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## SUBS for SAFETY

**CEDAR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED \$9,990 DONATION** from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation on Dec. 22. COURTESY OF MAILE WILSON

### Cedar City Fire Department receives generous donation from Firehouse Subs

by Holly COOMBS  
Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — Thanks to a \$9,990-donation from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, the Cedar City Fire Department is helping prevent cancer within its department.

With the donation, the fire department purchased an exclusive dryer designed to clean gear in a matter of hours rather than days or weeks it takes to air dry the firefighter clothes, Cedar City Fire Chief

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— Holly Yergensen, Firehouse Subs Owner

Mike Phillips said.

In addition to cleaning dirty gear after each incident, dangerous chemicals that accumulate in the clothing and exposed to a firefighter on duty and can cause serious illness or cancer, are eliminated.

“We have a huge push for cancer

prevention within our department” he said. “Before we had the dryer, sometimes I wouldn’t clean my gear for weeks or months to be certain I’d have it available at anytime.”

Phillips said the danger of not washing his gear often also led to continual

exposure to those dangerous chemicals over time after each incident. With the dryer, he said six sets of firefighter gear can be cleaned within four hours instead of air dried in 3 to 5 days.

“By being able to launder our gear after every fire we can be sure to prevent cancer within our department,” Phillips said.

To receive the donation, the Cedar City Fire Department applied for a grant

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COURTESY OF HOLLY COOMBS  
**HOLLY COOMBS**

### New associate editor named at Iron County Today

Holly Coombs has been named Associate Editor of Iron County Today by publisher R. Gail Stahle. She returns to Iron County Today where she worked as a reporter in 2014. She will work with Tom Haraldsen, Managing Editor at the paper.

She was born in Cedar City and raised in the small Garfield

County town of Boulder. She is the youngest of eight, with six brothers and one sister. She attended Escalante High School and later attended Southern Utah University, where she graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication. Her emphasis in her degree was journalism and broadcasting.

Between her time at SUU, Holly took a break and served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Montana Billings Mission from 2007 to 2009.

Holly’s writing interest began in second grade, after reading Roger Hargreaves books. She told herself that she’d be an

author one day and wrote little stories all throughout grade school. In sixth grade, she wrote her own little article about school for her own little newspaper and knew at that instance she wanted to take her writing interest to the journalism world.

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# Busy Council discusses death benefits, appointments and airport burglary

by Holly COOMBS  
*Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** — The eligibility of Cedar City families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line-of-duty to receive continued health insurance, the result of a burglary case and appointed committee members were up for discussion at the Cedar City Council work meeting last Wednesday night.

Under Legislative HB228, Line-of-duty Death Benefits for Peace Officers and Firefighters, which passed in July 2015, required a surviving spouse and children of a law enforcement officer or firefighter who died in the line-of-duty, to continue to receive insurance.

“This law requires municipalities or anyone that hires fire fighters, public safety employees to provide health benefits if they are killed in the line-of-duty,” Cedar City Fire Chief Mike Phillips. “That line-of-duty is actively engaged in either law enforcement activities or firefighting activities.”

Phillips said that these line-of-duty deaths can also be from an exposure to a hazmat incident from either chemicals or meth labs, which side effects may become present even 15 years following the incident.

“So you look at a 21-year-old officer with a family (and he) dies in the line-of-duty,” he said. “That is just shy of \$600-costs to the city to provide health care for them until the spouse reaches

65 (years old) and the kids to age 26.”

Phillips said the state has a trust fund, which pays to defer costs. He continued to say that both the police and fire departments would be responsible for the first 24 months and the trust fund would cover the rest.

“With the current staffing of 36 officers and 12 firefighters, the cost for the trust fund is just shy of \$5,000,” Phillips said. “The cost for the fire department is \$1,140.”

He said notice of the departments’ participation in the law must be given by signature to the state by March 31 with the first payment due on June 30. Phillips said for this reason he brought the item to the council’s attention in middle of its budget considerations. The item of business was placed on the consent agenda for the council’s next meeting.

One final item placed on the consent agenda for the council’s next meeting was the appointment of Cedar Transportation Service Committee Board Member Allison

Bulloch to replace Danny Cowan and Historic Downtown Economic Development Committee member Dane Leavitt to replace Dave Nakken. Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson announced the individuals for council review.

Also at the meeting, Police Chief Darin Adams announced the apprehension of Colton Rourke Owens of Parowan for attempted burglary at the Cedar City Regional Airport .

“We got a call Thursday that some-

one had made entry into the airport,” Adams said. “We thought there was some potential terrorism there with the footage that we saw.”

He said after a photo from the footage was posted on social media and with the public’s help the man was identified and apprehended.

“Detectives did a great job,” Adams said. “There was no terrorism, but he was just someone looking for money.”

With information from an interview with Owens, Adams said, Owens has a history of going into bathrooms and waiting for the opposite sex.

“This is a bit comical, but he went in that night with the intent, to wait in the women’s bathroom,” he said. “He stayed for a bit too late and he came out and the place was closed up.”

Owens tried the doors and was able to make his way out of the bathroom and out of the airport, but not before he propped open a door and returned to steal some GPS devices, a gas card and other items, Adams said.

While Owens and the items were apprehended, Adams said this case reminded him to bring forward the need for a better security fence at the airport because Owens was able to go around the current airport fence without causing damage.



COURTESY OF IRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
**COLTON ROURKE**



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## County Courthouse closing for repairs

**PAROWAN** — The Iron County Courthouse will close for repairs beginning Jan. 17. The temporary location for courthouse services will be: 88 E. Fiddlers Canyon Rd. in Cedar City.

The Parowan DMV will be closed during repairs. The offices affected will be: Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, IT, Recorder, Treasurer, Fair. The closure is anticipated to last approximately one year.

The Iron County website is still: [www.ironcounty.net](http://www.ironcounty.net) If you have any questions, please call (435) 477-8340, or email: [jwhittaker@ironcounty.net](mailto:jwhittaker@ironcounty.net)

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### Dec. 30

**Dave A. Scott, Heber City Utah**  
Intoxication

### Dec. 31

**Christopher A. Canale, Las Vegas**  
Nev., Aggressive Animal at Large

### Jan. 1

**Johahn Wade, Cedar City**  
Driving on Suspended License, DUI, Fail Stop-Stop Sign

### Jan. 2

**Brenda S. Birkeland-Grajeda, Las Vegas**  
DUI, Open Container, Intoxication

**Weston M. Guymon, Cedar City**  
Assault

**Summer A. Leigh, Cedar City**  
False Report to Police

**Dane G. Oppenborn, Fallbrook, Calif.**  
Possession, Drug Paraphernalia

**Samuel G. Raymond, Enoch**  
No Insurance

### Jan. 3

**Kevin W. Kellett, Jr., Cedar City**  
Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest

**Colton R. Owens, Parowan**  
Burglary

**Ronald A. Clark, Cedar City**  
Intoxication, Assault

**Jacob S. Tatton, St. George**  
Probation/Parole Violation

### Jan. 5

**Jason D. Contreras, Cedar City**  
Multiple offenses, including Possession, Assault, Criminal Mischief, Driving on Suspended or Revoked License

**Dillon R. Salcido, Beryl**  
Assault

**George O. Allred, Cedar City**  
Forcible Sex Abuse

**Heidi R. Christy, Cedar City**  
Possession, Drug Paraphernalia

**Robert T. Hinds, Cedar City**  
Controlled Substance

**Timothy R. Franklin, Cedar City**  
Failure to Wear a Seat Belt

**Joseph W. Nolan, Cedar City**  
Receive Stolen Property

### Jan. 6

**Clint V. Porter, Cedar City**  
DUI, Unsafe Lane Change

### Jan. 7

**Justin J. Durfee, St. George**  
Probation/Parole Violation

**Johnathann E. Garcia, Price**  
Possession, Drug Paraphernalia

**Christina Hafen, New Castle**  
Drug Paraphernalia, Possession

# Commissioners take their new oaths of office

by Craig **BENNETT**  
Iron County Today

**PAROWAN** — Mike Bleak was sworn in as a new Iron County Commissioner while Alma Adams took the oath for his third term in the office. The swearing in was performed on Jan. 3 at the Iron County Commission meeting at the Parowan Courthouse. Now Bleak, Dale Brinkerhoff and Adams make up the Iron County Commission.

The oath of office was administered by Judge Brent Dunlap. Dan Jessen was also sworn in as the new county auditor.

Some of the top issues they face for 2017 will be the wild horses in the Iron County area. The controversy continues over the number of wild horses on public lands. According to the Bureau of Land Management website, the BLM manages, protects and controls wild horses and burros under the authority of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. The law authorizes the BLM to remove excess wild horses and burros from the range to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands.

To promote healthy conditions on the range, the BLM determines what it calls the Appropriate Management Level (AML), which is the number of wild horses and burros that can thrive in balance with other public land resources and uses. Wild horses and burros that exceed AML (currently 26,715) are to be removed from the range, in accordance with the 1971 law, as amended.

The estimated on-range wild horse and burro population (as of March 1, 2016) is 67,027, a 15 percent increase over the 2015 estimate of 58,150. That means the current west-wide on-range population exceeds AML by more than 40,000. The BLM's finding is that wild horse and burro herds double in size about every four years. Wild horses and burros have virtually no natural predators, thus the reason the herd continues to grow. The BLM states that the population of off-range (unadopted or unsold) wild horses and burros maintained in holding facilities is more than 45,000 as of May 2016.

As always, the issue of public lands is a major concern for the commission and the effect the horses and burros have on the ranchers in Iron County.

Another issue the commission will be tackling this year is the county's debt service. The priority is getting the debt service to a zero balance. Anderson, Brinkerhoff and Adams voted last year to pay off six buildings which resulted in saving the county an annual payment of about \$500,000. The goal is to see this trend continue which includes paying off the courthouse remodel.

The commission meets every other Monday at 9 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled Jan. 9 at the Iron County Commission Chambers located at 69 S. 100 East in Parowan. All subsequent meetings pending the courthouse remodel are slated to be held at the Parowan City Offices on 35 E. 100 North.

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# Opinion



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# Will the children outearn Mom and Dad?

It used to be an economic expectation (and, in some families, a certainty): sons and daughters would, once they hit their 30s, be in a position to outearn their parents. Whether a result of advanced education, higher wages, or a larger economic pie, parents expected that their children would “do better” than they had done.

But talking recently to younger workers, especially the “millennial” generation under age 30, many believe this won’t happen. In fact, a recent study conducted at three leading universities, found that the majority of young people will not reach the earning power of their parents.

Nationally, 92 percent of children born in 1940 were expected to outearn their parents (with income adjusted for inflation) but just 50 percent of those born in 1980 could expect the same. Even a bleaker picture could appear for those born after 1980.

The reasons could vary. High-paying jobs with pensions in mining/energy and manufacturing are evaporating as companies change to other energy sources and manufacturing jobs are replaced due to robotics and technology. These job descriptions are most commonly found in the industrial Midwest, and some of the states with the largest income expectation drop included Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and North Dakota.

However, the study also shows huge drops in western states not normally linked to mining and manufacturing (Idaho, Nevada, and Washington).

Also, the trend is nationwide. This drop in “social economic mobility” occurred in all 50 states. That is a concern since prices typically increase,

Reserve, made headlines last month when she said that the job market was terrific and rosy for workers entering the job market. A college education was the catalyst, she told an on-campus audience.

But conservative Republican talk show host Michael Medved disagreed. He pointed out on

for jobs as welders, electricians, and plumbers. (Said one, “Young workers want sexy jobs, something to do with computers or video games. Repairing a Chevy is not as exciting.”)

I also sense that younger workers bounce around from job to job, employer to employer. Staying put and moving up the ranks of a company can lead to job and wage growth.

But neither can I put all the blame on the young workers. Employers have a role in mentoring these workers and providing meaningful opportunities for job and income growth. Dismissing young workers as lazy and undisciplined is great for sarcasm, but shortsighted – especially since older Americans will rely on the “youngsters” to pay for their nursing homes.

In the end, maybe the pursuit of outearning the parents is not the challenge. It might be easier to focus on a lifestyle allowing young men and woman to save a portion of what they earn and invest it for their own long-term benefit. This would mean less “impulse” purchases (\$5 lattes and \$100 sneakers), but controlling spending may be more achievable than leapfrogging the mom and dad paychecks.

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



## Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY  
Columnist

*Dismissing young workers as lazy and undisciplined is great for sarcasm, but shortsighted*

not decrease, and the earnings of younger workers are obviously tied to Social Security and Medicare benefits used by older Americans.

The answer may or may not have a political tinge. Janet Yellen, head of the Federal

his radio program that there is a real need for technical skills, not necessarily those wrapped up in a college diploma.

He may be correct. I am constantly being told by employers that they cannot find enough applicants to apprentice

# Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration Jan. 16

Old instruments taking up space? Got a guitar, violin, or clarinet that are just collecting dust? This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, celebrate the legacy of an American hero by donating to a rockin' cause.

The Orchestra of Southern Utah and The Cedar City Peace and Justice Association present 'A Joyful Noise: Instrument Drive and MLK Jr. Day Celebration.' Finding a home for gently used music-makers has never been easier or more enjoyable! Join us for an evening of music, poetry, remembrance and celebration as we make a joyful noise for an American hero, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This year, the groups will honor Dr. King's legacy through the healing and unifying elements of art with presentations from community musicians, dancers, and speakers. The event will be held Monday, Jan. 16, at St. Jude's Episcopal Church, located at 70 N 200 West in Cedar City. This event is free and family friendly.

MB3 Quartet performs with David Bolsover, saxophones; Christian Bohnenstengel, piano; Lydia Feild, drums; and Trekker Burt, bass. Other performers include dance from Herencia Hispana, music from OSU's Ling Yu and Sara Penny, and speakers from the community, including Janice Brooks, Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson, Rev. Lee Montgomery, and Dr. Ali Siahpush of SUU.

"We have before us a glorious opportunity," said Dr. King, "to inject a new dimension of love into the veins of our civilization." We invite the community to

jumpstart joy into a season of chill, to repurpose the old into something newly useful, and to experience the message of inclusion and creation.

The hour show begins at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments generously provided by St. Jude's Episcopal Church. A suggested donation \$5 will be

at 535 S Main St. or contact [osucedarcity@gmail.com](mailto:osucedarcity@gmail.com). Please provide name and address for tax donation letter. This service project supported by the 2017 MLK National Day of Service under UServeUtah.

Guest speaker Brooks, returns this year to support the event in Cedar as a dynamic and engaging speaker, frequently sharing her compelling energy through memorable stories. She is a former public affairs consultant, business executive, community activist, freelance writer and professional storyteller living in Ivins.

The Cedar City Peace and Justice Association works to unite individuals and organizations within their community by acting locally and thinking globally to support a thriving community, able to recognize and respond to the needs of its members. The Orchestra of Southern Utah is committed to providing live music for the area and does considerable educational outreach through assemblies and the Children's Jubilee. More information at [myosu.org](http://myosu.org) or 435-233-8213.

This event is designed to provide the community with an opportunity to participate with awareness and enjoyment in America's culture-rich history, while providing a tangible way to invest in the children of the community. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

To learn more about upcoming events and engagements, follow us on Facebook at *The Cedar City Peace and Justice Association*, or at our blog spot.

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# Nature Park takes shape, provides educational opportunities

by Holly **COOMBS**

*Iron County Today*

A nature park, which will provide educational opportunities to adults, grade and university students as well as a rehabilitation facility for wildlife, continues to take shape just a few miles on north Highway 14 through Cedar Canyon.

Southwest Wildlife Foundation Director of Development Nicole Shafer said the nature park has been in the works since 2000.

Southwest Wildlife Foundation CEO and co-founders Martin and Susan Tyner have worked wildlife rescues out of their home since 1997 and when some board members suggested having a home-based facility Tyner thought about a nature park, Shafer said.

Martin Tyner is also a federally licensed falconer, eagle falconer, wildlife rehabilitator, wildlife propagator, and wildlife and environmental educator. He has been presenting and sharing his work for over forty years with schools and has written his book, "Healer of Angels."

The property which was placed for the Cedar City Nature Park was previously owned by Utah Power until the company was sold to Scottish Power. Tyner went into negotiations on the property, Shafer said.

"He was able to get (Scottish Power) to come talk to him," she said. "They came down and saw what he had to say and they weren't really interested."

She said it wasn't until he

showed them his golden eagle, Bud, that they agreed.

"Golden eagles are very precious to the people in Scotland," Shafer said. "Golden eagles are the world's eagle . . . They had been trying to get the eagles back into Scotland so (Scottish Power) was excited and gave the property because they met the eagle."

tems to explore," Shafer. "it's right in Cedar City so no one really has to travel far to get to it."

Susan Tyner has been the help of grant work for the different parts of the project, Shafer said.

"In 2012, over 320 volunteer hours, a Cedar City RAP tax donation of \$15,500, a \$10,000

Recreational Trails Program has also donated, Shafer said.

"We have some really great people supporting the project."

On Dec. 7, ground was broken for an Information Destination building. Shafer said the point of the building is mainly a restroom facility geared especially for elementary school and university

Information will be displayed regarding wildlife, the park, native animals, plants, rock formations and general information about the Cedar City area, she said. The building will be complete in Spring or Summer 2017.

With the help of volunteer committees, retired NASA Engineer Roy Tryon and Choice Builders General Contactor Roger Thomas, the next stage of the project, a visitor's center, is in the planning stages, Shafer said.

"Once it is built then the wildlife rehabilitation area will be available at the property," she said. "(Any animals) that cannot be released can be used for education purposes and have a place to live at the property."

In the past year, Shafer said, the organization has come a long way with the nature park project and "we have really come a long way really fast."

"We got a new website up and running, brochures designed, events at the property," she said. "We are really moving forward and am excited about how things are going."

Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson said she never expected one of her mayoral duties to be attending a ground breaking of some restrooms, but she said she is grateful for the nature park that will be a great asset to the community.

"Martin Tyner has been wanting to do it for so long," Wilson said. "To learn about animals and nature in general will make this community even better."

For more information, check out [www.gowildlife.org](http://www.gowildlife.org).



**CEDAR CITY LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWEST WILDLIFE FOUNDATION** break ground on the Information Destination building for the Cedar City Nature Park.

COURTESY OF MAILE WILSON

The property is just a few miles up Cedar Canyon off Highway 14 next to the pedestrian bridge. It includes 22.6 acres, which will be used as an outdoor classroom for many local schools and facilities will be built to accommodate wildlife rescue.

"It's perfect with the Colorado Plateau and Great Basin and the various ecosys-

George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation grant, and many other donations were gathered to build and install a 96' long pedestrian bridge crossing Coal Creek connecting the Cedar Canyon Nature Park trailhead to the existing trail system," according to [www.gowildlife.org](http://www.gowildlife.org).

Rocky Mountain Power and

student use when they use the nature park as an outdoor classroom.

"There will also be a utility room on the back with education kits to use in partnership with the schools," she said. "There will also be a porch area for students to gather. It will include a drinking fountain and information panels will also be displayed around the building."

## COOMBS

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In March 2014, Holly began working at Iron County Today, where she stayed until August that year and took a job with the St. George News. Holly left the journalism world shortly from April 2014 to January 2016, as she worked for Stephen Wade Auto Center as an Internet Sales Representative.

This past December, Holly decided she had not lost her passion for journalism. She accepted the job of Associate Editor and returned to Cedar City, where she felt as her second home.

"We were looking to add an experienced journalist to our team, and Holly is a perfect fit for Iron County Today," Haraldsen said. "Holly knows the Iron County area very well, lives in Cedar City and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She is a great addition to our staff."

"My favorite things about journalism are meeting others and having the chance to share stories that make a difference," she said. "I'm excited to be able to return and serve the community through Iron County Today."

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# A global partnership: SUU to China

by Nikki KOONTZ  
SUU Marketing Communications

**CEDAR CITY** — Over the last few years, Southern Utah University has established a strong partnership with Wuhan Polytechnic University in China (WPU). SUU students will benefit from an even more internationalized campus, which will help them learn from and understand different cultures, become more aware of global similarities and differences, and increase their openness and support of people from different backgrounds.

This partnership falls in line with SUU's essential learning outcomes including "knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world and intercultural knowledge and competence."

In 2011, WPU approached SUU wanting to start dual degree programs and after years of planning and development have since established programs in the communication and construction management departments with future plans to extend the dual degree opportunities to business majors. Students from China can now complete their first two years of coursework at WPU and then come to SUU for the last two years and receive a bachelor's degree from both universities. As a way to prepare and transition students to SUU, the university also helped establish an English writing center at WPU.

## Construction Management

The Construction Management Program was the first to offer a dual degree for WPU students. Eric Freden, interim associate dean of the College of Science and Engineering, and many other engineering professors have been working with WPU for roughly five years to plan and prepare the program. The first group of 10 students came to SUU this fall.

Ray is a Chinese student from WPU studying construction management and spoke highly of the new program.

"When I heard I had the chance to go to an American university I was so excited," said Ray. "At SUU I'm able to learn the most up-to-date engineering and construction technology that isn't taught at my university."

When asked what he enjoys most about SUU Ray replied, "I like that my teachers here are my friends. That is something I've never experienced before. They are always supporting and helping us."

This May a master in business administration (MBA) agreement was finalized with WPU. Since construction management includes many prerequisites for a business degree, those students will be able to complete their MBA if they stay one additional year at SUU.

## Communication

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) has established a new dual degree communication



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**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** have worked to college students in China to develop an understanding of cultures and openness of thought.

program. The first Chinese students in this program will come to SUU's campus next fall. To help prepare them for the transition, professors have been traveling to China to teach a variety of classes.

"The dual degree program provides a new avenue to internationalize SUU's campus," said Dr. Jim McDonald, dean of HSS. "An important goal is to create a teaching, learning, and living environment that helps our students become global citizens. This will lead to greater cross-cultural engagement and understanding."

## Writing Center

Julia Combs, director of the SUU Writing Center, traveled to China over the summer with five of her student workers to open a writing center at WPU. They were able to implement the program and train the Chinese students to keep it running. It is one of the first English writing centers in China.

A writing center is a student-helping-student system where more proficient English speakers help their peers improve their writing skills. Students at WPU learn English but don't use it very often. The center will help them improve their English speaking and critical

writing skills to prepare them to study abroad.

"We care about these international students and we want them to succeed," said Combs. "We're hoping the center will help them practice their English and become more comfortable with the language."

It is estimated that 30 Chinese students will take advantage of each dual degree program and the partnership will continue to grow. As campus internationalizes and welcome more cultures, new opportunities and experiences will continue to arise for the SUU community.

*"When I heard I had the chance to go to an American university I was so excited"*

— Ray, Chinese Student at SUU

## SUU coach joining in on Subway Cancer Campaign

Six head men's basketball coaches from Utah universities are teaming up with local Subway restaurants to launch a special Coaches vs. Cancer fundraising campaign that runs Jan. 16 through Feb. 11. The coaches will become SUBWAY® Sandwich Artists in an effort to raise awareness and support for the fight against cancer.

Southern Utah University head men's basketball coach Todd Simon will

kick off the campaign with an in-store appearance on Monday, Jan. 16, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Subway at 667 South Main in Cedar City.

Donations in any amount can be made at the checkout of any participating Utah Subway restaurant from Jan. 16 through Feb. 11, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the local Coaches vs. Cancer program. For more information on Coaches vs. Cancer, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



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There is a limit of one photo per entrant, and photos can be e-mailed to [design@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:design@ironcountytoday.com) or brought by our office at 389 N. 100 W. Suite 12, Cedar City. Please include the name of the photographer and his/her city of residence. By submitting your photo, you agree to give Iron County Today permission to publish your photo. Call 867-1865 ext. 4 with any questions.

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**FIREHOUSE SUBS FRANCHISEES WORK WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS** around the nation to raise funds for the nation to purchase of safety equipment and clothing, as evidenced by the local donation to the Cedar City Fire Department.

# 'Home Hardening' workshop planned on Jan. 14

Well Prepared.com will offer a free workshop on home security called "Home Hardening" on Saturday, Jan. 14. Featured speaker is Scott Thomas, who will discuss principles of security, real threats to the area, countermeasures, emergency exits, and more.

The workshop is designed to help

anyone "harden" their homes, whether they are homes, apartments, mobile homes, RVs, basements or caves—to protect your home from intruders, thieves, fire, flood, smoke, earthquakes, or other natural disasters.

It will be held at the Iron County Visitors Center, 581 N. Main in Cedar City, from 9 a.m. to noon.

## FIREHOUSE

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from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, which they were awarded on Dec. 22.

Donations were collected through money jars at Cedar City and St. George Firehouse Subs locations as well as customers having the option to round up their orders to the nearest dollar, with the extra change being donated to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Firehouse Subs Owner Holly Yergensen said.

"It is nice to give back to the community for all they do," Yergensen said of the donation to the Cedar City Fire Department. "Giving back to the firefighters is our whole reason for business."

She said the department received the donation when they applied for a grant within the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

"The Foundation has one big fund and when a department applies for the grant it is received through the local donations," she said.

Yergensen said the Foundation has given \$400,000 in Utah alone and \$20 million nationwide within a year.

Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson said she thought it was great that the fire department was able to get the grant and take care of their gear.

"It's a huge asset to the community and department to make sure toxins are cleared from the gear and not harming the firefighters," Wilson said. "We are super appreciative of Firehouse Subs for giving the grant."



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## NOTEWORTHY COMING TO CEDAR



**BYU'S AWARD-WINNING A CAPPELLA GROUP** will perform in Cedar City on Jan. 21.

COURTESY OF NOTEWORTHY

*BYU's top female a cappella ensemble will perform in concert on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m., at the Heritage Center Theater in Cedar City.*

Noteworthy has appeared on NBC's hit television show, "The Sing-Off," and was crowned the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) champion in 2007.

Noteworthy's varied repertoire includes everything: rock, pop, country, jazz, R&B, spiritual, and other musical styles, which make them a crowd favorite. The performers take songs and rearrange them to deliver a new rendition with just their mouths. They mimic complex instrumentation, hold a perfect pitch, and give a beautiful harmony. All nine members

are carefully selected through competitive auditions and they are experts at displaying musical ability, creativity, and stage experience—resulting in original, skillful, and spirited performances.

The group is currently under the direction of former Vocal Point member Keith Evans.

"There's nothing like Noteworthy anywhere else at BYU, or anywhere else, period," Evans said in a release. "The chance to work with such talented, committed ladies to make such exciting, inspiring music is one I cherish. These days, young women

can so easily find female role models who don't inspire and uplift. That is what makes it a privilege to direct an ensemble of women who are honest, loyal and virtuous, as well as bright, talented and fun."

BYU alumni Esther Yoder organized Noteworthy in 2003, and in 2007 they won first place in the International Championship of Collegiate A cappella (ICCA). In

***"There's nothing like Noteworthy anywhere else at BYU, or anywhere else, period"***

**— Keith Evans**

2014, the group became an official BYU group. Since then, Noteworthy has continued to pave their path to success. They have made a strong impression on YouTube with their music videos. In October 2015, their music video "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" went viral with over three million views in two weeks after its release.

They have collaborated with BYU's famous male a cappella group, Vocal Point, for their music video "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful." Most recently, they teamed up with violinist Keith Goodrich for their version of the Irish hymn, "Be Thou My Vision."

Noteworthy has performed in Utah and Idaho. Recently, they have toured to Illinois to the historic city of Nauvoo. This season, they will take their dynamic repertoire to Alaska, Utah, Arizona, Wyoming, and Idaho.



# Acoustical music concert is set for Jan. 13

**CEDAR CITY** — The Iron County Acoustic Music Association (ICAMA) is presenting its first monthly music gathering Friday, Jan 13, featuring Bluegrass music from “Marty Warburton and Home Girls,” a band that has become a festival favorite in the western United States. Marty and Pam Warburton with two of their daughters, Kylee Landon and Hayli Jo Cizmas, and son-in-law John Landon, make music that is uncomplicated and pure, relying on stellar 2, 3 and 4 part family harmonies backed by one old Martin guitar and one bass.

“Marty Burton and Home Girls” perform at music festivals throughout the Intermountain West

The opening act is the “Washburn Family Bluegrass Band,” a local Cedar City favorite with two generations of musicians: Mom, Dad, and three brothers. The band has performed at venues throughout southern Utah.

The music starts at 7 p.m. on, Friday January 13, at the Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2279 Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City (corner of Nichols Canyon Drive and Wedgewood Lane). Bring a friend, bring the family, bring a picnic dinner, listen, dance, and sing along. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will help support live music gatherings in Iron County.



**MARTY WARBURTON AND THE HOME GIRLS, TOP,** and the Washburn Family Bluegrass Band will perform on Friday at the Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

COURTESY PHOTOS

# Creative Visual Storytelling with Ben Kirkby

by Lolá **TAYLOR**  
College of Performing and Visual Arts

**CEDAR CITY** — Southern Utah University’s Department of Art & Design kicks off spring semester’s Art Insights with Ben Kirkby on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Southern Utah Museum of Art. Kirkby, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at SUU, will present on his personal and professional design work since completing his graduate degree and share some of his current projects.

He received his BA in Photojournalism from Northern Arizona University and his MFA in Visual Communication from University of Arizona. He began defining his creative expression through the retelling of other people’s stories during his time as a newspaper photojournalist with the Arizona Daily Star. Kirkby said, “Every time I met someone new and shared their stories, I felt like I was becoming a slightly smarter and better

human being.” After his time as a photojournalist, He worked for various organizations as a web developer, web designer, graphic

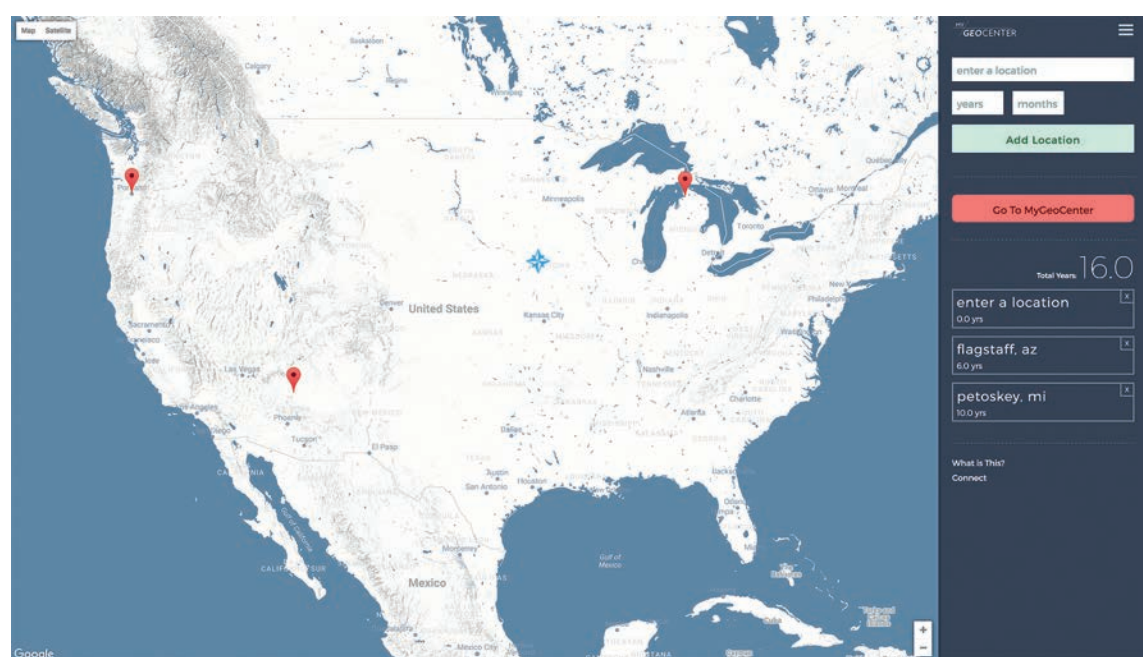
designer, or assistant professor, including the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, University of Wisconsin-Stout, and Decker

Outdoor Corporation. Kirkby began teaching graphic and interactive design at SUU in August 2016. Kirkby describes his work

as creative visual storytelling and hopes that those who view his work can learn something new. When asked about his artistic inspiration, he said, “I find inspiration for my art from other people’s experiences or from the simple discovery of some new information that I find fascinating.”

The discovery process is the most fulfilling part of his work as an artist. He loves to learn new things and teach it to others, helping him gain a thorough understanding of the subject. Given his desire and drive to gain new knowledge, it is little surprise that Kirkby’s mantra is to ‘Never Stop Learning’.

Art Insights is hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU’s Art & Design faculty. Students and community members meet to experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights.



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**MAPPING OUT ALL THE PLACES HE’S PHOTOGRAPHED,** SUU assistant professor Ben Kirkby will discuss visual storytelling on Thursday night.



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# “Hidden Figures” both charming and important



## MOVIE Beat

by Jennifer **WARDELL**  
Entertainment Writer

It's nearly impossible to find a movie designed for adults that happens to be rated PG. And a good, entertaining movie, that's not overtly religious? Forget about it.

At least, that's been true until now.

“Hidden Figures,” the new movie opening this weekend that tells the story of the black women who were vital to NASA's early space program, is an entertaining, important, surprisingly funny movie that's perfect for the whole family. Propelled by some excellent acting, particularly on the part of the three leads, the movie offers a fun, compelling story that might even inspire you to pick up a history book once you've left the theater.

The movie follows three black women who work as computers for NASA, doing the heavy calculations required for space travel before electronic computers were invented to do them. Though all of the computers seem to be women – they couldn't get jobs anywhere else in the program – the black women were segregated into a building on the far-side of campus, not allowed to use the white bathrooms, and were always the back of the line when it came to promotions or any extra responsibilities.

The main characters of “Hidden Figures,” however, are all trailblazers – Katherine G. Johnson (played by Taraji P. Henson) was part of the team who sent the first man into orbit around Earth, Mary Jackson (played by Janelle Monáe) fought to become the first engineer at NASA, and Octavia Spencer (Dorothy

Vaughan) ended up proving herself smarter than some of the best minds NASA had to offer.

Even if it had no other merits, the movie would be important solely because it tells a story hardly anyone has heard before. I consider myself fairly aware of history, and I had absolutely no idea who these women were and how important they were to the space race. These are portions of history we need to shine a light on, stat, and I'm sure there are more out there to make movies about.

Normally, however, calling a movie “important” means it will be gut-wrenching and possibly also deadly dull. “Hidden Figures,” on the other hand, is charming, enough so that it will hopefully draw in audience members who wouldn't normally watch historical films. Even children will be safe watching this movie, and there's a pretty good chance they'll even enjoy it.

Though the movie is fun, inspirational and neatly structured, it also manages to incorporate at least part of the racism and sexism the women dealt with. Henson has to face a ton of outright animosity from

the men she worked with, particularly one of the team leaders (played by Jim Parsons) and unthinking racism/sexism even from well-meaning men played by Kevin Costner and Mahershala Ali. Monáe takes on the entirety of NASA with fierceness and poise, and Spencer gets the best line out of the whole movie dealing with Kirsten Dunst's racism.

Still, the movie's portrayal is undoubtedly cleaner and neater than the actual reality. Racism is horrible and completely pervasive, as is sexism, and these

women had to face both every single day of their lives. Given what I know of humanity, the idea that the white people who surrounded them would come as far as they did, especially as quick as they did, strikes me as highly unlikely.

Hollywood, however, has long cleaned up history, and this kind of tidying up on a movie this good is hardly one of the worst things in the world. Anything it took to help get “Hidden Figures” out into the world is fine by me, and I hope people keep doing it.

# Beauty is all around us, even through tears

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

There is so much beauty in the world that sometimes you look with tears pooling in your eyes. We have returned from the 2017 Parade of Roses in Pasadena, awed by the results of creativity, resources, and human effort combined with one goal in mind: to build something of stunning beauty. Those gorgeous floats have no other purpose than to exist; after they are seen by hundreds of thousands of people, the flowers die, the floats are dismantled, and you better have taken a lot of pictures, because they last just long enough to make you gasp in wonder as they pass in front of you.

The rules for float construction state that everything used to decorate the frame must be organic, alive or having been alive. Think seeds, leaves, bark, grasses, vegetables and fruit, and of course flowers and flower petals. There is a certain flower, grown only in Alabama or South Africa, that is dried, ground up, and then patted onto broad surfaces prepared with glue. The surface then sparkles in the sun.

And then there are the whole flowers. They cascade from trees, seem to grow from the base of the float, and clothe anything the designer wishes, from animal figures, to structures, to human forms, live or constructed.

Some of the hardy flower stalks are just pushed into the styrofoam-like base structure and live that way for two or three days. Some flowers are glued on, each one placed individually. The roses are



separately contained in small plastic vials that hold water. The vials are pointy at one end and sealed at the other so the water doesn't leak out. Then volunteers push them one by one into the foam frame as close together as they possibly can. Think thousands on a single float! And of course, all the flower decorating must be done the last two days before the parade, or the flowers start to wilt.

I and some family members were volunteers who worked on the large theme float, sponsored by Honda, that led the parade. My hands weren't strong enough to push the roses into the styrofoam and I didn't want to get up on the thirty-foot scaffolding, so I worked on a huge Monarch butterfly that was about seven feet across. The black outlines on the wings were black beans and the insides were yellow split peas. Think a half sphere about the size of an eraser on a pencil. I glued each one flat-side down to completely fill in the yellow fields on the wings. I wasn't alone, let me be quick to say; I worked along with others until my hands were too cold to function. I think one lady was there for hours.

I asked a worker if the designers were there to see the finished products. He said, “You'd better believe it! Wouldn't you want to see your dreams completed like this?” Yes, I would.

But we found a thorn among the roses. See next week.

**MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** stand with

Connie Towards of the Family Support Center of Southern Utah in recognition of Coats for Kids donation in 2016. More than 700 coats were donated to underprivileged kids in Iron County.

## COATS of CARE



HOLLY COOMBS

### Service organization provides coats for kids, exceeds donation goals

by Holly COOMBS  
*Iron County Today*

The Cedar City chapter of Knights of Columbus, the nationwide Catholic Church fraternal service organization, sponsored an effort to donate 740 coats to kids in need within Iron County in 2016.

“It’s pretty rewarding,” Howard Austin, a member of Knights for Columbus said. “We’ve been able to exceed past Knights of Columbus groups and even the (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) groups have helped which is why it went sky high this year.”

Austin said the Coats for Kids effort began in 2013 with 235 coats donated. In 2014 and 2015 the coats went to 300 and 400 donations. He said people also donate other items including hats, gloves and boots with 960 items collected in total this year with 760 of that amount being coats. Kids in need of these items have

live as far as Beryl, Enterprise and New Castle, Austin said.

“We want this to be a community thing,” he said. “Everybody gains something from the opportunity to serve those in need.”

The Family Support Center of Southern Utah, located at 102 N. 200 East in Cedar City, distributes coats to community kids in need.

Connie Sowards, Family Support Center of Southern Utah Executive

Director, said the generosity of the Cedar City community is “astounding.”

“We received so many holiday donations that we had to ask for a second storage unit which Cedar Storage willingly donated,” she said. “We handed out coats to many families and delivered some to different schools in the county to hand out to children without coats.”

Family Support Center of Southern Utah Donations Coordinator Sherri Brower picked up donations from

the center by truckload every day, Sowards said. “The holiday season was a busy time for us and we are able to provide warm coats, hats, gloves and blankets to hundreds of children, including many in foster care,” she said. “We are so appreciative to the Knights of Columbus and many other organizations, businesses and individuals who donated to the Family Support Center for us to distribute to children in need.”

C-A-L Ranch Store, T.J. Maxx, both State Bank of Southern Utah locations, Wells Fargo Bank, Walmart Supercenter and Christensens Department Store, Sam Kravetz, a member of the Knights of Columbus said.

Can donation locations were also at IFA, Applebee’s Grill & Bar, Christensen’s Department Store, American Grill, Broncos, The Little Brick House, The Pizza Factory, Bulloch Drug, Mike’s Tavern, Sizzler’s Family Restaurant, Wet Willie’s Car Wash, Denny’s and Market Grill, Kravetz said.

“The Knights of Columbus national organization back east started the Coats for Kids effort and it was brought to our county chapter,” he said. “It is has been outstanding to participate in such an effort. We feel we really progressed into a community event.”

He said Jeff and Debbie Cowan in the LDS Church helped the effort grow by advertising in many wards in the community. In addition to collecting and putting out donation boxes, the coats were also laundered and mended, if a zipper was broken, before they were distributed to kids.

**“Everybody gains something from the opportunity to serve those in need”**

— Howard Austin, Knights of Columbus

Sowards said they still have some gently used coats available from kid to adult size.

Harry Polland, a Knights of Columbus member, said coats give kids a leg up to go to school. Polland said he hopes they can also donate books because books also give children a leg up in life.

Boxes were set out for donations in the early fall and collected in the last month from locations including Intermountain Farmers Association,

# Schools

## NEWS Nuggets

### from Iron County School District

by Amy JOHNSON  
Iron County School District

### Enoch Elementary

Enoch Elementary students had a wonderful winter break and are back in the halls of our school, eager to learn. With the second half of the school year upon us, mid-year SEP meetings will be taking place from Jan. 30-Feb. 3. As the week gets closer, students will be bringing home individual appointment schedules. Teachers are so appreciative of the support they receive from Enoch parents. We strongly encourage parents to continue to promote nightly reading and homework completion.

Mid-year reading assessments are currently taking place and student progress is being closely monitored. With end of the year goals in mind, attendance is so important. Missing out on crucial classroom experiences puts a damper on student progress.

Please remember not to send students too early, as the weather is very frigid in the morning before the doors to the school are open. This will be the best year ever at Enoch Elementary.

### North Elementary

Parents of intermediate grade students at Cedar North Elementary are reminded that our 5th grade science fair is coming up on Jan. 24! The science fair for 3rd graders will be on March 21 and for the 4th graders on March 23. ALL students in these grades are required to have a project. If you haven't started on yours yet, please start now! Winners of our 5th grade fair will be eligible to move on to the regional fair at SUU in March! We're going to do things a little differently this year for grades K-2. More info on that later. Happy science to everyone!

### Three Peaks Elementary

As the new year begins and we revisit and set new goals, the faculty and staff at Three Peaks Elementary are fully committed to teach and help each student learn to their full potential. Our school's mission statement is: We will work collaboratively to create a safe and stimulating learning environment in which we inspire, monitor, support and extend student learning to ensure each student has the opportunity to achieve his/her full potential. We would like to express gratitude to the parents for supporting and helping us with these goals.

Seussical the Musical auditions will be held for interested 3-5 grade students on Jan. 10 and 12 from 3:45-5 p.m. For more information, please contact Mrs. Cassie Walker.

## COATS

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Kravetz's wife, Marty, did much work to make sure the coats were in satisfactory condition for the children. Marty Kravetz said she was happy to be able to help children in the community that don't have much.

"It's amazing how many kids in this community that are homeless," she said.

Among some of the supporters, Austin said, Walmart, Wells Fargo and State Bank of Southern Utah have been the biggest donation distributors.

"Cedar City is a special place," Poland said. "The community is so generous. They are always willing to help and that's what makes it a great place to live."

# People

## Births

### Carson Scott Mildner

Carson Scott Mildner, son of Gregory Steven Allen and Rebecca Mildner of Cedar City, was born December 20, 2016 at 11:05 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs and was 19.29 inches long. His big sisters are Jaylynn and Kinsley Mildner. Such a sweet and calm little man, who is loved by many. Welcome to the family our little one.

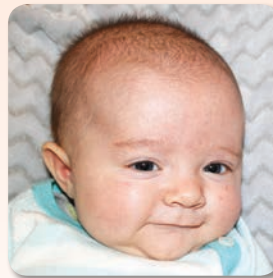


### Skyler Lula Bates

Skyler Lula Bates, daughter of Casey and Mary Bates of Cedar City, was born on December 11, 2016, at 7:51 p.m. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 18.5 inches long. She was welcomed by her proud siblings—Lainey, Lexie and Dustin. Grandparents are Curt and Jane Neilson and Jerald and Marlene Bates.

### Crosby Benson Allen

Crosby Benson Allen was born 4 1/2 weeks early to Bryan and Chandi Allen of Orem on September 12, 2016. He weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 16.5 inches long. After spending 10 days in the NICU, he was welcomed home with lots of love by his two sisters, Andlie and Nora, and his brother, Haze. His grandparents are Ed and Shelly Goodwin (Cedar City) and Randal and



Venice Allen (Panaca, Nev). He is a happy and content little boy and a wonderful blessing to our family! We love you, Cros!

**SUU** COLLEGE OF PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS  
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**ART INSIGHTS - BEN KIRKBY**  
Southern Utah Museum of Art  
January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**SUU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND CONCERT**  
Heritage Center Theater  
January 14 at 6 p.m.

**FACULTY SHOW OPENING**  
Southern Utah Museum of Art  
January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS**  
Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre  
January 25, 27, 28, &  
February 2, at 7:30 p.m.  
February 4 at 2:00 p.m.

**THE LARAMIE PROJECT**  
Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre  
January 26, 30, &  
February 3, 4 at 7:30 p.m.  
January 28 at 2:00 p.m.

**COMPOSITION CONJURING**  
Thorley Recital Hall  
January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

[www.suu.edu/pva](http://www.suu.edu/pva)



## Spring Soccer Registration

### Spring 2017 Soccer Registration Open

Everyone plays! Small-sided teams means your player touches the ball more.

\$60 early bird registration until Dec 31st  
\$75 normal registration  
\$5 sibling discount  
Ages 3-17  
Season starts March 2017

Register on our website:  
[www.ccfcsoccer.com](http://www.ccfcsoccer.com)

We rely on sponsors to keep our costs down. Please contact us if you are interested in advertising your business in a FUN way while supporting local kids!

435-590-1157

[ccfutbolclub@gmail.com](mailto:ccfutbolclub@gmail.com)



## FREE DIABETIC CLASSES

for Patients & Families

Next Meeting Topic:  
*Neuropathy*

**When:**  
1 hour a month.  
Every 3rd Thursday  
at 7pm.

**Where:**  
Bulloch Drug Store  
91 N. Main Street  
435-586-9651

Our next meeting will be held on:

*Thursday, January 19, 2017*



# Calendar

## Wed, Jan. 11

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

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II CLASS**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

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**FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at 2569 Freeway Drive between JR's Truck Stop and the Travelodge. Everyone is invited.

**COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL**, 9:30 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City. For more information call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**"WALK IN A NEW DIRECTION" VERNON HOWARD**, Do you want to be really different? Learn what's holding you back so you can speed ahead! A 25 minute video then casual discussion 7 p.m. Wednesday Cedar City Library in the Park, (Rare Books Room.) The Literary Club. Stephanie 559-7777.

## Thurs, Jan. 12

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

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

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

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

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

**COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL**, 8 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West, Cedar City.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 11 a.m. women-only meeting, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6 p.m. AA Misfits. The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main Street, Cedar City. More info at 877-865-5890.

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

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

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main. More info at 877-865-5890.

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

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

**DINING FOR WOMEN CEDAR CITY CHAPTER**, 5:30 p.m., Potluck and short presentation. Call 435-201-3529 for more information.

**BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE COLOR COUNTRY CHAPTER MEETING**, 7:30 p.m., Grifols.

## Fri, Jan. 13

**FREE DANCE AEROBICS CLASS**, 9 a.m., class is medium to high impact, but can be adapted to any fitness level. Easy, fun dance moves. Moms can bring young children. People of all ages welcome. For information call Allison at 327-2091 (no texts please).

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

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

## Sat, Jan. 14

**YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET**, every Saturday rain or shine, 9 a.m. to noon, 905 S. Main St. in Cedar City, local vegetables, greens, fruit, herbs, baked goods, artisan cheese, live plants, flowers, jams, raw honey, farm fresh eggs, and more.

**CEDAR SATURDAY MARKET**, 1 to 5 p.m., inside IFA, 905 S. Main. Includes farmers, gardeners, food vendors, youth agricultural groups and artisans/crafters.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 11 a.m. women's meeting, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6:30 p.m. AA BB Study, and 8 p.m. My Story speaker meeting, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

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

**SOUTHERN UTAH WOODTURNERS**, 9 a.m., Cedar High School wood shop.

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

## Sun, Jan. 15

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

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

## Mon, Jan. 16

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

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

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, noon Speaking from the Heart AA and 6 p.m. AA Misfits, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

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

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

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** celebration, Cedar City Peace and Justice Association and Orchestra of Southern Utah, 7 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 70 N. 200 West, Cedar City. Enjoy snacks and socialize afterwards. CCPJA Blogspot for more information or myosu.org

## Tues, Jan. 17

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I CLASS**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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**CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC**, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., call 865-1387 for an appointment, accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and all private insurances, with a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients.

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

## Wed, Jan. 18

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# Obituaries

## Erwin Dee Wiser



Erwin Dee Wiser ended his 93-year journey through this life on December 23, 2016, in the Southern Utah Veteran's Home in Ivins, Utah.

Dee was an example of hard work, courage, kindness, and love that was evident from his early years through his final days. He was born to Wanda and Erwin Wiser January 28, 1923 at the farmhouse of his grandmother Stocks in Lewiston, Utah. Dee was the oldest of nine children and from a young age anxiously joined in the farm work, hoed the rows, and learned to fix things.

Dee graduated from North Cache High School in Richmond, Utah in May of 1941. The following year in September, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp to serve his country in World War II. For three years, he helped shape world history in battles at Guadalcanal, Marshall Islands, and Iwo Jima. He was a first-hand witness to the famous flag-raising on Iwo Jima and often expressed gospel lessons he learned in those difficult times.

After the war, Dee began his education at Utah State University and for a short time filled in as a bus driver. Lorna Shumway caught his eye when he picked her up at one of his stops. Two years later, on August 11, 1948, they were married in the Logan LDS temple.

Dee graduated in 1950 with a degree in Industrial Technology which he used in working for the J.I. Case Company, the Grant County Public Utility District, building dams on the Columbia River, and in his 30 years of farming. He was a tireless worker and took pride in doing his jobs well. He found joy in a hard day's work topped off with a bowl of ice cream.

Dee was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and spent his life lovingly serving wherever he was asked. He served as a bishop for nine years as well as on the high council and various other callings. His love of the gospel and his family were so deeply a part of him that he expressed those sentiments repeatedly even in his final years as his mind and body began to fail him.

Dee is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lorna Shumway of Cedar City, his children and their spouses David (Michelle) Wiser, Joleen (Tom) Comstock of Cedar City, Perry (Dawn) Wiser of Spokane, Wash., DeAnn (Mark) Lefebvre of Elk River, Minn. He has also left his legacy with 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2016 at the Cedar City LDS Church on 155 E. 400 South, with a viewing prior to the service at 10 a.m. in the same building. Interment was at the Cedar City, Utah Cemetery. Online condolences can be sent to [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

The family would like to acknowledge the constant, loving care given by the Southern Utah Veterans Home staff and the LDS Branch leadership during his stay there. "Thank you, thank you!"

## Howard Christensen

Howard Deloy Christensen, 78, of Escalante, died in his home on December 30, 2016. He was born on May 2, 1938 in Boulder, Utah, to Howard and Thelma Coleman Christensen. He married Rosemarie Lobby in December of 1956; they had two girls together and later divorced. He then married Marlyn Kay Barney in August of 1968; they had two children, and they later divorced.

At the time of his death he was with the love of his life, Julie Ford.

## Eric Brian Chavez



Heaven received another great son today. Eric Brian Chavez, also known as Michael Eric Keys, 50, of Hurricane, passed away Dec. 9, 2016 in Mesa, Ariz.

Eric was born Oct. 3, 1966 in Ogden. He was the youngest of three children born to Parry and Carol Espinoza Chavez. He was a son, brother, husband, father, uncle and cousin. Eric was also a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He and his 11-year-old son, Jonathan, owned their own custom painting company. He and his son worked side-by-side and Jonathan would do it all. Eric was a self-taught master builder of everything. He and Jonathan loved to build sand rails and be

in the sand dunes all the time.

Eric loved his family and all his children. He wanted too much to have them all together someday around his dining room table and spending time with them. He was loved by all, he will be deeply missed by his family and friends. We love you Eric and we hope your reunion in heaven was a great one.

Eric was survived by his wife Else Aide Keys, his son Jonathan Michael Keys, son Aaron Roberts, daughters Jessica Ann Chavez Barringer, Ashley Gugino, Leanna Nicole Johnson-Keys, siblings, sister Michelle (Allen) Brown, brother Andy (Regina) Chavez and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be Jan. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the LDS Church located at 108 E. 1050 North in Hurricane.

We also express our appreciation to the Angels Cremation and Burial in Mesa, Ariz., for their assistance. No funeral services will take place.

## Zina Mae Bowen Woolsey



Zina Mae Bowen Woolsey, age 96, passed away on January 5, 2017 in Cedar City, Utah. She was born on November 14, 1920 in Rupert, Idaho to John Henry and Sarah Stewart Bowen.

Zina was raised in Rupert, Idaho and moved to Cedar City, Utah when she was 16. She graduated from Cedar High School and went to BAC for one year. She met the love of her life, Ross Woolsey. They were married on October 1940 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Their marriage was sealed for eternity in the St. George Temple. Ross died January 7, 1997, almost 20 years to Zina's passing.

Zina worked for 28 years for AT&T as an operator. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers with a five-generation line. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various auxiliaries.

Zina loved her children and grandchildren and was an active participant in their lives. She loved her cabin at Duck Creek. She loved to travel. Some of her most favorite places included Warm Springs, Cottonwood Cove and many trips to Hawaii with her four-generation female travel crew. Her hobbies were playing cards, putting puzzles together, knitting, crocheting and most important,

rocking babies.

Zina is survived by her children Brent Ross (Sherron) Woolsey of Hurricane, Utah, Patricia Woolsey (Roger) Murie of Cedar City, Utah and Sharon Woolsey (James) Adams of Duck Creek Village, Utah, 12 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Delbert Ross Woolsey, her brothers Max Bowen, Bill Bowen and Jay Bowen, her sisters, Idona Jackson and Joyce Maughn, her granddaughter, Lanae Murie Bladen Anderson, her great-grandsons Brett R. Murie and Ryan James Ross Adams.

A small visitation was held from 11 am-12:30 pm on Monday, January 9, at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah). Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery at 1 pm under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

## Robert Haze Hunter



On January 5, 2017 a Cedar City born and raised, religious leader, local business man, community advocate, state representative, scout leader, dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather peacefully passed away at the age of 92.

Robert Haze Hunter, born October 5, 1924 to Charles R. and Ruth Hunter was third of five siblings; Forest, Winona (Cowan), Haze, Ruth Maria (Pendleton), and Mac. After a short college experience Haze married Betty Jean Benward, daughter of a local pharmacist. He then joined the Navy during WWII and was trained in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho as an operating room technician. Betty had an off base apartment as she supported Haze in his enlistment. After the war they came back to Cedar City where they tried their hand at farming and animal husbandry, but was most successful as a furniture retailer for more than fifty years.

Haze was fully involved in the building of the community as city councilman, life time Lions Club member, state representative, hospital board member, and member of various community fund raising committees benefiting - among others - the Women's Crisis Center, Heritage State Park, and the Sandra L. Maxwell Cancer Center.

In his 10 years as a statesman in the House of Representatives, he was instrumental in procuring a significant amount of state funding for Southern Utah capital expenditures - including Southern Utah University building projects.

Haze is survived by his wife of 73 years, Betty, daughters Danna Jones (Garth) of Cedar City, Gay Baird (Phil) of Kanab, and sons Kim (Terri Holt) and Steve (Karen Knight, deceased) of Cedar City, as well as 51 grand and great grandchildren. Haze was preceded in death by his parents, brother Forest, sister Winona, brother Mac and daughter-in-law Karen Knight Hunter.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 12 p.m. at the R. Haze Hunter Conference Center on the Campus of Southern Utah University (351 West University Boulevard, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 6 to 8 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah). On Saturday, January 14, 2017 the viewing will be held at the R. Haze Hunter Conference Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com)

# New year, new you



## The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

**H**ow have your first 10 days of 2017 been? Have you been dusting, or cleaning out your shelves full of 'Should Haves' and making new commitments to yourself and to your life? Can you forget the failures of 2016 and forge a better future by reinvesting your time, talents and treasures more wisely in 2017?

Each new year always bring nuances of nuisances that seem to make you worry more about breaking your goals than making them. No matter how hard you try, there's always some attraction or distraction that curtails you from the curtain call of your success. And when you break your resolutions do you chide yourself with chagrin and feel like a failure for the rest of the year for being so careless with your new lease on life?

Why do you torture yourself? Do you believe that you only have one yearly shot at a clean slate and once you miss the mark you must suffer until the next magical midnight hour when you can start over and hopefully get it right? Maybe you just decide setting goals and commitments doesn't really matter anymore? You aren't alone. Society has put so much emphasis on checklists and destinations that you forget to enjoy the journey. You can become so focused on the closed windows of opportunity that you miss the doors

of destiny swinging wide open. Yes, you still need to make the right choices and create healthy habits to help you reach your destinations, but don't think that every misstep or mistake means you've ruined the moment, or slammed and dead-bolted the door of opportunity, and wasted your life. Don't listen to those lies.

Before another sunset puts its solar signature on one more day of your life, set a goal. Setting goals will help you get moving. Motion creates momentum and confidence. Even if it's a goal to get up 15 minutes earlier tomorrow, or go for a walk around the block, etc. Make that goal! When you complete it, congratulate yourself.

Goals don't have to be life changing to change your life. You don't have to become a Mozart or a Picasso, overnight. Whether one person, or a thousand shows up to your concerts, classrooms, or speeches, you must compose and write from your heart as if you were speaking to thousands anyway. Changing the life of one person will still change the world. That person can be you and your life is worth your every effort to improve it.

Set goals, dream big and even when you let yourself down, don't let up or give up. Everybody stumbles, falls and fails sometimes. The truth is that we don't have to wait for the New Year. Every day can be a new year and every moment can be a new you. Don't wait for the calendar. Listen to your heart and live your best life, today!

Need help finding the new you? Email me at: [coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com](mailto:coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com)

*Goals  
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## REDMEN EXTEND STREAK, BEAT CV

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

Playing in his final game against the cross-town rival, Cedar senior Keenan Nielson didn't want to finish his high-school career with a loss to remember the battles by.

Along with fellow seniors Mason Fakahua and Parker Haynie, Nielson and the Redmen seized control early to go out with positive vibes flowing.

Cedar's shooting guard scored 21 points as the Redmen led wire-to-wire and beat the Canyon View Falcons 58-46 on Jan. 4. It broke a three-game losing streak to the North Siders and pushed Cedar's overall winning streak to six straight.

"The trust has been growing among teammates and with the system," head coach Russ Beck said. "As much as they love to beat us, we love to beat them. I've only been around for two games in the rivalry, but what an awesome environment in both places."

Nielson came out of the gates with the hot hand early, scoring seven of his team's first 10 points as the Redmen (7-5) built a 12-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Haynie, who had 11 points, got involved in the second quarter with a pair of free throws that pushed the lead to 23-10. After the Falcons (7-8) put together a 6-0 run to close the gap, Fakahua (16 points) hit a

jumper and Nielson drove the lane on the final play of the half, hitting a shot at the horn that put Cedar up 27-16 at the break.

"You always want to be the team that hits the last shot or gets the last stop," Beck said. "There's always a little bit of carryover."

Nielson would add six more points to his total in the third

quarter from the way we started," Nielson said. "You never want to lose any games, but we wanted this one."

The Redmen did a better job containing CV's Brantzen Blackner, who had just one point in the first half after scoring 23 in the Falcons' 58-44 win at Cedar on Dec. 16. Blackner was held to 10 points in the game, nearly seven below his season average.

Fakahua started the fourth quarter with a pair of baskets that built the Cedar lead to 44-27, its largest of the night, before Canyon View got hot from behind the 3-point line to rally.

Senior Abe Huxford hit all of his 10 points in the final period, and the last of his three 3-pointers pulled the Falcons within 52-46 with 1:07 remaining.

It would be CV's last points of the night. Nielson sealed the win with four straight free throws, the last two after Blackner fouled out with 22.7 seconds remaining.

Cedar played its final non-region game Saturday at home against Richfield and pushed its winning streak to seven in a row, rallying from a halftime deficit to beat the Wildcats, 44-35. Nielson finished with 16 points.

The Redmen trailed 19-15 at the half, but regained control with double-digit scoring quarters in the second half. They will open Region 9 play with a road game at Desert Hills tonight in a 7 p.m. tipoff.



Cedar

58



Cyn. View

46

Cedar	12	15	13	18	--	58
Canyon View	5	11	11	19	--	46

Cedar - Garrett 2, Boettcher 6, Fletcher 2, Nielson 21, Fakahua 16, Haynie 11. Totals 22 11-14 58. 3-pointers - Boettcher 2, Nielson 1.

Canyon View - Huxford 10, Potter 6, Dastrup 2, Blackner 10, Lambeth 8, Miller 10. Totals 14 10-19 46. 3-pointers - Huxford 3, Potter 2, Lambeth 2, Miller 1.

Saturday's Game - Cedar 44, Richfield 35

quarter, hitting a jumper and turning a steal into a layup at the other end that helped the Redmen keep the lead in double figures.

"We were able to play a lot better in this game and get more momen-



JR ROBINSON

## Canyon View girls shut down visiting Delta

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

The Canyon View girls basketball team didn't have the best of starts in their final non-region game against the Delta Rabbits on Jan. 3. If the Falcons' first resolution for the new year was to play better defense, they certainly got off on the right foot.

Despite trailing by as many as 10 points early in the second quarter, Canyon View held down Delta the rest of the way and went on to a 31-22 home victory over the Rabbits to improve to 4-9 on the season. CV held the visitors to three field goals and 10 points over the final three quarters.

"I wasn't real happy with our approach to the game in the first half. Defensively, we were OK, but we were careless with 12 turnovers," Canyon View head coach Jared Sanders said. "Our goal was to shut them

down in the second half. Our defense really turned into offense."

The Falcons trailed 14-9 at the break, but took the lead for the first time when a Kylie Slack steal led to a Yani Oshley basket that put them up 19-18 with 3 minutes, 5 seconds left in the third quarter. Morgan Cheney would add a pair of layups to close out the period to extend the CV lead to 23-20 heading the fourth.

Asha Anderson hit a jumper in the lane to put Delta (1-9) back within a point on its first possession of the fourth, but Canyon View would keep them off the board the rest of the way. Cheney added four more points in the game-clinching run and Alycia Flores chipped in with a basket that finished off her game-high total of 10 points.

"We didn't work as a team like we should have in the first half," said Flores,

who scored eight points in the second half to aid the CV rally. "Coming out, we wanted it because we've been struggling. We're playing with a lot more confidence."

That confidence came through in the fourth quarter. After Sydney Fowles missed two free throws, Flores' hoop pushed the lead to five, and Cheney would hit a pair at the line to extend the lead to 29-22 with under two minutes left.

"Maybe three or four weeks ago, this is a game where we're not tough enough to pull through and find a way to win," Sanders said. "The girls made the decision they weren't going to let this one slip away."

Cheney and Oshley backed up Flores with eight points apiece.

Canyon View opened its final season in Region 12 with a road game at Juab on Tuesday night. They will host Carbon on Thursday.

Cyn. View

31

Delta

22

Delta	12	2	6	2	--	22
Canyon View	4	5	14	8	--	31

Delta - Partridge 6, Christensen 1, Fowles 4, Norton 3, Flake 2, Anderson 2, Nielson 4. Totals 8 5-10 22. 3-pointers - Norton 1.

Canyon View - Flores 10, Cheney 8, Oshley 8, Garrett 3, Vasi 2. Totals 13 4-5 31. 3-pointers - Garrett 1.

# Fighting Hawks edge T-Birds

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

The Southern Utah women's basketball team had the North Dakota Fighting Hawks on the ropes as the fourth quarter began Saturday afternoon at the Centrum. Makaliah Dyer picked her team up off the deck and carried them to a comeback win.

Dyer scored 17 of her game-high 20 points in the final period as North Dakota erased a 14-point deficit and beat the Thunderbirds, 68-65, for its fourth straight Big Sky win. SUU lost its third straight game – all at home – and fell to 0-3 in conference play.

“We lost track of Dyer and the game plan of how we were guarding her,” SUU head coach Chris Boettcher said. “They were trying so hard to finish it, they put a bit of pressure on themselves. Some of the things we did naturally in the first three quarters, maybe we got a little tight. They pressured us and forced us to make mistakes in the fourth.”

SUU led 56-42 after three quarters, but Dyer went to work quickly in the fourth, hitting a layup and a 3-pointer that cut the margin to single digits. As Dyer and the Hawks (4-0 Big Sky, 9-6 overall) heated up, the T-Birds went ice cold, getting only a three-point play from Jamie Smith (14 points) in the first six minutes of the stanza.

Dyer completed the comeback when she got inside, got fouled, and completed a three-point play that tied the score at 62-62 with 2 minutes, 57 seconds left. Samantha Roscoe – who matched Dyer with 20 points of her own, 14 in the first half – broke the tie on UND's next possession and gave them the lead for good with a layup.

“That's part of her game, scoring the basketball,” North Dakota head coach Travis Brewster said of Dyer. “She was ice cold in the first three quarters because (SUU) did a heck of a job on her defensively. She got a challenge at the (third) quarter break and she answered.”

Dyer would hit a layup with 41 seconds to play that pushed the Fighting Hawks' lead to four, but Rebecca Cardenas responded with a three-point play of her own for the T-Birds that got them back within one at 66-65.

After a timeout, Dyer finished the scoring with two free throws with 20 seconds remaining. SUU had last-ditch try for a tying 3-pointer, but Cardenas' shot fell well short at the final horn.

“They were hitting shots that they didn't hit, but we weren't communicating as well,” said T-Bird sophomore Darri Frandsen, who led the way with 16 points and eight rebounds.

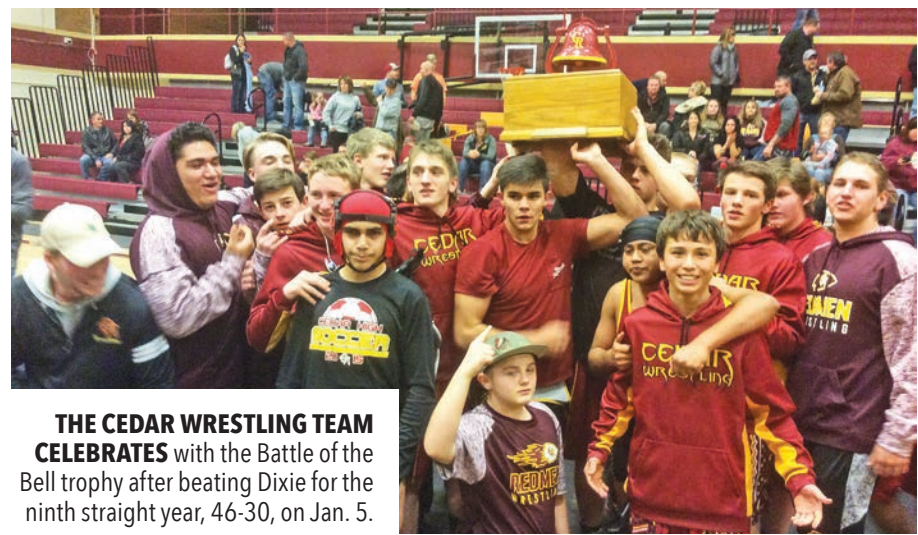
Southern Utah began the week with an 83-53 loss to Big Sky co-leader Northern Colorado on Thursday night. The Bears led 44-30 at the half and shot 48 percent from the floor, while the T-Birds were held to 29 percent.

NOTES: SUU had a 46-41 edge in rebounding, but made only 14 of 25 (56 percent) from the free-throw line. ... After being held scoreless and taking only four shots in the UNC game, senior Jessica Richardson returned to form with 10 points and nine rebounds for the T-Birds. ... SUU plays twice on the road this week, at Sacramento State on Thursday and at Portland State on Saturday.



**DARRI FRANDSEN**  
LED SUU with 16 points in the 68-65 loss to North Dakota.

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION



**THE CEDAR WRESTLING TEAM CELEBRATES** with the Battle of the Bell trophy after beating Dixie for the ninth straight year, 46-30, on Jan. 5.

TOM ZULEWSKI

# Redmen win Battle of Bell for 9th straight time

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

It wasn't nearly the dominating performance of the past two seasons, but the Cedar wrestling team leaned on its experience when it counted with another chance to ring the bell on the line against the Dixie Flyers.

Once Dyllon Arenivar came through, the Redmen were able to close the deal and ring in another celebration.

Arenivar pinned Dixie's Devin Paxton near the midway point of the second round, and the Redmen won the Battle of the Bell for the ninth straight time, beating Dixie 46-30 at the CHS gym to even its Region 9 record at 1-1.

“It feels good, never gets old,” Cedar head coach Luke Payne said. “You never know which kids are going to step up and which ones aren't. We wrestled really well tonight.”

Heading into the lower weights, the Redmen were clinging to a 25-24 lead after Brogan Byle pinned Nate Haber at heavyweight. Michael Wolfe beat Dixie's Ryan Wright 8-1 at 106 pounds to push the Cedar lead up to four, but Arenivar sealed the win and the privilege of ringing the bell again when he put Paxton on his back.

After an exchange of forfeits, Carlos Jimenez closed out the dual in style with his first varsity win for the Redmen, a second-round pin of the Flyers' Blaise Wade. Once the result was official, a trio of Cedar wrestlers picked up the red-painted bell and rang it multiple times before the rest of the team joined in and posed for pictures with the trophy.

“That win was big for him,” Payne said of Jimenez.

Cedar began the night with pins



Cedar  
**46**



Dixie  
**30**

- 106 - Michael Wolfe (C) def. Ryan Wright (D), 8-1.
- 113 - Dyllon Arenivar (C) p. Devin Paxton (D), 2:47.
- 120 - Wyatt Altman (D) won by forfeit.
- 126 - Billy Fails (C) won by forfeit.
- 132 - Carlos Jimenez (C) p. Blaise Wade (D), 2:38.
- 138 - Tyson Roundy (C) p. Chandler Welch (D), 1:02.
- 145 - Caleb Weaver (C) def. Faisiota Faumui (D), 6-5.
- 152 - Mike Anker (C) p. Ayden Peterson (D), 2:51.
- 160 - Hobbs Nyberg (D) p. Alan Garcia (C), 1:36.
- 170 - Jasen Longmore (D) p. Julio Cedillo (C), 3:19.
- 182 - Ammon Ahquin (D) won by forfeit.
- 195 - Quaid Murray (C) def. Cutler Thomas (D), 9-1.
- 220 - Nate Ellis (C) p. Darius Hildebrandt (D), :51.
- 285 - Brogan Byle (D) p. Nate Haber (C), 1:00

from Tyson Roundy (138) and Mike Anker (152). At 145, Caleb Weaver scored a takedown in the closing seconds to edge past Dixie's Faisiota Faumui, 6-5, one of only three matches to last for the full six minutes.

Dixie got on the board with a pair of pins from Hobbs Nyberg (160) in the first round and Jasen Longmore (170) in the second. After the Flyers won by forfeit at 182, Cedar's Quaid Murray (195) beat Cutler Thomas, 9-1, and Nate Ellis (220) pinned Darius Hildebrandt 51 seconds into the opening round.

The Redmen will travel to face Pine View on the road Thursday before taking part in the Irontown Duels at Canyon View on Friday and Saturday.

# SUU's Big Sky record snapped

**GRAND FORKS, ND** — The Fighting Hawks of North Dakota put a dent in Southern Utah's perfect Big Sky record with a big 95-65 victory in the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center on Saturday. The Thunderbirds suffered cold shooting

in Grand Forks, finishing just 15-58 from the field and 3-17 from beyond the arch.

Randy Onwuasor led the Thunderbirds with 19 points as James McGee and Brayden Holker added 11 and 10, respectively. Onwuasor also led the

team in rebounds with nine.

“Tough game to end our road swing. Hats off to North Dakota who was to be able hit us with a barrage shots. We couldn't connect from the perimeter. We also struggled to finish plays with 26 missed field goals inside the paint,” head coach Todd Simon said. “Fortunately we have two home games this coming week and

a chance to get quality practices in the Centrum.”

After a long road stretch, the Thunderbirds return home for their Big Sky home-opener as they host Sacramento State on Thursday, Jan. 12, and Portland State on Saturday, Jan. 14. Both games will tip off in the Centrum Arena at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets available at [tbirdtickets.com](http://tbirdtickets.com).



**ETHAN GUYMON DRIVES** for two of his 20 points in Parowan's 63-26 victory over Milford last week. Parowan is 4-2 in league play.

DAVID MINEER

# Lady Reds get by Wildcats on road

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

The Cedar Lady Reds know how much of a challenge the Richfield Wildcats provide on any given matchup. On Jan. 5, they showed how much internal will and fortitude they needed to come away with a victory.

Cedar let a six-point lead slip away in the fourth quarter, but got 16 points from junior Carley Davis to hang on for a 49-47 victory over Richfield in double overtime. The Lady Reds improved to 9-2 on the season and snapped the Wildcats' seven-game winning streak (11-2).

Davis was one of three Cedar players in double figures. Dream Weaver added 14 points and Lindsey Robinson chipped in 13.

The Lady Reds trailed 16-15 at the half, but outscored the Wildcats 15-8 in the third quarter to take a 30-24 lead before the home team rallied to force the overtimes. Robinson played all 40 minutes

for Cedar and hit 4 of 6 from the field, including a perfect 3-of-3 on 3-pointers.

Cedar enjoyed a 31-23 rebounding edge over Richfield and shot 50 percent from 3-point range (5-of-10).

## Parowan girls split pair

The Parowan girls basketball team earned their second Region 20 victory of the season Jan. 4, beating Valley at home by a 52-31 count. The Rams held the visitors to a pair of four-point scoring efforts in the first and third quarters while building a 36-16 advantage before cruising to the win.

Autumn Rogerson led Parowan with 18 points, including four 3-pointers, and Taylor Robb added 14.

Two days later, the Rams fell to Panguitch 38-26 on the road to drop to 2-4 in Region 20 play. Robb led Parowan with her second 14-point effort of the week, but the Rams couldn't pull any closer after cutting

the Bobcats' lead to seven at 24-17 after three quarters.

## Parowan boys

Ethan Guymon led three players in double figures with 20 points as the Parowan boys rolled to a 63-26 rout over Milford in Region 20 play at home Jan. 5. The Rams improved to 4-2 in region play with help from Jarrin Church (17 points, four 3-pointers) and Trey Stubbs (10 points).

Parowan scored 18 points in three different quarters to come through with the convincing win.

On Saturday night, the Rams dropped a 55-36 decision to the region-leading Panguitch Bobcats, who remained unbeaten on the year at 10-0 (6-0 Region 20).

Parowan trailed 29-22 at the half, but was held to just seven points in the third and fourth quarters as the Bobcats pulled away for the win. Jace Eyre led Panguitch – who had only four players score – with 26 points.

# Flippin' Birds gearing up for new season

by **UU SPORTS INFORMATION**  
*For Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** — The SUU Thunderbird gymnastics team is gearing up for their 2017 season, with a chance to shake off the rust in the annual Red/White Meet on Jan. 13 before hosting the Pac-12's Stanford Cardinal for their first meet of the season on Jan. 20.

## 2016 Recap

The 2016 season was another banner year for the Thunderbird gymnastics program. The Flippin' Birds spent the majority of the year in, or right around, the top-25 and qualified as a team to represent the university at the NCAA Regional competition in Salt Lake City.

Danielle Ramirez, who had a stellar junior season for the Thunderbirds, qualified to represent the T-Birds at the NCAA National Championships in the All-Around.

The Thunderbirds set several top marks during the 2016 season as well. As a group the 2016 team tied the highest score in school history, scoring a 196.575. That mark was set at the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference Championships. Virginia Brownsell now holds the SUU record on floor, along with three other gymnasts, with a 9.950 on the event.

## Seniority Rule

The 2017 Flippin' Birds are loaded with experience. Eight gymnasts will be returning for their senior campaigns, and all eight of them have made a major impact on the program already with another year to showcase their abilities.

"This group of seniors has made it to the Regional Championships every year they've been here," SUU head coach Scott Bauman said. "They've been in big meets enough now to know what is expected and what kind of pressures there will be. They're experienced athletes, and they know how to compete. I feel very comfortable with their leadership."

Ramirez and Brownsell are both part of the senior class. It also features Kirsten Yee, who is the school's all-time record holder on bars. Madyson Blake-Howard, Tyly Bozzuto, Memory Shettles, Sydney Townsend and Stacie Webb round out the senior class,

all of whom have made major contributions to the Thunderbird gymnastics program.

## Fresh Faces

The Thunderbirds will also be adding in a lot of new talent to the rotations, as seven freshmen gymnasts are on the roster for the 2017 campaign. Mixing so many returners with so many newcomers might seem like a challenge, but Bauman said the transition has been really positive.

"I honestly thought that was going to be one of the

sticky parts of our season, but it has gone extraordinarily smooth," he said. "This team works very well together, they work very hard for each other and the freshmen have come in with the mindset to work as hard as the seniors, which have always been a blue collar group."

## Stacked Schedule

SUU's first official meet of the season will be a matchup against the Stanford Cardinal out of the Pac-12 Conference. When talking about the home opener, Bauman said, "It will really test our girls. We've been preparing for that meet all year long and we'll have the girls ready for that meet."

The Thunderbird's schedule is packed with top-notch opponents, as they have an in-season home-and-home with N.C. State, a road date with the Michigan Wolverines and a home meet against Denver. All these meets, along with their Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference schedule that includes matchups against BYU, Utah State and Boise State will challenge SUU throughout the year and be a great measuring stick for the program.

## Red/White Preview

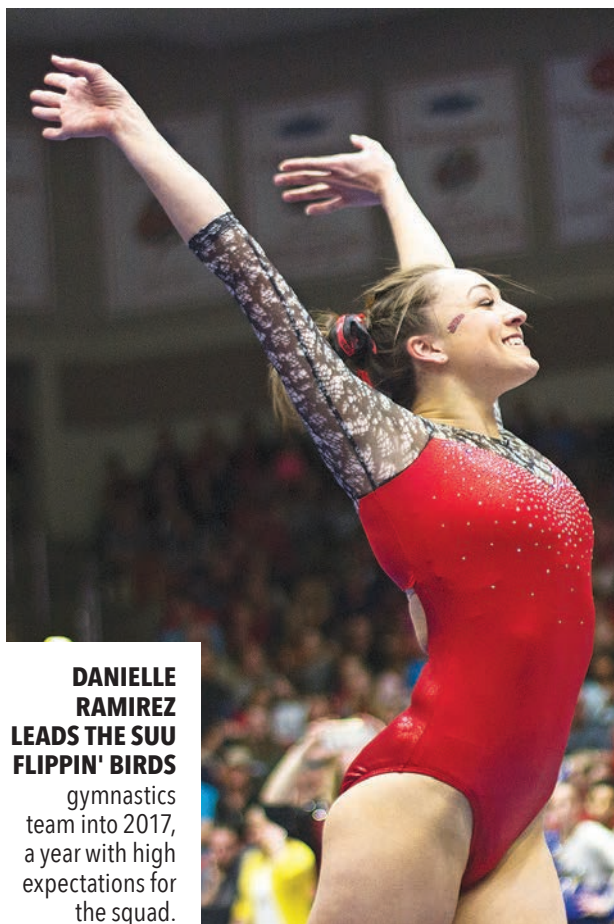
On Jan. 13, the Thunderbirds will have their first opportunity to compete in front of the Centrum Arena crowd, when they participate in the annual Red/White Meet. The team will split up into two different squads and compete for bragging rights, as they prepare for the season opener a week later against Stanford. The event is set to begin at 7 p.m. and is free to attend. The team will also be selling T-Shirts that will be available to purchase at the event for \$10 with either cash or a check.

## FloGymnastics Streams

This season two of SUU's home meets will be streamed live on FloGymnastics.com this season, starting with their home opener against Stanford. The meet on February 6 against Denver will also be streamed live on the website.

## Tickets

Season tickets are currently on sale for SUU Gymnastics, and can be purchased at the Centrum Box Office or online at [tbirdtickets.com](http://tbirdtickets.com).



**DANIELLE RAMIREZ LEADS THE SUU FLIPPIN' BIRDS** gymnastics team into 2017, a year with high expectations for the squad.

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

# SUU men's tennis team adds four players

The Southern Utah University Thunderbird men's tennis team has announced the addition of four new players to the team prior to the upcoming 2017 season.

## Sergio Palacio

Palacio grew up in Spain, but will be transferring to Southern Utah from Orange Coast College, a junior college in southern California. Palacio had a 17-3 singles record and a 16-2 doubles record during his time at OCC. Last year, he was a big player in the OCC tennis team having it's best season in 10 years, finishing second in the Orange Empire Conference and making it to the playoffs for the California State Championship.

"Sergio is a natural born leader and will bring some experience and leadership qualities to a very young team. He was nationally ranked #11 in doubles in the Oracle/ITA Collegiate JUCO tennis rankings this past spring as a freshman," head coach Sadhaf Pucher said of Palacio.

## Nicolas de Enrique Schmidt

Schmidt comes to Southern Utah from the town of Bunyola in Mallorca, Spain, where he



**FOUR HIGHLY-TOUTED RECRUITS** have joined the SUU men's tennis team as it prepares for the 2017 season, which begins Jan. 27 at Idaho State.

plays tennis in the Balearic Islands region. For most of his career, he has competed in the annual Balearic Islands Master tournament. He is the younger brother of junior women's tennis player Teresa de Enrique Schmidt.

"Nico will add some depth to our team. He is a grinder

and will make a great fit in our conference. He is very disciplined and has a great work ethic which will grow as he gets older in our program," Pucher said of Schmidt.

## Cedric Rupa

Rupa hails from Brisbane, Australia, where he is captain

of the Nudgee College tennis team. He has played for Nudgee College since 2014 and was named captain for last year's season. While captain, he was a part of a doubles team that was a finalist in the Silinco Tour Noosa Open. In 2014, he was the winner of the Shaw Park Age Tournament. His parents

are Florin and Antonella Rupa.

"Cedric is going to impact both our singles and doubles lineup. He was a finalist in the Silinco Tour Noosa Open in doubles. He is very young coming in this spring, but his passion for the game will help him adapt very quickly," Pucher said of Rupa.

## Conor Tordoff

Tordoff comes to SUU from Sheffield in the United Kingdom. Tordoff was a nationally ranked player in the U.K., ranking as high a 6th in the country at one time. He has played for teams in Yorkshire, Sheffield, and Sutton. While representing Sheffield he was a part of a doubles team that won a grade two national title. His parents are Diane and Adam Tordoff.

"Conor is an athletic all-court player. The Junior Circuit in England is very competitive on the boys side, so I believe Conor will adjust well here. He has great touch and is a fast mover all round. He is very young and will grow through our program," Pucher said of Tordoff.

The team will begin its season Jan. 27 in Pocatello against the Idaho State Bengals.



## RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**  
Sports Writer

The preliminaries are done. Some victories were satisfying, others gave teams reasons to contemplate how to get better. Now the chase for the state playoffs really begins.

The girls got play under way Tuesday night in Region 9 and Region 12, but the boys start play tonight. Pick these apart as you wish (I never claimed to be smart on these) but here's a progress report on how Cedar and Canyon View stand and what we can expect.

» Over at Cedar, the Lady Reds were intriguing to watch, even as they finished the preseason with a 9-2 overall record. There were some rough outings early, but they managed to survive.

Exhibit A: Cedar raced out to a 21-3 second-quarter lead against 2A school Enterprise at home Dec. 8. That lead nearly went away in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Reds held on for a 34-31 win.

Exhibit B: At the 3A/2A Preview in Richfield on Dec. 17, Cedar was down by 16 at the half to Juan Diego with just 10 points on the board. They would hold the Soaring Eagle to 12 points in the second half and pull out a 46-40 overtime win.

The Lady Reds faced Desert Hills – who are top-ranked by the Deseret News and have former teammate Morgan Myers on the roster – on Tuesday in the Region 9 opener. With the top four teams above

## Putting crystal ball on HS hoops

.500 (including defending 3A state champ Snow Canyon at 7-4), the battle for the playoffs will have the usual extra-large assortment of twists and turns.

» Across town at Canyon View, the Falcons are playing much better under second-year head coach Jared Sanders, but the top three teams of Region 12 – Richfield, Carbon and Juab – combined for a 30-7 record in preseason play.

Other than back-to-back early losses to Cedar (51-26) and Beaver (49-33), CV has been much more competitive, staying within single digits in all of its other games while building a 4-9 record. The Falcons had future Region 9 foe Hurricane on even terms early in the fourth quarter of their Dec. 30 matchup at the Hodson Classic, but ended up dropping a 42-33 decision.

Canyon View starts Region 12 play at the Wasps on Tuesday, then hosts the Dinos – who were knocked out by Cedar in last year's 3A semifinal – on Thursday. Look for the Falcons to fight with North Sanpete for the last playoff spot.

» On the boys' side, Cedar has definitely found its groove under new head coach Russ Beck with a seven-game winning streak in tow and an 8-5 record heading to tonight's road matchup against Desert Hills.

While the Redmen are rolling of late, they have a formidable task ahead if they want to return to the 3A playoffs. Defending champion Dixie is off to a 13-0 start and the next three teams – Pine View, the

Thunder and Hurricane – all have 10 wins.

In addition to senior Keenan Nielson's 19.8 points per game – third-best among all 3A players – junior guard Ethan Boettcher has added an additional spark. The son of Southern Utah women's basketball head coach Chris Boettcher has hit at least one 3-pointer in the last seven games, all won by the Redmen.

» Canyon View enters its last season as a Region 12 member on a bit of a slump after a pair of double-digit losses at home, including one to Cedar that snapped their win streak in the rivalry at three straight.

At 7-8, the Falcons have much more of a challenge if they want to repeat as champion and make another deep playoff run. They will host Juab (7-4) in the opener tonight, and the Wasps are averaging 52 points per game.

CV counters with four offensive weapons of their own. Junior Brantzen Blackner averages 16.4 ppg and has plenty of help from fellow juniors Joey Lambeth (team-best 30 3-pointers, 9.7 ppg) and Porter Miller (8.7 ppg, nine rebounds per game). Senior Abe Huxford adds additional shooting range off the bench with 7.2 ppg.

The race to Logan begins now.

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**Cedar has definitely found its groove under new head coach Russ Beck**

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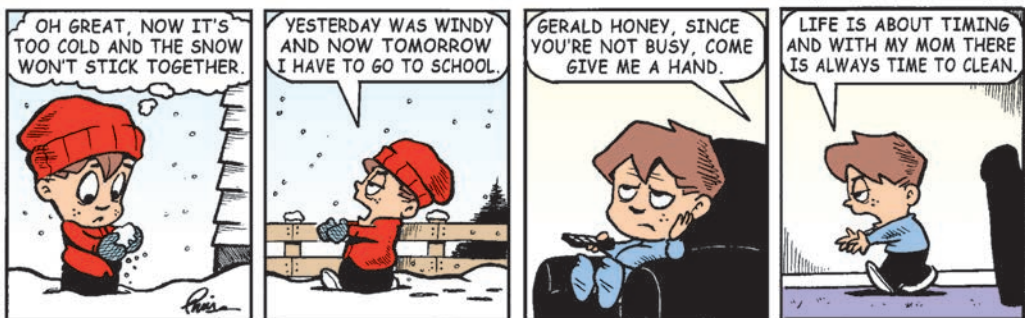
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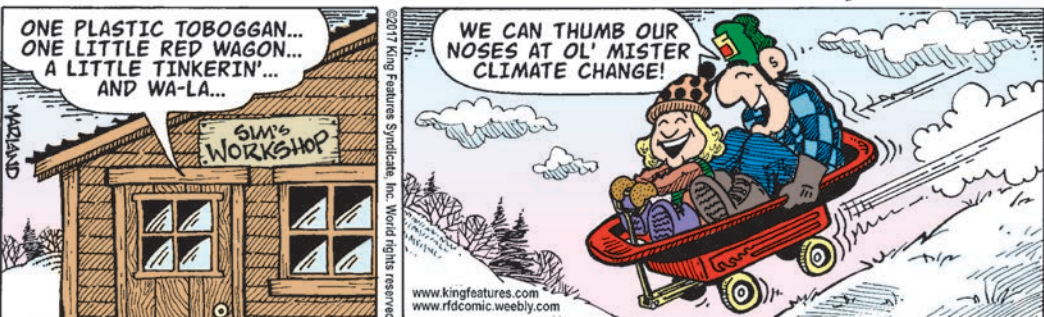
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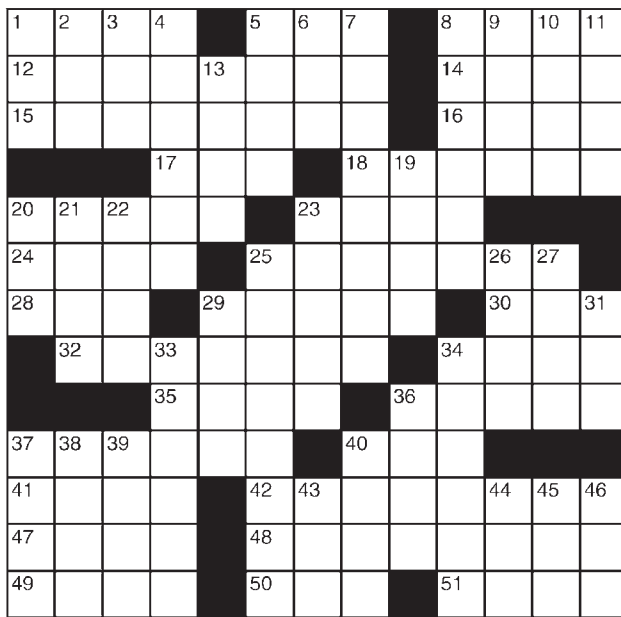
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- 5 Unhappy
- 8 Lovers' quarrel
- 12 Nautical hanger-on
- 14 Not pizzicato
- 15 Barbecue fuel
- 16 Tarzan's transportation
- 17 Qty.
- 18 Pictures
- 20 Chunk of cheese
- 23 Read bar codes
- 24 A Great Lake
- 25 Hire, as a boat
- 28 "— the season to be jolly"
- 29 Word with mouth or training
- 30 Solemn promise
- 32 Brown or Sheen
- 34 Darling
- 35 Swindle
- 36 Chicago, the — City
- 37 Dig up
- 40 Trigonometry ratio (Abbr.)
- 41 Cons' opponents
- 42 Entrancing



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- 49 Sight organs
- 50 Obama, before he became pres.
- 51 Shrill bark
- 9 Overly proper one
- 10 Dermatologist's case
- 11 "Piggies"
- 13 Pinnacle
- 19 Little lamb's owner
- 20 Sopping
- 21 Guitarist Clapton
- 22 Plate
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- 29 — and proper
- 31 Kind of wit
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- 37 Duel tool
- 38 MRI forerunner
- 39 Firetruck necessity
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- 43 Hasten
- 44 Rage
- 45 Zero
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by Linda Thistle

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	5	6						4
7	3		9					6
	8	1	4					5
9		8			2	1		

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

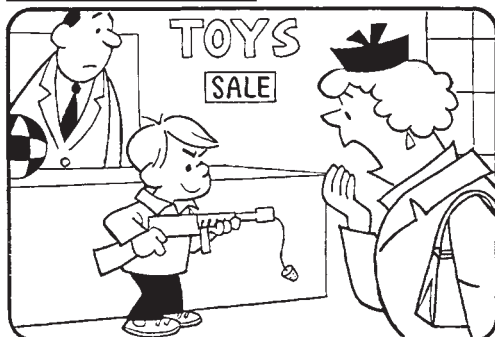
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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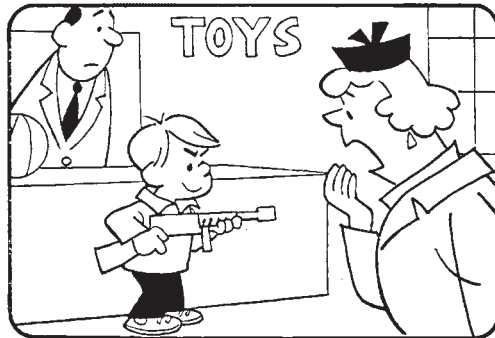
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball is different; 2. Arm is missing; 3. Sign is missing; 4. Cork is missing; 5. Hand is different; 6. Pocketbook is missing.

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7	1	2	3	9	8	5	4	6
5	3	6	4	7	1	9	8	2
4	9	8	5	6	2	3	1	7
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8	2	3	6	4	5	1	7	9
9	7	5	2	1	3	4	6	8
3	8	4	9	5	7	6	2	1
2	5	7	3	1	3	6	8	9
1	6	9	8	4	2	7	3	5

Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

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

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is a biblical name for Lake Tiberias, located in Israel?
2. INVENTIONS: In what century was the first commercially successful steam engine invented?
3. ART: Which 17th-century Flemish artist was known for painting full-figured, voluptuous women?
4. GOVERNMENT: What famous South Pacific island is under the control of France?
5. MEASUREMENTS: How long is the Chunnel, the underground tunnel between England and France?
6. MOVIES: What 1990s Coen brothers movie featured the tagline, "A lot can happen in the middle of nowhere"?
7. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has a moon named Phobos?
8. SCIENCE: What is the name for the condition in which the air temperature reaches 100 percent relative humidity and condensation occurs?
9. SUPERHEROES: Which superhero is more commonly known as Linda Lee Danvers?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What month is traditionally associated with the opal birthstone?

Trivia Test Answers  
1. Sea of Galilee; 2. 18th; 3. Paul Rubens; 4. Tahiti; 5. 31 miles; 6. "Fargo"; 7. Mars; 8. Dew point; 9. Supergirl; 10. October