 19

HEROES AND HEROINES DAY

**MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM)** @ Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Fun and easy Ancient Judeo-Christian Dances. No Cost. INFO: 702-460-2317

**RED ROCK SINGERS – “TIS THE SEASON”** (7:30-9pm) @ The Barn at Cedar Meadows (1419 W 3000 N, Cedar). Admission \$10 suggested donation.

TUES, DEC 20

SACAGAWEA DAY

**WINTER WONDERLAND (6-10PM) @** Parowan Main Street Park. Admission FREE. An enticing wonderland of Christmas lights, incredible displays, Christmas Characters, Santa, and hot chocolate. Paint a free ornament to hang in the tunnel. Lights turned on every night from dusk until 10 pm.

**SUMA: EXHIBITS (11AM-6PM, MON-SAT) @** SUMA (13 S 300 W, Cedar City). Admission is Free. INFO: suu.edu/suma.

**ABSTRACT ART EXHIBITION/SALE (10AM – 6pm, Reception 4pm) @** Cedar City Visitor's Center (581 N Main). Cedar's first ever modern abstract art exhibition/sale by artist duo, Frank and Maryliz Harris! Light refreshments. See you there! INFO: artspectacular@artworks42.com

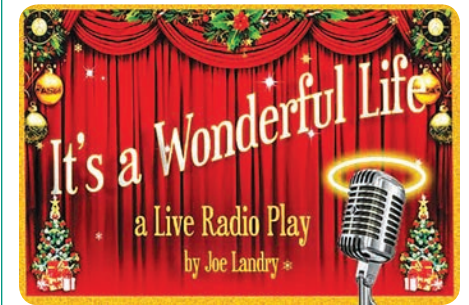
**LIGHTS AT THE HOMESTEAD (20TH-24TH** 5:30-8pm) @ Frontier Homestead State Park (635 N Main, Cedar). FREE. Donations encouraged. Stroll through the park grounds and enjoy the holiday lights. INFO: 435-586-9290

WED, DEC 21

WINTER SOLSTICE

**CHARACTER SKETCHES (WEDS, 6:30-8:30PM)** @ Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Weekly drawing/painting sessions using live models as characters from art, literature, books, movies, TV, video games. INFO: 435-586-6661.

**SIMONFEST THEATER CO. – IT'S A Wonderful Life** (7pm, 21, 22, 23) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Come be part of the audience at a 1940s live radio broadcast of this timeless and heartwarming story. Tickets \$20 adults. \$12 children (6-17yrs).



FRI, DEC 23

**SONRISE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (6PM) @** Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). Join us for "Jesus – The True Gift of Christmas." INFO: 435-586-3640.

SAT, DEC 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE AT CALVARY CHAPEL (4PM)** @ Calvary Chapel (101 E Nichols Canyon Rd, Cedar). Community and family event with traditional carols, worship music, and a special Christmas message. INFO: 435-867-8188, calvarycedar.org.

SAT, DEC 31

**CEDAR CITY FINALE! (7PM) @ HERITAGE** Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). \$10 per person or \$50 for family of 6. Join Cedar City Events and Light Up the New Year at this family friendly event! Fun for all ages!

*Want your event on our calendar?*

There is no charge for calendar items. Your submissions can be made online at [ironcountytoday.com](http://ironcountytoday.com), or emailed to [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com) or brought to 389 N 100 W, #12, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Friday at noon. The calendar is not to be used for advertising. Items will be printed at our discretion.



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## business

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

## GOVERNMENT

## Brian Head Council

2nd & 4th Tues, 1 pm • Brian Head Town Hall, 56 N. Hwy 143

## Cedar City Council

Wed (except 5th), 5:30 pm • City Hall, 10 N. Main St (435) 586-2950

## Enoch City Council

1st & 3rd Wed, 6 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

## Enoch Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Tues, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

## Iron County Commission

2nd & 4th Mon, 9 am • Commission Chambers, 68 S 100 E, Parowan

## Iron County Democrats

3rd Sat, 10 am-11:30 am • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E

## Iron County Republican Women

3rd Wed, 11:30 am. Tickets \$20. <https://www.ironcountyrepublicanwomen.com>

## Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 6 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N • (435) 477-3331

## SERVICE GROUPS

## American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Veterans invited to learn about benefits, opportunities and fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Darrin Duncan (435) 704-1466.

## Bikers Against Child Abuse

2nd Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott, 1294 S Interstate Dr (Cedar Breaks Conference Room)

## Elks Lodge #1556

111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332

## Lion's Club

Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Roger Shurtz for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (435) 590-2896

## Marine Corps League

Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E)

## Rotary Club

Tues, 12:15 • Southwest Tech, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City • (435) 233-0244

## SUPPORT GROUPS

## AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • [www.utahaa.org](http://www.utahaa.org). Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829

KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

**Speaking From The Heart** • M – Sa, Noon

**Steps and Traditions** • M – Su, 7 am

**Red Road to Sobriety** • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307

**Misfits** • M – F, 6 pm

**Cedar Group** • Tues, 8 pm

**The Great Fact** • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. • (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856

**Red Creek Group** • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925

**Women's Meeting** • Sat, 10:30 am

**My Story** • Sat, 8 pm

**Thank God it's Sunday Spiritual** • Sun, 11 am

**What a Way to Start the Day** • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome

## Al-Anon

KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed  
**Al-Anon** • 1st, 3rd Tues, 7-8 pm • Call

for info: (435) 704-8984

**Easy Does It** • Tues, 7-8 pm • (435) 559-3333

**Hope for Today (Family Groups)** Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

## Alzheimer's/Dementia

Tues, 5:30-6:30 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Learn about/access resources, connect with others for support. Contact Lauren Willie 435-359-4819, [lewillie@alz.org](mailto:lewillie@alz.org) for info and Zoom link.

## ARP—Addiction Recovery

1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar City, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

## Caregivers

1st Tues, Noon • Five County Aging Offices, 585 N Main, Ste. 1, Cedar City

## Celebrate Recovery

(Christian 12-Step) Wed 6:30 pm • True Life Center, 2111 N Main, Cedar. Through Christ we can be victorious over any hurts, habits, hang-ups (Phil. 4:13) • Jeff J 801-638-1800, Gary D. 702-303-5662.

## Helproom

Fri, 2-3 pm • Free online support group for survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault. Safe to communicate, feel supported, share perspectives on healing, recovery. Join: [affiliate.rainn.org/helproom/canyoncrekservices](https://affiliate.rainn.org/helproom/canyoncrekservices).

## Multiple Sclerosis

3rd Thurs, 6-8 pm • Cedar Visitor's Center, 581 N Main. Caregivers and those with MS

## Narcotics Anonymous

[www.nasouthernutah.org](http://www.nasouthernutah.org) • (435) 635-9603

KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

**Basic Text Study** • Mon, 8 pm

**Just for Today** • Wed, 8 pm

**Hope Without Dope** • Thurs, 8 pm

**Live and Let Live** • Fri, 8 pm

**Candle Light Mtg** • Sat, 9:30 pm (Small room)

**Women Only** • Sun, 11 am

**Dopeless Hope Fiends** • Sun, 8 pm • Meeting Hall, 1067 S Main, Cedar (877) 865-5890

## Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

Fri 5 pm • KKCB 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201 (North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

## Porn Addiction Recovery for Men

Thurs, 7:30pm • Canyon View seminary building (54 W 1925 N). North entrance.

## Pregnancy, Infant Loss

1st Wed, 7:30 pm • Share Families of So. Utah • 565 N Main Street, Ste. 6, Cedar • [www.southernutahshare.com](http://www.southernutahshare.com)

## Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

3rd Thurs, 1:30 pm • Cedar City Library

## Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

2nd Tues, 1:30-2:30 pm • Cedar City Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • Kristy 435-559-9681.

## Widows Support Group

2nd Sat, 11-1pm • Sunrise Church. These Free meetings begin January 8th. Questions? 435-586-3640 or [Sunrisechruch.net](mailto:Sunrisechruch.net).

## CLASSES, CLUBS &amp; ACTIVITIES

## Adult Barre/Modern Dance

Wed, 11 am-noon, Spirit Wellness Club, 1615 N Main, Cedar City • All levels, Free to members, or \$8 drop-in fee.

## Arthritis Foundations Exercise

Time TBA, Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • 435-586-0832. FREE. Trained instructors. Range-of-motion exercises, endurance-building activities, relaxation techniques, and health education topics.

## Book Club

2nd Thurs, 6 pm • Cedar Library 303 N 100 E.

## Boy Scout Troop 1848

5th-17 yrs • Thurs 6:30 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text Bryan Fanton 435-327-1214

## Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. [cedarchestquiltersguild.org](http://cedarchestquiltersguild.org)

## Cedar City ESL

Wed, 7 pm • Free tutoring for English as 2nd Language. Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E).

## Cedar City Toastmasters

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## Cedar Professionals

Tues, 7:30 am • Springhill Suites, 1477 S Highway 91, Cedar City. Organization of business people. Stimulate business through exchange of ideas, information, referrals. visit [www.cedarprofessionals.org](http://www.cedarprofessionals.org)

## Cedar Radio Control Club

4th Thurs, 7 pm • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E.

## Color Country Winds

Wed • Come brush up on your band skills to share with the community. Call Debbie at (435) 559-9609 for time and location.

## Cub Scout Pack 1848

K-5th • Thurs, 5 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west side door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text LaRee Kurtz 435-559-211.

## DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

2nd Sat, 10 am • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E

## Explorer Bible Club

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • 4yrs. to 6th grade, Valley Bible Church (4780 N Hwy 91, Enoch). 435-586-0253

## Folk Dancing Class

1-2 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Come to your first International Folk Dancing Class! Teaching included. Easy to learn, fun, free for all ages. (626) 808-6129

## Hatha Yoga

• Tues & Wed, 6 pm, \$10, Retro Fitness (929 S Main St, Cedar City)  
• Fri, 8:15 am & 6 pm, \$13, Cedar Yoga Space (736 N Main, Cedar City). Connect body, mind, & breath through movement & meditation. Mats provided, all levels welcome. Kirsti 435-327-1200.

## Hey Cedars Square Dance Club

Mon 6-7:30 pm (Beginners), Dancing 7:30-8 pm • Cedar Visitor Center (581 N Main). Returning to Aquatic Center in November. All former square dancers invited. INFO: Call/Text Neil Mattson 909-477-9795.

## International Folk Dancing

Fri, 1-2 pm • Cedar City Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Free. All ages welcome. Teaching included. INFO: (626) 808-6129

## Motivational Mondays

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## Parowan Pickleball

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and signup: Parowan Visitors Center 435-477-8190.

## Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. [southernutahrockclub.org](http://southernutahrockclub.org)

## Senior Yoga Classes

Mon, 10-11 am & Wed, 1-2 pm • Cedar City Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Easy to do. Please bring own mat. (435) 586-0832

## Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

Wed, 9:30-11:30 am • Grind Coffee House (19 N Main, Cedar City). Knit, crochet, weave, spin, etc. Come learn a craft, work on a project, or just socialize. Beginners welcome! Questions: Jane 435-233-8366.

## Sewing Group

Wed 9-2:30 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Bring machine, cord, projects, supplies. No fees. All abilities welcome. Annie Anzalone (702) 232-0063.

## Southern Utah Woodturners

2nd Sat, 9 am, Cedar High School wood shop, 703 W 600 S.

## StrongBoard Classes

M-W-Fri, 9 am • IFS Studio, 2390 UT-56 #9, Cedar City. Improve core strength, balance, stability. All fitness levels welcome. Class size limited to 8. Call (661) 436-0259 to register/ reserve your spot.

## Tae Kwon Do Class

Wed, 7-8:30 pm • Cedar City Aquatic Center, 2090 W Royal Hunte Dr. \$25/mo., ages 5+, any experience level (435) 865-9223. Helps benefit Canyon Creek Crisis Center.

## Tai Chi For Health

Wed & Fri, 9:30-10:30 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. FREE low-impact, health for Seniors. Helps coordination, balance, flexibility. Maria Bailey, 435-673-3548 x103. Pre-registration not required. Space limited.

## Take Action for Freedom

Wed, 7 pm • Stahl West 600 N. Airport Road, Cedar • Preserve Constitution, Republic, voting laws, medical freedom, education, 1st & 2nd Amendment Rights, ed. on CRT & boarder illegal immigration, local/county/state Legislature

## Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar City Library 303 N 100 E. (435) 586-6661

## TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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## Water Aerobics Class

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## Wellness Place

583 S Main Suite #5, Cedar City. (435) 592-5308. Classes: [thewellnessplacecc.com/upcoming-classes](http://thewellnessplacecc.com/upcoming-classes)

## Wellness Wednesdays

Wed Noon-1 pm • Create Better Health. 200M Mtg ID: 841 6308 8990. PW: health, info: Kristi Sharp (435) 986-2564, [ksharp@swuhealth.org](mailto:ksharp@swuhealth.org)

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## Local spending may be a matter of life &amp; death!

George Bernard Shaw said, “The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.” For two years, this column has discussed the critical nature for local communities to encourage local spending the best they can. During this Christmas season and after nearly two years of COVID, this has become more critical. I cannot stress this enough. This is indeed a case of either surviving or becoming obsolete as a community.

One cannot under-estimate the true value of spending locally. At the risk of repeating myself, I will share an example from a community of 5000 residents. If each resident spent just \$25 more each month locally that may have been spent elsewhere, the community and your neighbors would see huge results.

That small monthly commitment to your community would equal \$125K monthly, \$1,500,000 yearly and nearly \$5,000,000 each year when factoring the compounded impact of dollars spent



JOHN A. NEWBY  
COLUMNIST

locally. How many businesses will that keep open? How many jobs will that save? How many tax dollars will that generate? We can simplify by saying for every dollar a resident of your community spends online, out-of-town, or with a corporate chain, that is between \$3.00 and \$7.00 NOT being spent in your community.

Local communities can't look to the state of national government to help them out. When COVID restrictions and mandates were enacted, small local businesses were under siege from our government through forced business closures and mandates. One need not be a rocket scientist to understand this assault was on nearly every small community in the country. Large corporate chains were allowed to remain open for business while many small local businesses deemed non-essential were forced to conform. Since when is providing support for one's family deemed non-essential? What government failed to understand is when small businesses go under, so do their incomes, employment base, the supplies they order and so forth. Ultimately, after all the free handouts dry up, it reaps disaster on not only the community along with their small business base, but on large corporate chains who will also suffer as no one will ultimately have income to purchase their products and services.

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# Reading magic into Christmas

When I bring up Christmas preparations in August people generally raise an eyebrow and change the subject. After all, it's still 90 degrees outside and most people just finished their back to school shopping.

Now, three weeks into December, I hear people frantically talking about how much work they have to do in order to be ready for the big day! I simply smile and admire the gifts already wrapped under the tree.

Perhaps the madness of last minute shopping is what some love about the holiday season! But during the weeks and days leading up to the 25th our family enjoys reading a collection of stories that add to the festive hype of Christmas instead. Some have been a tradition for decades while others are fairly new to print but have left warmth in our hearts during cold winter nights.

The following are my recommendations for cozy Christmas literature.

**"Is It Christmas Yet?"**  
by Jane Chapman

This story is the newest to our collection and one of my favorites. It is so relatable for

parents of young kids as Big Bear deals with the frustrations that sometimes present themselves with eager kids. Little Bear pesters Big Bear to no end by frequently asking, "Is it Christmas yet?" Big Bear goes through the motions of wrapping gifts and cutting and decorating a tree with a little one underfoot and overly helpful. In the end they spend a wonderful holiday together and the reader is gently

**"Snowmen At Night"**  
by Caralyn Buehner

This book is part of another series that has stolen our hearts. Snowmen At Night follows the antics of snowmen who come to life after their creators fall asleep, explaining why they often look a little haggard the next day. The gorgeous artwork is done by the Utah based authors husband, Mark, and depicts the comical scenes of snowman baseball, sledding, ice-skating and more.

**"The Polar Express"**  
by Chris Van Allsburg

A true classic, this story is a second generation favorite in our home. It follows a young boy questioning the existence of Santa when a train bound for the North Pole magically appears in front of his home on Christmas Eve.

Whether you're ready for Christmas or not, I hope that you'll take the time to read some of your favorite seasonal stories this month! If you don't have a favorite go ahead and use one of mine. These titles are sure to add some lighthearted fun to your holiday and remind you of the magic that can still be felt.



**mom's CORNER(ED)**  
by Weslie Stratton  
CONTRIBUTOR

reminded that Christmas really is for kids.

**"Tractor Mac Saves Christmas"**  
by Billy Steers

This book is one of many in the Tractor Mac series but was our first experience with the little red tractor and has been adored for years. It follows Mac on his snowy adventure to clear the way to the town tree lighting. With the guidance of Farmer Bill, the tractor assists stuck motorists and delivers a Christmas tree as part of a community tradition.

near future. Towns that have been struggling will struggle even more. Towns teetering on the brink will be pushed off into the abyss.

As the outflow of dollars accelerates, the impact on the local community will become more apparent. Civic engagement and volunteering decrease, poverty rates increase, more local businesses go under, local jobs are lost, housing prices decrease, tax base dwindles, crime rates increase, and the list goes on.

I cannot stress this enough; communities MUST act quickly. If this issue isn't on the radar of local community leaders, it must be placed on that radar. Once on the community radar, communities need to quickly assemble a task force with the sole purpose of addressing this critical issue. To be effective, this task force must include city leaders, chamber and/or Main Street representation, business leaders, media representation, civic club and economic development leaders, and whom-ever else makes sense. As a team,

they must brainstorm potential solutions, possible community initiatives, citywide promotions, and other tactics.

Proactive communities can tackle and impact these problems. It is being done every day around the country. The "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" weekly column has provided literally dozens of ideas over the years and will continue to do so. It isn't an easy task, but nothing worthy of great effort usually is. I implore you, don't miss the boat, this is an issue that isn't going away and will only worsen in the coming years.

John A. Newby, of Pineville, MO. is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" weekly column and CEO of Truly-Local, LLC, dedicated to assisting communities create excitement, energy and combine synergies with their local media where LOCAL is often lost to corporately-owned entities and the Internet. His email: info@Truly-Localllc.com.

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dollars local has been well established and is beyond dispute. The proof is readily apparent across the country. Most need not travel very far from home to see a nearby town that was once prosperous only to become a shell of what it once was. They are now shells of themselves because among many reasons, they supported Wall Street and their Dollar General stores in lieu of their own Main Street.

Unlike in the past, the current situation of local communities losing dollars to out-of town corporations, chains, and online entities is accelerating very rapidly. Dollars are leaving local communities at an alarming rate due to online buying habits formed during the COVID pandemic. This trend is unlikely to subside anytime soon. With this acceleration, towns that are now doing well, will do less well in the

people

95TH BIRTHDAY

Ray Valenzuela

My Energizer Bunny, Ray Valenzuela, is now turning 95 years old and he keeps going and going and going. Ray tells me that he is going to live to 100, I believe that. He loves to spend time with family and friends, watching TV and sports and doing things around the house. Happy Birthday my love. Looking forward to your next birthday!



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# Stratum Real Estate celebrates 8th Spirit of Christmas Festival

by Shay Baruffi

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Stratum Real Estate celebrated the upcoming holiday with their 8th annual Spirit of Christmas Festival last weekend. The Spirit of Christmas Festival is an adorable holiday event that invites guests to roast marshmallows over an open fire, create fun holiday themed crafts, have their face painted, vote on the most elaborately decorated door in the real estate office, enjoy freshly popped popcorn, sip hot cocoa, and visit Santa Claus himself.

Beth, the price manager at Stratum, stated "We have been doing this event for 8 years now, it is a community event, everyone is welcome to attend. Come vote on your favorite decorated door, see Santa, enjoy s'mores and have your kids

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*Beth, Stratum Real Estate*

take part in our coloring contest. We also have a board inside where Elementary school students can tally which school they're from and whichever school wins gets a pizza party. Slurps Up is also donating to the winning school, so kids will be able to enjoy drinks and pizza." The winning elementary school will be announced later this week.

After venturing through the beautifully decorated halls and getting photos with Santa Claus, families were able to roam outdoors for popcorn, crafts, hot chocolate and s'mores. Wood burning fires were set up for an authentic marshmallow roasting experience and s'mores fixings were abundant. Enthusiastic children and their families appeared throughout the afternoon to visit with Santa and enjoy delicious treats. Don't miss out on the fun, be sure to come and enjoy next year's Christmas Festival at Stratum Real Estate.



The festive fundraiser for students included decorating, hot cocoa, face painting, s'mores and of course a visit with Santa.



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## ICSD NEWS NUGGETS

from LeAnn Woolstenhulme

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Three Peaks Elementary

The Three Peaks Elementary first grade classes will hold a short Christmas program for parents on December 21 and afterward the performance, students and parents will have the opportunity to decorate gingerbread houses together and take their creations home.

We would like to thank our team of behavior coaches; Mary Irons, Jenelle Lacy, Mette Williams and Kaylynn Neilson, for all they do to help our children become successful students both academically and socially. They helped create Christmas cheer this season by decorating doors throughout the school. We appreciate them!



Students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm on December 21, 2022. Winter Break begins on December 21, 2022 with students returning to school on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

### Escalante Valley Elementary

Our 1st grade class kicked off the holiday season by decorating the tree at neighboring business, Dixie Power. Students were excited to adorn the tree with ornaments created by the students of the school. Once the tree was decorated, first graders sang holiday songs to employees and were given a cookie. We appreciate the relationship between Escalante Valley School and Dixie Power and look forward to this tradition each year.



### Canyon View Middle School

Canyon View Middle School Math Counts club participated in a practice competition that was hosted at CVMS on November 22, 2022. There were 5 total schools represented at this competition; along with 20 teams and 76 individual students. Kehan Mayer earned 5th Place for the Count Down Round. Way to go! We also had 3 teams score in the top 10 teams. 4th Place Team Members: Brecken Bealer, Keyan Maher, Zach McUne, Lukas Nowak. 6th Place Team Members: Briley Haight, Aurora Jensen, Kelly Petty, Karalie Pierce. 7th Place Team Members: Tomas Avila, Tyler Christian, Cole Pace, Tag Poulson. A huge thank you to the math counts club advisers, Angela Sanders and Bethany Holyoak.



### Enoch Elementary

Mrs. Hedt's 3rd graders designed and built aqueducts. The class learned about Roman inventors during their Language studies, and they also talked about engineering during Science lessons. They used the engineering process they learned about by starting with the planning process and designing blueprints. Then they constructed and tested their aqueducts.



### Mrs. Hedt's 3rd graders conducting an engineering project

Congratulations to the Reflections Art Contest winners! Kyla Judd was awarded in the Music category. Dominique Jones and Kyson Judd won for their 2D and 3D art pieces. Haizley Jenson excelled in Dance. We are so proud of them!



### Enoch Elementary's Reflections Art Contest Winners



Gateway students get their brick on during their Lego League contest.

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## Students connect creativity, fun in First Lego League competition

from Amy Thorpe

GATEWAY ACADEMY

With only 55 minutes remaining until the very first match began, the Gateway Lego Robotics team discovered their robot programming had been wiped by an overnight software update. In that short time the team rewrote the mission programming and had it downloaded to the robot in time to take part in the first robotics scrimmage of the 2022-2023 First Lego League (FLL) #supercharged season.

Eleven students, two teachers and two community volunteers represented Gateway at the Atwood Innovation Plaza event on Saturday, Dec 3, 2022. In addition to competing in several scrimmage events, students were able to present their innovation project on energy to a panel of judges receiving very positive feedback on their ideas and teamwork.

First Lego League and Lego Robotics as an after school activity began this fall at Gateway Preparatory Academy. The Lego Robotics team established quickly with the help of interested students, staff and a robust Donors Choose campaign. The first team, Gateway Greats Team Lego was registered early in the school year, but continued growth and interest led to establishing a second team, Gateway Greats Team Robotics. There are over thirty students participating in the program building four Lego Spike

Prime robots including students from our Gateway Discoveries Program.

In an effort to increase programming experiences in our computer science classes, the CS Discoveries coding class is also working on programming Lego missions using the Lego Spike Prime robots. Within a class period, the practice of writing code to accomplish a specific challenge can be tested during that class period on the assembled team robots. Problem solving with the opportunity for immediate feedback on the success of



Teams were tasked with not only building, but programming their Lego creations to do specific challenges.

the program is engaging more students in real world practice.

First Lego League at Gateway Preparatory Academy is ready for a #supercharged season. For more information about opportunities at Gateway or with Gateway Discoveries, visit our organization website at [www.gpacharter.org](http://www.gpacharter.org).

# Sorting the Mail

I'm not sure if the postman is sorting the mail or reading it, but it does create a curiosity about the words he is reading on that postcard. While his curiosity could be considered snooping, in Rockwell's world, it's a harmless glimpse of a moment that perhaps he has never got to experience, or one which he has not been able to experience in a long time.

Nevertheless, is he reading about a "Wish you were here" experiences from a family on vacation? Perhaps he's reading the longing words of a long-distance lover or dear friend?

Wait, a postcard? What's a postcard you may be asking? Is that the equivalent of one day someone saying, "A text message, what's a text message?" And while I think that how people communicate (or the lack thereof) in today's world is certainly worthy of its own rut, that's not what this week's rut is about.

And while, you and I may not work in a post office, we have to sort through a lot of information each day. With so much info, we have to be careful or it will drive us crazy if we don't sort it properly. And by sorting, I mean resorting to avoiding some information so we can focus on the information that's truly valuable to

yourself, friends and family, it's probably consuming more of your life than is truly happy and healthy.

Today, as you "sort" through your junk mail, voicemails, emails, phone calls and texts, what are you searching for? Are you really reading, or just sorting? As you watch television, listen to the news, or play video games, are you feeling fulfilled? Happier? Healthier? Closer to achieving your dreams?

I'm not saying that everything we watch, listen to, play, or do has to have life-changing results (aren't they—for better or worse?) but there has to be a balance. And by balance I mean that if we don't organize (sort) every needful thing (priorities), then one day, we'll not only wonder where our day went, but where our life went.

The ruddy point I'm attempting to make is that if you're reading (or watching,



NORMAN ROCKWELL

listening, etc.) about other people's lives instead of living and enjoying your own life, then perhaps it's time to stop sorting and start prioritizing your time and relationships more fully.

If it appears that you're

spending more time experiencing your television and phone more than your friends and family, perhaps it's time to power off so your pastimes don't one day lead you to regret the times that have passed you by.

## the rut

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Corey Baumgartner

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our lives. Yes, sometimes that cute cat, or trick shot video is enjoyable, but is it crucial during a crucible?

And with all the news, podcasts, videos, etc. in the world, we could literally watch 24/7 for the rest of our lives! Of course, only you can discern and decide what's considered "essential" to your life, but if it's keeping you from truly connecting with

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# How it happens at the Post Office

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

What happens after you drop a letter in the mailbox? The United States Postal Service delivers over 200 billion pieces of mail every year. It carries more mail to more people over a larger area than the mail service of any other country. With so much mail going to so many different places, how can the letter you write today go to the right person in the right city in just a few days later, and sometimes the very next day?

Postal workers send the mail to its destination by truck, train, ship, or airplane. Postal services around the world cooperate with each other so that mail can even travel between countries. Once the mail gets to each specific post office, letter carriers deliver the mail to each address. Many letter carriers travel on foot or in small mail trucks. The United States Postal Service lets us communicate with friends and family anywhere in the world.

This is how it happens:

Each and every day (except Sundays), mail carriers collect mail from homes, businesses, and public mailboxes and taken to the local post office. From here the mail is placed on a truck and taken to a mail processing



The U.S.P.S. sorts and delivers over 200 billion pieces of mail every year.

MAY HUNTER

*“During the holiday season, Cedar City Post Office delivers about 11,000 packages a day and about 30,000 letters.”*

plant. At the mail processing plant, machines separate the mail by shape and size. They also make sure the packages are right side up and facing the same direction.

Your letter gets its postmark, and machines print cancellation lines across postage stamps to prevent them from being reused. It also gets a barcode to the specific address. Other processing machines read the bar code and direct the letters into bins based on zip codes, then they are flown or trucked to where they go. The mail is taken to the individual post offices, and the carriers load trays into their individual vehicles for final delivery.

During the holiday season, Cedar City Post Office delivers about 11,000 packages a day and about 30,000 letters. During the rest of the year, it's

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## obituaries

### John Reed Thornton



John Reed Thornton, 82, passed away peacefully at home in Paragonah, Utah on December 8, 2022.

Reed was born on February 10, 1940, in Cedar City, Utah. He was the fourth of five children born to Carlos Earl and Roka Prothero Thornton. He grew up a Paragonah boy, graduating from Parowan High School in 1958. He was a basketball stand-out, achieving All-State American his sophomore year, and All-State as a senior. After graduation he spent six months in California working for a glass company. He

missed home, and moved back to Iron County, where he worked for nine years in the Iron Mine as an electrician apprentice. After the mine closed, he worked as an electrician in Farmington, New Mexico, and then began work in 1980, at the Navajo Generating Station near Page, Arizona. He retired in 1994.

Ranch and farm work were a huge part of his life, working beside his father and brother, often times coming back home to Paragonah on the weekends to work. Even after retirement, he never retired from the ranch or the farm. He always had a strong work ethic. He was an avid gardener and raised beautiful vegetable gardens. He loved hunting, fishing, and looking for arrowheads. It's safe to say, his favorite spot in the whole world was his mountain property in Horse Valley.

He enjoyed cutting Christmas trees for family and friends, which he continued to do year after year until just a few years ago. He called himself the Christmas tree man! He also enjoyed sports and was a Utah Jazz fan.

He married Bonnie Batt in 1961, and the marriage was solemnized in the St. George Temple in 1967. They were blessed with five children.

He is survived by his children, Mike (Jamie), Sharrisa (Brent), Brandon (Stefani), and Danette (Ryan), fifteen grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren, his sister Rayma (Conrad) Clark, and brother Lynn. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Gerry, his sister Delores Robinson, and his son Scott.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 11 am in the Paragonah Ward Chapel. The viewing will be Wednesday 9:30-10:30 prior to services. Interment will be in the Parowan Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

### Rex Kim Craft



Kim Craft suffered a heart attack while lifting weights on the evening of December 6th, 2022. He passed away in his home, doing what he loved, surrounded by loved ones.

Kim was born on January 21st, 1959, to Karen and Robert Craft in Provo, Utah. He grew up in Chino, California and spent most of his free time on his grandfather's ranches. He has many stories of the time he spent breaking horses, rounding up cattle, and building structures in Tehachapi, California, Safford, Arizona, and

Chino, California. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Indianapolis, Indiana.

On July 14th, 1989, he married Heidi Maureen Madrian in the Salt Lake City temple. Together, they had four daughters, Madeline (27) (married to Jordan Cox), Julia (25) (Cody Barney), Lauren (22) (Alex Kofford), and Sydney (19) and raised them in Cedar City, Utah.

He earned his PhD in Agricultural Economics in 1996 from the University of California at Davis, and soon after, accepted a job offer from Southern Utah University to become a professor of Economics in the School of Business. He was a lifelong learner and was known for his dedication to academic rigor. Over his 25 years at SUU, he has received many letters of appreciation from students who realized the value of his courses as their careers progressed. In addition to his academic positions, he was involved in a variety of other professional pursuits, including consulting work and the horse racing business.

Kim was always working towards an achievement. Each year he set a goal to hike to the top of Cedar City's C trail in under an hour by the time the first snow of the season fell. He made meticulous plans to "bag peaks" multiple times a year, summiting King's Peak, Twin Peak, and Mount Whitney to name a few. He and his wife Heidi had a tradition of hiking the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim and even rim-to-rim-to-rim each fall. In every goal he included his family, even going so far as to plan "training hikes" for his daughters in preparation for the big summits. In more recent years he became an avid mountain biker. Most evenings, he could be found riding Cedar City's Southview trail system with family.

Music was an integral part of Kim's life. Although most wouldn't know it, he was an accomplished guitarist and spent almost every evening of his adult life strumming the guitar as he wound down before bed. He was in a band for many years and even performed an original song with his colleagues each year at SUU's School of Business graduation ceremony.

Kim crossed an item off his "bucket list" when he became a grandparent in February of 2021. He enjoyed watching his daughter become a parent and watching his grandson reach various developmental milestones. He had a way of letting kids come to him first and speaking to them as if they were miniature adults. His grandson adored him and developed a funny little habit of collecting random objects to give to his grandpa, even over FaceTime. Although his grandson won't be able to remember him, his family will archive many pictures and videos of their short time together.

Kim's wife and daughters describe him as a selfless peace-keeper with sincere commitment to his principles, a large capacity for empathy and understanding, and tireless patience. He had a determination to live a full life and will be remembered for coining the phrase, "Yesterday's gone, tomorrow's not here, so today is the only day you've got. Make it a good one." Many of his colleagues describe him as a man of character and quality and a friend. His family, friends, and community will never be able to replace what they've lost and are forever changed by his influence. Although he left us much sooner than we ever would have imagined, we are comforted by the knowledge that his life was full of satisfaction, love, and joy.

Kim is survived by his wife Heidi Craft (of Cedar City, Utah), his four daughters and grandson JJ, his mother Karen (of St. George, Utah), his four siblings, Barry Craft (of Pleasant Grove, Utah) and Ben Craft, Robin Jones, and Eric Craft (of St. George, Utah), his father-in-law Jost Madrian (of Cottonwood Heights, Utah), and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Rex Cooper Ellsworth and Nola Zobia Ferrin and Robert Raymond Craft and Mary Geraldine McMullen, his father Robert ("Bob") Craft, and his mother-in-law Maureen Madrian.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 16th, 2022, at 11:00am at the Mesa Hills Ward Chapel (1925 W 320 S, Cedar City). Viewings will be held on both Thursday December 15th, 2022, at 5:00pm at the Mesa Hills Ward Chapel (1925 W 320 S, Cedar City) as well as before the funeral service at 10:00am. Interment will follow the funeral service at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

## faith

# Peace Light of Bethlehem arrives in Cedar

from Dave & Sharyl Admire

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Each year an Austrian child travels to Bethlehem to obtain a flame from the grotto where Jesus was born. The flame is then flown back to Austria and distributed to delegations from across Europe who take it to their countries for use in services throughout the continent with a message of peace. The Peace Light is never extinguished and essentially handed from person to person.

The Peace Light 2022, symbolic of the Light of Christ is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among the people of the world. This year the Peace Light is being dedicated to Peace in Ukraine.

For decades, the International Scouting movement, Boys and Girl Scouts, other groups and individuals have actively been involved in the distribution of the Peace Light while promoting global peace and harmony. "The Light of Friendship & Peace" was first introduced to the



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United States in the year 2000. The sharing of the Peace Light has steadily grown each year in America, arriving this year at the JFK International airport on December 6.

This year there will be an open house for the sharing of the Peace Light. It will be held in Cedar City on Sunday, December 18, 2022, from 1-5 pm at Park Place Eatery located at 23 W Center St. Cedar City, UT. It is free and everyone is invited! Please bring an oil filled lantern or protected candle to contain the flame and a safe way to transport it away.

There is no service or ceremony just the simple sharing of the flame with friends and family this holiday season. The Peace Light is a symbolic reminder that we are one world in the name of peace & love. Let's light up our community with Peace Lights.

Thank you to Park Place Eatery for their generous offer to house the Peace Light. They will not be open for regular business on this day.

For more information on the Peace Light go to [www.peacelightnorthamerica.org](http://www.peacelightnorthamerica.org) or contact Dave & Sharyl Admire (Keepers of the Flame) 435-267-2610.

## Want to submit an obituary?

There is a charge of \$50 for obituaries to be published. Submissions can be made online at [ironcountytoday.com](http://ironcountytoday.com), emailed to [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com) or brought in typed/digitized format to 389 N 100 W, #12, Cedar City, Utah 84721. A single submission may include up to two photos. The deadline for submissions is Monday at noon.

## POST OFFICE

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about 7,000 packages and 30,000 letters. Also, publishers send magazines and catalogs to the post office in high shipments. Usually the postal workers sort these by hand.

Cedar City has 30 carriers, 17 city and 13 rural routes and work 12 hour days. Thank you for your tireless service dedicated to keeping America informed and connected. Thank you for being so knowledgeable and helpful. You're a vital part of this country, and much appreciated.

Thank you for all the smiles you deliver.

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The United States Post Office Creed:

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of nights stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

## faith

## "HIS HAND IN MINE"

"These poems capture who I am. They are written with a prayerful hand, and are inspired from above. It is my hope that all who read them will be edified, find comfort, and feel God's love."

— L. Brent Jones

## Contrasts

by L. Brent Jones

Contrasts bring out the beautiful,  
And accent divine differences.  
They draw our eyes to all that's  
good,  
And obscure vague references.

As they make clear their character,  
And bring their features out,  
They enhance not just the flaws,  
But what they're all about.

They form a backdrop to all truth,  
And help clear our eyes to see,  
The beauty that the contrasts bring,  
To set imaginations free.

The mountain's rugged silhouette,  
Against a deep blue sky,  
Gives way to rocks, trees, flowers,  
And all the birds that fly.

Then the whiteness of the clouds  
that form,  
Being accented by the blue,  
Will mold themselves to different  
shapes,  
Which we then can see, too.

The new grass rises from the ground,  
In all its shades of green.  
Because it contrasts with the brown,  
Its brilliance can be seen.

Light can't exist without the dark,  
Or white without the black,  
Or the red, set off by the setting sun.  
The contrasts give us what we lack.

But to appreciate the contrasts  
We have to make them blend.  
Transitioning to softer tones,  
Their starkness will soon end.

The blending and the shading,  
Where colors start to meet.  
We must lose some of the pigment,  
So the painting is complete.

Although contrasts bring out  
differences,  
We need them to be whole.  
Then blend them into common  
ground,  
And bring beauty to the soul.

## Rescue (Lauren Daigle)

For anyone whose ever watched television or been to the movies, or been sailing, it's a sure bet that you know what the letters S.O.S. mean. Morse Code speaking, it's a simple repeated pattern of "...---..." Some people are also familiar with the backronyms "Save Our Ship" or, spiritually speaking, "Save Our Soul." The bottom line is that this simple pattern literally mean, "Help!"

When was the last time you needed help? When was the last time you offered and/or delivered help? Don't worry, this isn't a compassion competition, just a reminder that sometimes we need help and sometimes we're the ones who give help. And life is not about keeping score, or even settling scores, it's striving to doing good when and wherever we can.

Alright, so what about if you can't help right now? What if you're the one who needs rescuing? What if you're the one who is Lost (Luke 19:10)? Broken (Psalms 147:3)? Hopeless (Jeremiah 29:11)? What if it's too dark to find your way out (Colossians 1:13),

or you feel too far away for anyone to find you (Luke 15:3-7)?

I understand. That's why I write about the things I do. Not because I'm trying to be preachy, or because I've been exactly where you are in your dark alleys and lonely valleys, but because I've sent out many S.O.S's and cries for help and have learned for myself that Jesus really is my (and your) Rescuer.

GOD'S  
playlist

Corey Baumgartner

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I want you to know that I really do know that God hears your cries in the middle of the night, in traffic, on the playground, in the office, at the doctor's office, hospital, basement and every battleground and adversary in-between.

In other words, whatever is causing you to sink in life, God has a plan to help rescue, recover, repair and redeem

you (Deuteronomy 31:6-8). Don't stop looking up or reaching out. And don't let the guillotine of guilt keep you from believing your life can get better. You don't have to be perfect to be loved. You don't have to have it all together to be worthy of help, or to help/rescue someone else.

We're all in this ocean of mortality together. We need each other. If we spent as much time rescuing as we do fighting each other, this world would be so much happier and healthier. Is there any doubt as we watch/listen to the news around the world—and especially in our own country—why our Rescuer has called us to let our lights so shine? Or that the Light which we should shine for all the world to see is Him?

Today, are you sinking in despair? Marooned on the deserted island of fear and despair? You are not alone. I know you're hurting, but you are not hidden from His help, healing and love. If your heart needs reviving, reassuring and rescuing, send out your S.O.S. I know Jesus is listening and will rescue you (Psalm 71:2).

## What happens before his second coming? (Part 11)

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

I hope that you have stayed with me and have read all the previous parts of this existing series about Bible prophecy. The Bible predicts the second coming of Jesus in 1,845 places in the Old and New Testaments which, as we said in Part 10, is 1/3 of Bible prophecy. The big questions remaining are what else will happen to signify, portend, and point to His imminent return? It isn't a pretty picture as the Bible warns those alive at the time. Many books have been written by Bible scholars about the era before the return of the Messiah.

One of the most eminent of End Times Bible scholars, Dr. David Jeremiah has written over thirty-one readable and educational books about the subject. I have read several of his books, and I am impressed by the depth of his knowledge and expertise. I recommend the following books to those who are interested in what is happening in our world today written by Dr. Jeremiah: 1) Agents of the Apocalypse: A Riveting Look at the Key Players of the End Times, 2) After the Rapture: An End Times Guide to Survival, and 3) The Book of Signs: 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse. The information will prepare you as you learn the signs and Biblical warnings of momentous and

calamitous events.

The contrasts between the Messiah's first and His second comings are great: In His first coming He was born in obscurity (Philippians 2:5-7) while in His second coming He will be seen by every eye (everyone on the earth) (Revelation 1:7); first, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and seen by very few (Luke 2:7), second, He will be clothed in

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a royal robe dipped in blood (Revelation 19:13); first, He was surrounded by cattle (Luke 2:16), second, He will be accompanied by the armies of Heaven (Revelation 19:14); first, the doors of the inn were closed (Luke 2:7), second, the doors of heaven will be opened (Revelation 4:1); first, He had the voice of a newborn baby (Luke 2:12), second, He will have a voice with the sound of many waters (Revelation 1:15); first, He was the Lamb bringing salvation (John 1:29), second, He is the Lion bringing

judgement (Revelation 5:5).

In Psalm 23:4, David reminds us: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." In the book of Isaiah 32:17 we find: "And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever." In Psalm 46:10, God reminds us: "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." In advising the Apostle Paul, we are told what the Risen Christ said to Paul: "Do not be afraid any longer but go on speaking and do not be silent."

Even as the times we live in now are difficult, we should stay grounded in Jesus, our Jewish Messiah and Savior. As Isaiah quoted the Eternal One in Isaiah 43:2: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." Remember Psalm 16:8: "I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)



## REDS STRUGGLE IN LOSS TO RIVERHAWKS

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Facing the 4A girls state runner-up proved to be a challenging task for the Cedar Reds girls basketball team Dec. 8. When the visiting Ridgeline Riverhawks made their first two 3-pointers from the floor, it was a clear sign of what was to come.

Emilee Skinner and Macie Brown scored 15 points apiece, and the Riverhawks started fast and never looked back in a 71-31 rout over Cedar that knocked the Reds down to 0-2 on the young season. Ridgeline led 28-5 after the opening quarter, pushed the margin to 44-12 at the half, and played under a running clock for most of the fourth quarter.

“They’re a good team. They’re hard to guard,” Cedar head coach Corry Nielsen said of the Riverhawks. “Give them a whole lot of credit. They’re already in state championship form.”

Ridgeline outscored Cedar in every quarter, but Cedar broke through and produced 11 points in the third. The Riverhawks made 10 3-pointers in the victory to just two for the Reds.

Annalyse Shimada led Cedar with 10 points in the loss. Nielsen said his team can only keep working to get better from here.

“We’re gonna be a lot better in a month than we are today. Hopefully we’ll be better tomorrow, then be better Saturday than we were Friday. It doesn’t get any easier, but that’s OK.”



*“[The Riverhawks] are a good team. They’re hard to guard. Give them a whole lot of credit. They’re already in state championship form.”*

**Corry Nielsen, Cedar head coach**

In a low-scoring matchup, the Sky View Bobcats held off Cedar, 39-30, on Dec. 9. Sky View outscored the Reds in each of the first three quarters and secured the win. Cedar completed the week with a 42-33 loss to Bear River on Dec. 10 and fell to 0-4 on the season. Shimada led all scorers for the Reds with 17 points.

Cedar will travel for a road game at Highland on Thursday that starts at 7 p.m.



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**Cedar's Gabby Gomez takes a shot** over the Riverhawks' defense during a tough loss for the Reds.

# Fourth-quarter rally sinks Falcons

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View coach Kim Blackner called his team's non-region game against Desert Hills on Dec. 7 "a good, old-fashioned war." That part was easy to see for a game that featured 13 lead changes and nine ties on the night.

In the end, senior Lincoln Holmes delivered the final blow that gave the Thunder a hard-earned victory.

Holmes got inside for a basket that turned into a 3-point play with 5 seconds remaining, and Desert Hills held on for a 59-56 win at The Nest. The opportunity came after Andrew Barnes had tied the score with a pair of free throws with 48 seconds to go.

"You gotta hand it to both teams. We executed at certain points, but they had one more possession that worked for them," Blackner said.

After a back-and-forth first half that saw the largest lead at four points for either team, Canyon View outscored the Thunder 16-3 in the third



Desert Hills

**59**



Canyon View

**56**

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Desert Hills - Jones 9, Allred 24, Attig 2, Holmes 9, Holbrook 15. Totals 20 12-15 59. 3-pointers - Jones 1, Allred 3, Holbrook 3.

Canyon View - Malcom 4, Ellett 3, Farrow 13, Whittaker 6, Barnes 4, Topham 5, Jacobsen 7, Hartmann 14. Totals 21 7-13 56. 3-pointers - Ellett 1, Farrow 3, Whittaker 2, Hartmann 1.

quarter and took a 46-36 lead. When the fourth quarter began, the Falcons had two turnovers and a missed shot in their first three trips while DH got a pair of 3-pointers from Eli Allred - who led all scorers with 24 points - and a basket by Boston Holbrook. Later in the period, Allred hit a jumper with 1:28 remaining that put the Thunder up 56-54, setting up the see-saw finish.

"We all hate to lose, but

our goal is to learn from this," Blackner said. "At the end of the day, the (35-second) shot clock is important, but it comes down to patience and to be able to get your look, whether it be at 30 seconds or under 10."

Chad Hartmann led Canyon View in the loss with 14 points and Jace Farrow added 13.

The Falcons recovered well when they faced Pine View at home Dec. 9, racing out to a 17-point lead after a quarter and finishing off an 80-63 win over the Panthers to improve to 4-2 on the season.

Chad Hartmann led all scorers with 26 points, including five of CV's 10 3-pointers made in the win. Jace Farrow added 14 points, Myles Topham had 12 and Jase Whittaker helped out with 10.

Canyon View returned to the floor for a Tuesday home game against Parowan that was too late for press deadline, and they will host the Juab Wasps on Friday in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

# Falcons beat Wolves, split week

by Tom Zulewski

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Canyon View

**49**



Enterprise

**27**

Enterprise 8 8 2 9 - 27  
Canyon View 17 13 10 9 - 49

Enterprise - Barlow 9, Hunt 6, Nelson 4, B. Humphries 4, Christiansen 3, K. Humphries 1. Totals 9 8-13 27. 3-pointers - Christiansen 1.

Canyon View - Gleave 14, Vargas 7, Spencer 7, Davie 7, Miles 5, Nichols 4, Newman 3, Brush 2. Totals 19 8-16 49. 3-pointers - Gleave 2, Newman 1.

Jayda Gleave led all scorers with 14 points, and the Canyon View girls locked the game down when it counted as they beat the visiting Enterprise Wolves, 49-27 on Dec. 6. The Falcons (2-3 overall) led 30-16 at the half and outscored Enterprise (0-4) 10-2 in the third quarter to pull away and secure the victory.

Gleave had two of CV's three 3-pointers in the win while Bethanee Vargas, Maylee Spencer and Brooke

Davie added 7 points each for the Falcons.

On Dec. 8, Anna Cutler scored 21 points as the Kanab Cowboys held off Canyon View, 51-42 on its home floor to stay undefeated on the season. Rylee Little added a double-double of 10 points and 20 rebounds as Kanab improved to 6-0 on the season.

Kamryn Brush led CV with 10 points in the loss. The Falcons will return to play tonight when they host the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

## PREP SCOREBOARD

### SCORES

#### Region 10 Boys Basketball

- 12/7** Springville 71, Hurricane 49  
Richfield 67, Pine View 52  
Desert Hills 59, Canyon View 56
- 12/8** Farmington 65, Dixie 52  
Crimson Cliffs 67, Skyridge 63  
Layton Christian 60, Snow Cyn. 57  
Monument Valley (AZ) 51,  
Hurricane 43
- 12/9** Dixie 95, Herriman 86  
Alta 68, Crimson Cliffs 49  
Snow Canyon 88, St. Joseph 10  
Richfield 68, Desert Hills 61  
Canyon View 80, Pine View 63  
Hurricane 47, Pinon (AZ) 22
- 12/10** Dixie 69, Copper Hills 53  
Herriman 61, Crimson Cliffs 58  
Hurricane 51, Payson (AZ) 37

#### Region 12 Boys Basketball

- 12/6** S. Sevier 55, Richfield 53, OT
- 12/7** Desert Hills 59, Canyon View 56  
South Summit 69, Carbon 61  
Emery 65, Millard 51  
Richfield 67, Pine View 52
- 12/9** Canyon View 80, Pine View 63  
Richfield 68, Desert Hills 61  
South Sevier 66, Carbon 54  
Emery 74, Union 63

#### Region 19 Boys Basketball

- 12/6** S. Sevier 55, Richfield 53, OT
- 12/7** Parowan 51, Panguitch 50  
South Sevier 76, Delta 44  
North Sevier 64, Beaver 60  
Kanab 60, Gunnison 36
- 12/9** South Sevier 66, Carbon 54  
Am. Heritage 83, San Juan 50
- 12/10** Am. Leadership 75, San Juan 63  
Beaver 59, Waterford 48

#### Region 10 Girls Basketball

- 12/8** Ridgeline 71, Cedar 31  
Mtn. Crest 55, Crimson Cliffs 37  
Bear River 46, Hurricane 39  
Dixie 60, Foothill (NV) 37  
Sky View 52, Snow Canyon 39  
Pine View 60, Logan 15  
Green Cyn. 70, Desert Hills 51
- 12/9** Sky View 39, Cedar 30  
Green Cyn. 74, Snow Canyon 61  
Pine View 64, Bear River 56  
Mtn. Crest 58, Desert Hills 50  
Crimson Cliffs 53, Logan 20  
Ridgeline 80, Hurricane 48
- 12/10** Bear River 42, Cedar 33  
Ridgeline 64, Snow Canyon 44  
Sky View 64, Hurricane 39  
Mtn. Crest 44, Pine View 34  
Desert Hills 50, Logan 14  
Green Cyn. 65, Crimson Cliffs 30  
Desert Pines (NV) 52, Dixie 36

#### Region 12 Girls Basketball

- 12/6** Canyon View 49, Enterprise 27  
Carbon 51, Grantsville 43  
Emery 62, Union 38  
Richfield 69, Pleasant Grove 56
- 12/8** Kanab 51, Canyon View 42  
Eaglecrest (CO) 81, Carbon 43  
Emery 66, South Sevier 56

- 12/9** Grand Junction (CO) 45, Carbon 36
- 12/10** Fruita Monument (CO) 54,  
Carbon 42

#### Region 19 Girls Basketball

- 12/6** Parowan 39, Piute 36  
Canyon View 49, Enterprise 27  
Beaver 49, Delta 45  
San Juan 57, Whitehorse 49
- 12/8** Emery 66, South Sevier 56  
San Juan 69, Monticello 31  
Beaver 52, Panguitch 32  
Kanab 51, Canyon View 42
- 12/9** Parowan 56, Valley 53, OT  
Kanab 61, Monument Valley 47  
Enterprise 26, Bryce Valley 23
- 12/10** Kanab 55, Parowan 33  
South Sevier 57, Draper APA 50

### STANDINGS

#### Region 10 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon	0-0	5-1
Dixie	0-0	5-2
Cedar	0-0	3-2
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	3-3
Desert Hills	0-0	2-3
Hurricane	0-0	2-4
Pine View	0-0	0-5

#### Region 12 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Emery	0-0	5-1
Canyon View	0-0	4-2
Carbon	0-0	4-4
Richfield	0-0	2-2
Grand	0-0	2-3

#### Region 19 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	6-0
Parowan	0-0	3-1
Enterprise	0-0	2-1
South Sevier	0-0	3-2
San Juan	0-0	2-4
Beaver	0-0	1-4

#### Region 10 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon	0-0	4-3
Desert Hills	0-0	3-3
Dixie	0-0	2-3
Pine View	0-0	3-5
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	1-3
Hurricane	0-0	1-6
Cedar	0-0	0-4

#### Region 12 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield	0-0	5-1
Emery	0-0	6-2
Carbon	0-0	5-2
Canyon View	0-0	2-3

#### Region 19 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	8-0
Beaver	0-0	4-1
South Sevier	0-0	3-1
Parowan	0-0	3-3
San Juan	0-0	2-2
Enterprise	0-0	1-4

# Rams hang on, edge Thunderbirds

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Brooklyn Hulet scored 11 points, and the Parowan Rams girls basketball team came out on the winning end of a 39-36 victory over the Piute Thunderbirds on the home floor Dec. 6. The teams had their turns in the lead after the end of each quarter, but the

Rams outscored Piute 11-7 over the final eight minutes to earn the victory.

In a back-and-forth battle Dec. 9, the Rams got 19 points apiece from Hulet and Katlynn Matheson and held on for a 56-53 overtime win over the Valley Buffaloes in the Buffalo Shootout. Bella Robinson chipped in with 12 points for Parowan.

Parowan finished the week with a

55-33 loss to Kanab at Valley High on Dec. 10. Rylee Little led three Cowboys in double figures with 14 points as they stayed undefeated on the season at 8-0.

Hulet led the Rams (3-3) in the loss with 13 points. They traveled to Panguitch for a Tuesday game that was too late for press deadline and will return home Thursday to face Duchesne in a 6:30 p.m. tipoff.

The Parowan boys were able to post a win in its only game of the week last week, getting by the Panguitch Bobcats, 51-50 on Dec. 7. The Rams had a 16-point halftime lead on the road, but Panguitch went on an 18-2 tear in the third quarter to tie the game at 35-35 heading to the final eight minutes.

Luke Millett led Parowan with 11 points and Matt Townsend had 10. The Rams improved to 3-1 overall on the season and played at Canyon View on Tuesday, a game that was too late for press deadline.

# Wright closes NFR with bull riding gold buckle

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

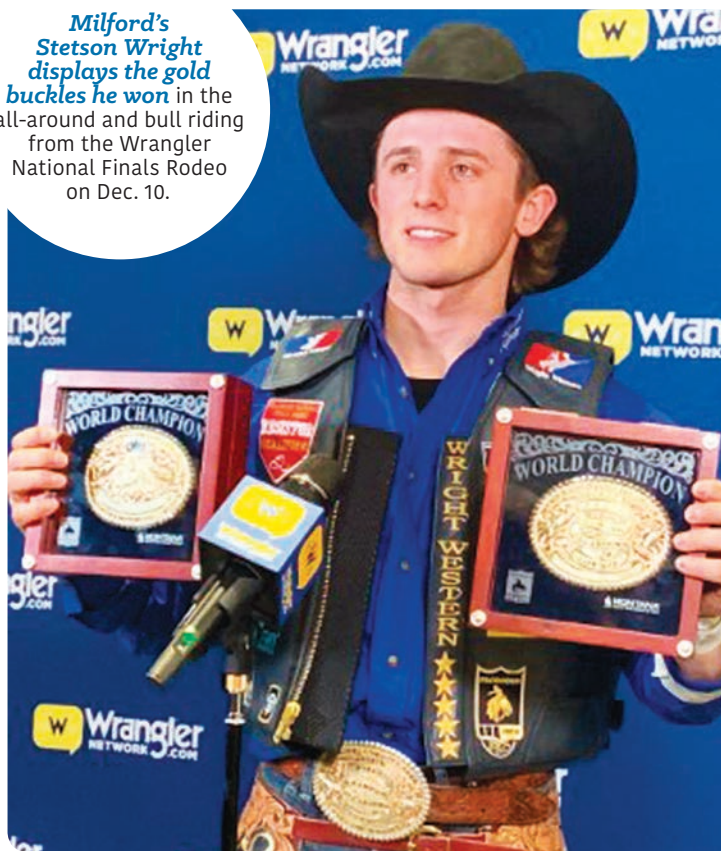
**LAS VEGAS** — There was no mystery as to who the best all-around cowboy was at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Milford's own Stetson Wright clinched that title for the fourth year in a row after Round 6 was completed Dec. 6.

For good measure, Wright added a second gold buckle to his growing

good feeling," said Wright, who has won seven gold buckles in the last four NFRs.

The 23-year-old scored 684.5 points on eight head, won first-place bonus money for the average (\$74,149), and finished the bull riding portion of the season with \$592,143. Adding his haul from the all-around title, Wright set a new standard for most money won in a rodeo season with

*Milford's Stetson Wright displays the gold buckles he won in the all-around and bull riding from the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo on Dec. 10.*



TOM ZULEWSKI

*“When you keep repeating things you’ve done before and prove to people it’s not a fluke, it’s a pretty good feeling.”*

**Stetson Wright**

collection, earning his second world title in Bull Riding on Dec. 10 before a packed house at Thomas & Mack Center. Wright didn't score on his Round 10 bull ride, but he didn't need to when his closest pursuer, Randlett's Josh Frost, got bucked off his ride as well.

“When you keep repeating things you’ve done before and prove to people it’s not a fluke, it’s a pretty

\$927,940.

Before the bull riding, Wright nearly earned a third gold buckle, but it was a bit more of a long shot.

Going into Round 10, Wright was in a four-way fight for a second saddle bronc title separated by less than \$6,500, but Canadian Zeke Thurston finished in a three-way tie for first with fellow Albertan Kolby Wanchuk and Montana

cowboy Chase Brooks. The 89.5-point ride aboard All or Nothin was good enough to clinch the average title for Thurston and his third NFR gold buckle (2016, 2019).

Thurston's final season total was \$399,915, more than \$58,000 in front of runner-up Lefty Holman of

Visalia, Calif., and set a new single-season money record.

“They’re all hard-fought, but this one seemed really hard-fought,” Thurston said. “There are so many talented guys in that locker room. All through the week, seven to eight guys had a chance, and even today, there were

four or five depending on how the different situations played out. They made me work for it.”

Wright tied for fifth in Round 10 with brother Ryder Wright as he scored 88 points aboard Straight Moonshine. He finished fifth in the average and fourth in the final standings with \$335,796, less than \$3,800 behind Logan Hay, the third of five Canadians in the saddle bronc field.

“The bronc riding humbled me this week. I know I could have done more,” Wright said. “I will be back next year and I will walk out of Thomas & Mack with three gold buckles.”

Among the other Utah cowboys competing at the WNFR, Kaycee Feild of Genola won Round 10 in bareback riding with a 92-point effort aboard Night Crawler, but it was only good for second place in the final standings. Jess Pope of Waverly, Kansas scored 81.5 points on his ride aboard Southern Star, and it helped him clinch the average title with 860 points on 10 head.

The bonus of \$74,149 pushed Pope's final season total to \$390,620, while Feild was second with \$316,490.

## Tenacious T-Birds take down Titans in tight tussle

by Jason Marsteller

SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMM.

**LAS VEGAS, Nev.** — The Southern Utah men's basketball team pushed its win streak to three in a dogfight with Cal State Fullerton on Saturday, Dec. 10. The Thunderbirds knocked off the Titans, 67-60, as the opening act of the Jack Jones Hoopfest tripleheader. Southern Utah improved to 7-4 with the conquest, while Fullerton fell to 4-6. It's a historic victory as SUU had previously never defeated CSF.

Senior forward Maizen Fausett leaped past John Knight III into seventh all-time in Thunderbird scoring history with eight points. That effort moved his career tally to 1,224, edging Knight's 1,223 points set from 2019-22.

Meanwhile, senior guards Harrison Butler and Tevian Jones put up matching 15-point efforts to lead the way for SUU. Butler is now two points shy of joining the 1,200-Point Club currently composed of nine Thunderbirds. Butler also collected a double-double tonight with 10 rebounds to lead the squad.

Jones became the 11th Thunderbird to score

1,000 points in an SUU uniform with 1,007 while at Southern Utah. Overall, Jones has a career total of 1,105 points having previously spent some time at the University of Illinois.

The key to a transcendent team is having more than one way to win, and that proved itself in this contest for Southern Utah as the offensive juggernaut of a team that ranked second in the nation with 91.9 points per game had to get it done in other ways.

SUU used an aggressive attack in the paint to not only outscore Fullerton, 32-24, down low, but also doubled the amount of free-throw attempts by scoring 24-35 from the charity stripe compared to Fullerton's 11-17 effort.

Southern Utah returns home to face former Big Sky foe Northern Arizona on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the America First Event Center at 1 p.m. MT.

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**SUU's Tevian Jones became the 11th Thunderbird** to score 1,000 points in an SUU uniform.

# Scotty Bauman

## THIRTY YEARS AT THE HELM WITH THE FLIPPIN' BIRDS

by Nikki Koontz

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

In the world of NCAA athletics, the coaching carousel often and routinely spins and sends a wave of change through a program and an entire athletic department. But Scotty Bauman and Southern Utah University have built a strong relationship now spanning three decades.

“What has kept me at SUU is that we have built such an amazing fan base here in Cedar City,” explains Bauman. “The people here have 100 percent embraced this program since the day I arrived. They have embraced me and all of my quirkiness; they have kept me here.”

His introduction to gymnastics began in Price, Utah. While in junior high, Bauman developed an interest in aerial skiing and wanted to learn how to execute the requisite twists and flips. He enrolled at Price Gymnastics to learn the mechanics, and began aiding in the program.

One summer, Ray Corn, then head gymnastics coach at Utah State University, brought his youth camp to Price and was impressed with Bauman’s work. When he learned that the youngster was to attend USU, he extended a job offer. They worked together for seven years and Corn taught his protege to love his work, and if the passion were not there, to look elsewhere. That lesson stuck with Bauman.

When recruited for the head post here, Bauman did not think he stood a chance of being hired and was instead eyeing graduate school in the dental or medical field. But he showed up nonetheless and impressed interviewers Jack Bishop ('70), Kathryn Berg and Paul Maggio ('82). Later, while touring the gym, the 23-year-old was offered the job by President Gerald R. Sherratt ('51) and AD Bishop, who asked him to start as soon as possible. Blown away by the offer, Bauman went back to Logan to discuss the job with an equally impressed Corn, and in August 1991, Scotty Bauman made it official and moved to Cedar City.

He inherited a program



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Scotty Bauman

with talented but disenchanted gymnasts who even discouraged recruits.

“We knew we were walking into a potentially hazardous situation,” says Bauman, “but we had a plan, and the girls in the program bought into that plan in an enormous way.”

It took Bauman and his staff a few years to return to the level of gymnasts he inherited in 1991. But three years later they landed their first high-end recruit, Julie Talbot ('98) of Provo, Utah, a level-10 national champion on beam, extremely talented on bars, and above all, driven.

“We began basing what we looked for in a gymnast after her,” Bauman says.

The following year the program landed two more high-level recruits: Kim Nomura ('99) and Angie Gunnell. Bauman calls landing Angie, one of the best gymnasts in the country who chose a school no one ever heard of, a “recruiting coup” that forever changed the program. Thirty years and hundreds of gymnasts later, the “Flippin’ Birds” are among the nation’s most respected programs.

That rise to prominence was no accident. Bauman and his staff are deliberate in recruiting student athletes who take themselves seriously in all aspects of their lives, including in the classroom, as evidenced by 13 National Academic Championships over the years.

“The world is full of mediocrity,” he says. “One of my biggest pet peeves is settling for what seems to be mediocrity and accepting it.”

Bauman’s passion for the sport still burns strong, and he loves watching his athletes grow from shy, timid individuals trying to find themselves, into strong, fierce, goal-driven women.

There are many special moments in the 30-year career of Scotty Bauman, but “every moment a kid really surpasses what she thought she could do, those are the big reflective moments,” he says. “That satisfaction is beautiful.”

*This article was originally published in the Fall 2022 edition of the SUU Alumni Magazine.*

# Thunderbirds drop Wednesday night contest to Colorado

by Seth Whitehouse

SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

**BOULDER, Colo.** — The Southern Utah University women's basketball team fell to the Colorado Buffaloes Wednesday Night, 78-48, at the CU Events Center. The loss moves the Thunderbirds to 3-6 on the season.

Daylani Ballena led the scoring attack for the Thunderbirds finishing with 16 points and three rebounds. Cherita Daugherty and Megan Jensen both pitched in with double digits as well. Daugherty scored 10 points with four rebounds and three assists, while Jensen added 10 points of her own and a team-leading six rebounds on the night.

Southern Utah won the battle from the free throw line shooting a perfect 100 percent compared to Colorado's 83.3 percent.

Colorado would pull away, in the end, walking away with the 78-48 victory.

The Thunderbirds will now have nearly two weeks off until their next contest when they face La Sierra University on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 P.M. MT.

For all the latest on Southern Utah women's basketball, follow @SUUWBBasketball on Twitter and Instagram and like the Southern Utah Women's Basketball Facebook page.

## Wright's best advice: Compare yourself to...yourself

For his final night of work at the 2022 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo on Dec. 10, Stetson Wright won more than \$100,000. He loved the accomplishment, but had a criticism he couldn't quite shake. Wright wasn't happy with his final total from saddle bronc riding, and it wasn't necessarily about the money.

"The gold buckles are what wakes me up every day and keeps me going," he said. "It's like a drug, and I see why people have such a hard time with this stuff now."

Heading into the 10th and final round, Wright was in a tight money chase with three of his fellow cowboys separated by less than \$6,500. When Canadian Zeke Thurston completed a 10-for-10 effort with a final-round 89.5-point ride, it was good enough to win the average and secure a third gold buckle as saddle bronc world champion.

"I had that third buckle in reach. It almost felt like it was on my waist," Wright said. "It got snatched away by Zeke. Congratulations to him, but it's all on me, but I'll be back and better next year."

The Milford native is only 23 years old, and he's earned seven gold buckles at the NFR, four in a row in the all-around. The achievement brought comparisons with legendary cowboy Trevor Brazile, who won 10 in a row from 2006 to 2015 and 14 for his career.

Wright balked at the thought mainly due to his family's championship history.

"Trevor is the king of the cowboys, just like Ty Murray," he said. "A lot of people have said 'you're the next Ty Murray, Trevor Brazile,' but that's not what I'm out here doing. I'm trying to be the next Stetson Wright, and I'll never compare myself to one of them."

"I grew up in a family of world champions. It seemed like every time I tried to compare myself to one of them, I would take two steps backward. You can't try to be or compare yourself to somebody else."

So Stetson keeps his approach simple. It's all

about next year.

"Now I can compare myself to 2022 Stetson Wright," he said. "I'm going to try to do better in 2023."

Wright chooses not to display the buckles at his home, but keeps them in an interesting location.

"They're in a gun safe, hidden away where no one will ever see them unless I pull them out," he said. "They really mean so much to me, and I hardly want anyone to look at them because they're so hard to win in this day and age. There are 15 bronc riders here who had a legitimate chance to win a gold buckle."

"I'm competing against the best caliber of guys that the PRCA has ever seen. To walk out of here with two gold buckles is pretty special."

Wright had to contend with multiple injuries throughout the 2022 season, from a broken foot and ankle to a torn groin and wrist surgery.

"When you look at the money, it looked like I won everything there was to win, but there was a lot of stuff

I missed," he said. "I went to about 65, 70 rodeos when normally I like to go to 100. I think the sky's the limit for 2023."

As long as the comparisons to other legends of the sport can be pushed aside and Wright can stay reasonably healthy, it's clear from his 2022 example that anything is possible.

**In addition to the arrival of the shot clock,** there's another new rule that had to be implemented at Cedar High for the girls hoops game vs. Ridgeline. If a team leads by 35 points or more after three quarters, a running game clock is used in the fourth, stopping only for free throws and timeouts. It looked weird at first, but anything that prevents games from dragging longer than necessary is a good development.

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

## TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

With another 43 college football bowl games (way too many) ready to start this weekend, our research office (me) is ready to throw out a dozen questions to give you a break in figuring out who will win each. Happy Holidays, and please remember...no wagering!

1. The first bowl game of 2022 happens Friday when UAB and Miami-Ohio will collide somewhere in paradise. Which Caribbean island will host the game that has Hometown Lenders as the title sponsor?

- A. Aruba
- B. Curacao
- C. Bahamas
- D. Jamaica

2. Cincinnati and Louisville will play at Fenway Park in one of four bowl games at an MLB stadium. Which popular Japanese condiment is the title sponsor?

- A. Kikkoman Soy Sauce
- B. Wasabi
- C. Maruchan Ramen
- D. Teriyaki

3. BYU has returned to a bowl in 2022 and will face SMU in which state that has a bowl named after it?

- A. New Mexico
- B. Texas
- C. California
- D. Nevada

4. Utah State won the inaugural Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl last season. Which Mountain West school will be facing Washington State on Saturday in this year's game?

- A. Boise State
- B. Fresno State
- C. San Diego State
- D. Wyoming

5. Speaking of Utah State, they'll be in another bowl game, the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. Which city's Gerald Ford Stadium will be the host?

- A. San Antonio
- B. Austin
- C. Houston
- D. Dallas

6. Kansas may be a basketball school, but the football program is in a bowl game for the first time since 2008, reaching the Liberty Bowl where it will play Arkansas on Dec. 28. Which auto parts company is the title sponsor?

- A. O'Reilly
- B. CarQuest

C. Big O Tires  
D. AutoZone

7. The Sun Bowl happens Dec. 30 with Pitt facing UCLA. What famous cereal mascot is the official title sponsor?

- A. Toucan Sam
- B. Cap'n Crunch
- C. Tony the Tiger
- D. Count Chocula

8. Kansas State was able to end TCU's dream of an undefeated season and earned a Dec. 31 date in the Sugar Bowl against Alabama. Which insurance company is the title sponsor of the game?

- A. Allstate
- B. GEICO
- C. Farmer's
- D. State Farm

9. When the dust of all the bowl games eventually clears, where will the National Championship game be held Jan. 9?

- A. Allegiant Stadium
- B. SoFi Stadium
- C. AT&T Stadium
- D. Ford Field

10. The Armed Forces Bowl features Baylor against Air Force on Dec. 22. Which prominent plane builder is the title sponsor?

- A. Boeing
- B. McDonnell-Douglas
- C. Cessna
- D. Lockheed Martin

11. The Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl happens Dec. 29 at which MLB stadium?

- A. Yankee Stadium
- B. Petco Park
- C. Oracle Park
- D. Chase Field

12. After USC lost to Utah in the Pac-12 title game, which Jan. 2 bowl game invited the Trojans to play Tulane?

- A. Citrus Bowl
- B. Cotton Bowl
- C. Music City Bowl
- D. Orange Bowl

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. B: Ohio. The Pro Football HOF is located in Canton, about an hour's drive south of Cleveland.
2. C: Chicago Bears.
3. B: Jacksonville Jaguars.
4. D: Massachusetts. The Basketball Hall of Fame is located in Springfield.
5. A: Cynthia Cooper.
6. B: Ben Wallace.
7. A: New York. The Baseball Hall is located in Cooperstown.
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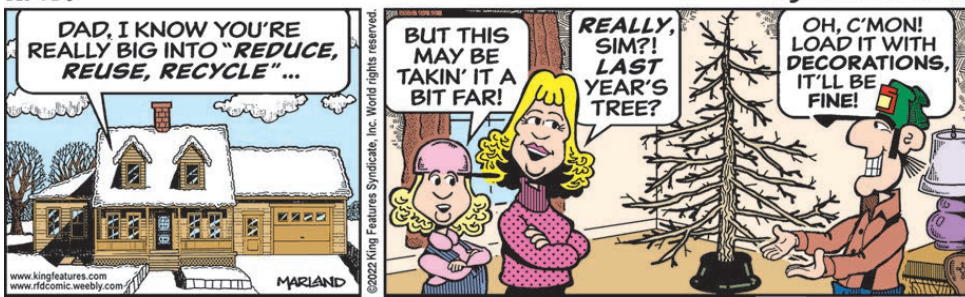
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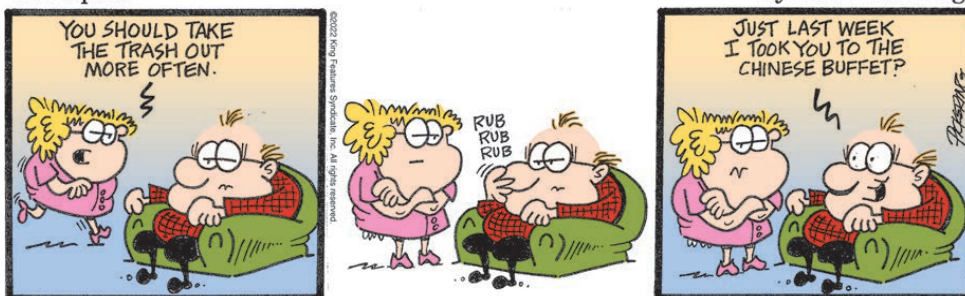
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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- Pierce: **REAPS**
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- 5 Wild canine
- 9 Yoga pad
- 12 Close
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- 14 Green prefix
- 15 Requiring low temperatures
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- 18 Boy, in Barcelona
- 19 Big name in racing
- 21 Antlered animals
- 24 Jubilation
- 25 Billions of years
- 26 German
- 30 Aachen article
- 31 Postpone
- 32 Wildebeest
- 33 Romance-free, as a relationship
- 35 Head, to Henri
- 36 Sweet wine
- 37 King of Judea
- 38 Snapshot
- 40 Graceful bird
- 42 Slithery fish
- 43 Looking good on the tube, say
- 48 Part of TNT
- 49 Lettuce unit

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- 50 Turner or Fey
- 51 Billboards
- 52 Evergreens
- 53 Crisp cookie
- 10 Dull pain
- 11 Go sightseeing
- 16 USO patrons
- 20 Ultramodernist
- 21 Leak out slowly
- 22 Work hard
- 23 Maryland's capital
- 24 Avocado dip, for short
- 26 Camp shelter
- 27 Peyton's brother
- 28 Grooving on
- 29 Prompted
- 31 Girl in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 34 Nanny's charge
- 35 Beliefs
- 37 Crone
- 38 Anti-fur org.
- 39 Cattle group
- 40 Cabbage salad
- 41 Marries
- 44 Shoe width
- 45 Diarist Anais
- 46 — tizzy
- 47 Bottle top

## DOWN

- 1 Org. for a major party
- 2 — Lingus
- 3 Spring month
- 4 Plug parts
- 5 Wee songbird
- 6 "It can't be!"
- 7 Floral neckline
- 8 Teaching staff
- 9 Courier

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES:** What was the name of the fictional kingdom in "Frozen"?
- HISTORY:** How many people died as a result of the Boston Massacre of 1770?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the name of Scrooge's business partner in "A Christmas Carol"?
- TELEVISION:** In what city is the long-running drama "Grey's Anatomy" set?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which two cities were the original endpoints of the Orient Express?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How many legs does an ant have?
- LITERATURE:** What is the title of Toni Morrison's first novel?
- MATH:** How many minutes are in a week?
- BUSINESS SLOGANS:** Which company's slogan is, "Expect more. Pay less"?
- EXPLORERS:** What is the home country of Roald Amundsen, the first to reach the South Pole?

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword

### GRANDPA

Today's Word

- 1. Legend
- 2. Spear
- 3. Idea
- 4. Insert

### SCRAMBLERS

- 1. Arendelle
- 2. Five
- 3. Jacob Marley
- 4. Seattle, Washington
- 5. Paris and Istanbul (Constantinople)
- 6. Six
- 7. "The Blue Eye"
- 8. 10,080
- 9. Target
- 10. Norway

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the seven spelling and grammar errors you find. The first one is done for you.

## Birds Counting Birds

Every year for over a century, Christmas

Bird Counts (CBCs) have been run across America during the holiday season. Counting the birds every year at the same time and in the same location gives scientists important information about birds and the environment.

In 2007, Tom Rusert of Sonoma, CA had the idea to include kids in this important "citizen science" effort.

He launched the first Audubon CBC for Kids. It

was so successful that now organizations around the country are started their own CBCs for Kids programs, following Rusert's model.

This is a wonderfully simple, healthy, holiday celebration for almost any school, youth group or community organization.

**Standards Link:** Civics: Students understand the importance for individuals and society of commonly-held responsibilities such as being attentive to public issues.

## Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word GIFTS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

T	G	I	
	G	I	
		F	G
	S	T	G
G	S		

## Write On!

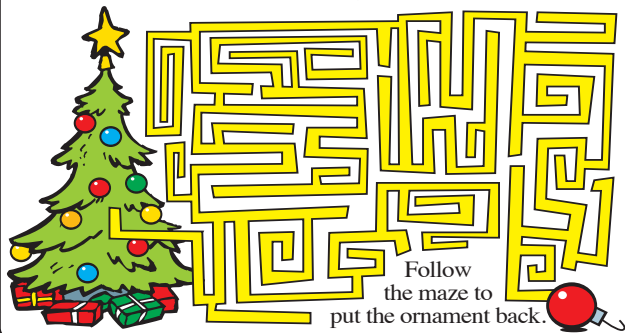
### The Greatest Gift

What is the greatest gift you could give that doesn't cost money?

## HOLIDAY HIGH-RISE

### APT. 15C: THE ANDERSONS

The Anderson family celebrates the birth of Jesus on Christmas. They give each other gifts, sing songs and decorate their home with a Christmas tree and colorful lights.

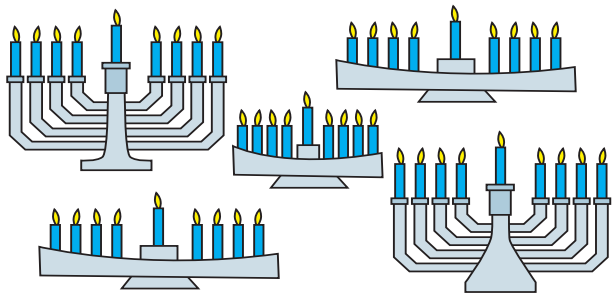


Follow the maze to put the ornament back.

### APT. 15B: THE WALDS

The Wald family celebrates Hannukah, a Jewish festival of light. They light a candle on a menorah each night for eight nights. They exchange small gifts each evening, sing songs and eat delicious foods. They display their menorah in their window.

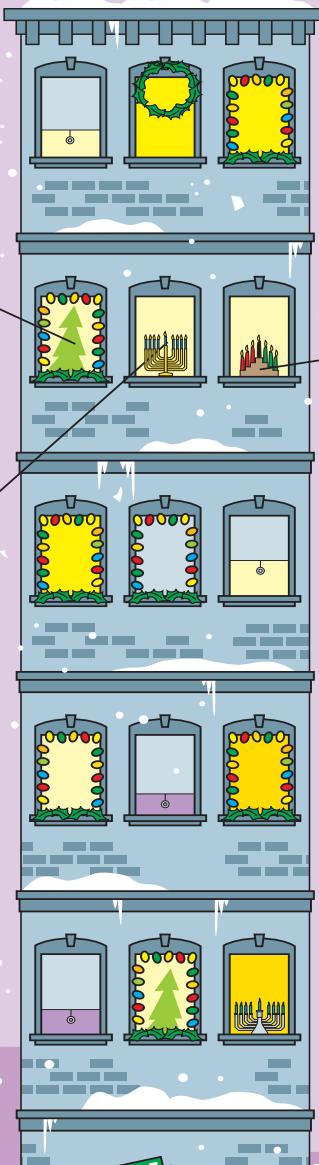
Menorahs come in many different designs. Find the two identical menorahs.



People from different cultures have a wide variety of winter celebrations, many more than can fit on this page. How does your family celebrate in December? Draw it here.

**Standards Link:** Social Studies: Students know how traditions and celebrations of other cultures compare.

Welcome to Holiday Towers, an apartment building in the big city. Take a look at how the celebrations of these neighbors are alike and different.



### APT. 15A: THE MILLERS

The Miller family celebrates Kwanzaa, a week-long celebration honoring African culture.

They light red, green and black candles in a kinara and have a feast at the end of Kwanzaa. They also give each other small gifts.



Mrs. Miller wears a kaftan during Kwanzaa. Hold this page up to a mirror to find out what this is.

A  
KAFAN  
A IS  
COLORFUL,  
PUT-OVER  
ROBE

### Extra! Extra! Holiday Dot-to-Dot

Find the letters that spell each of the following words on one page of the newspaper. Use different color crayons to connect the letters in order to spell each word.

CANDLES  
FEAST  
LIGHTS  
FAMILY  
CELEBRATE

**Standards Link:** Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

List three ways these celebrations are alike.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find these four squares in this order on the larger grid?



**Standards Link:** Investigation: Find identical patterns.

## Double Double Word Search

NEIGHBORS  
APARTMENT  
DECORATE  
MENORAHS  
KWANZAA  
KAFTAN  
SYMBOLS  
EXCHANGE  
FEAST  
SONGS  
TREE  
HOME  
FAMILY  
GIVE  
RED

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

T R K S G N O S D N  
S N F A M I L Y E E  
H E E J F O V I C G  
A F O M B T G E O N  
R I E M T H A H R A  
O E Y A B R O N A H  
N S D O S M A C T C  
E T R E E T E P E X  
M S K W A N Z A A E

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.