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## SPEAKING OUT & MARCHING ON

### Students, community join in Women's March events through SUU campus

by Kelsey **KEENER**  
Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — Community members and SUU students, faculty and staff gathered Saturday morning at the SUU Carter Carillon Bell Tower to embark on a Women's March around campus.

Organizer of the event Ksenya Plumb addressed the group before the march began to make it clear that it was not an anti-Trump event, but an opportunity for everyone to express themselves following recent political events.

Plumb led the group from the SUU Bell Tower to Center Street, then south on 800 West to 200 South and ended at the Gerald R. Sherratt Library on SUU campus.

Jason Kaiser said he joined the march because he wanted to show support.

"I think it's important that everyone sees there's a group of people that cares about everyone regardless of their own personal views or beliefs," Kaiser said. "We're all in this together."

Jodi Brewer said that she takes advantage of any opportunity to show support for Planned Parenthood and the Affordable Care Act.

"Without them (Planned Parenthood) I would be dead right now," Brewer said. "Without the Affordable Care Act I would be dead right now."

The march ended at the Business Quad in front of the



KELSEY KEENER

see **MARCH** | 7 **SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS** joined in for the Women's March on Jan. 21.



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**CEDAR CITY POLICE SGT. JERRY WOMACK**

### Womack honored at MLK Memorial Luncheon

Cedar City Police Sgt. Jerry Womack received the First Responder Award at the 33rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Luncheon at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City on Jan. 16.

"It was exciting and unexpected," Womack said of the award.

Womack, who has been with the Cedar City Police Department since 1991, said he has gone from patrol duties to investigation to his current position as a police Sergeant.

He said he enjoys working for the

police department and serving in so many different ways and working with great people.

Cedar City Police Chief Darrin Adams said that he was approached by the Utah Police Chiefs Association about Womack receiving the award. Adams said Womack was one of 10 people who received the award.

"When you think of Dr. King, who brought people together, it reminds me of (Womack) being the same with bringing the community together," he said. "He is a big part of Shop with a Cop."

Adams continued to say that Womack also has been great with code enforcement. He spoke of an instance when Womack was able to help with code problems at a local motel without having to bring other companies in to bring it up to code.

"He was able to clear things out without any other assistance that could have brought more grief to the motel owners," Adams said.

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# Neighbors helping fire victims in Parowan

by Craig **BENNETT**  
*Iron County Today*

**PAROWAN** — The community of Parowan is rallying around a family who lost almost all of their possessions in an evening house fire on Jan. 14. The mother, owner of the home and two daughters along with their dog were able to escape unharmed. A son was not at home at the time.

The fire was discovered at approximately 7 p.m. that when the mother and daughter reported smelling smoke in the home. Reportedly, the mother and her daughter had been downstairs when the daughter smelled the smoke. The mother went upstairs and found the fire in the attic.

Fire crews from Parowan, Paragonah, Cedar City as well as crews from Brian Head responded to the fire scene for mutual aid in battling the blaze. Parowan Police, Iron County Sheriff's office as well



CRAIG BENNETT

**A PAROWAN FAMILY LOST MOST OF THEIR BELONGINGS** after a fire destroyed their home on Jan. 14.

as Gold Cross Ambulance were also on scene in case of injuries to the occupants of the home or the firefighters battling the blaze.

No injuries occurred in the fire. Even though the mother and children were able to escape unharmed along with their dog, they lost all of their belongings except for the clothes they were wearing at the time.

“The cause of the fire we believe was either a chimney fire or the stove pipe or chimney may have just gotten really hot,” Parowan Fire Chief Dave Schiers told Iron County Today. “Most of the charring though was found right around the stove pipe and then spread from there.”

When asked what residents can do to prevent chimney fires, Chief Schiers said, “the

biggest thing people can do is to have their chimneys cleaned on a regular basis to prevent creosote from building up. It's the creosote that catches fire and then burns through the stovepipe or even through a brick chimney.”

According to the Chimney Safety Institute, [csia.org](http://csia.org), Chimney Fires Can Be Prevented. Chimney liners or structural problems can allow

high temperatures, sparks and embers to escape to combustible areas in walls, roofs or attics. A common cause of chimney fires is creosote inside the chimney catching fire and burning inside the chimney. By definition, creosote is simply unburned wood particles and condensed flue gases ... As creosote builds on the chimney interior, it goes through three stages and ... Glaze is a form of deposit that presents itself as a shiny, tarry substance.

An LDS Bishop in the Parowan area said, “there has been a huge outpouring of local community support for the family in the way of clothes, furniture and a place to live, even a car to drive while they wait for an apartment and other essentials.”

There has been an account has been set up at the State Bank of Southern Utah. If you would like to donate funds for the family, you can donate to The Collins Fire Fund.

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Possession, Drug Paraphernalia, False Info to officer

### Jan. 14

**Henry J. Nowers, Cedar City**  
Possession, Disorderly Conduct

### Jan. 16

**Jeremy L. Wheeler, Cedar City**  
Warrant of Arrest

### Jan. 17

**Shanda W. Curtis, Cedar City**  
DUI

**Gerron H. Parry, Cedar City**  
Driving w/o insurance

**Dax R. Robison, Nephi**  
Protective Order violation

**Andrew L. Shiozaki, Cedar City**  
DUI

**Michael G. Williams, Cedar City**  
DUI, No proof of insurance, Stolen Credit Cards, Warrant

### Jan. 18

**Christopher S. Collins, Cedar City**  
Protective Order violation

**Nicholas V. Ibarra, Parowan**  
Criminal Trespass, Failure to Stop on Command

### Jan. 19

**Ryan A. Jones, Cedar City**  
Aggravated Assault

**Thomas A. Jones, Cedar City**  
Assault by Prisoner, Intoxication

**Aaron C. Kern, Cedar City**  
Possession, Aggravated Assault

**Michael G. Morgan, Cedar City**  
Burglary

**Melissa Brown, Enoch**  
Multiple, including Burglary, Theft, Receipt of Stolen Property

**Troy W. Hunter, Richfield**  
Multiple, including Domestic Violence, Assault, Possession

**Jesus A. Lambaren, Logan**  
Hold for Another Agency

**Cheri A. Nikodem, Cedar City**  
Burglary/Vehicle, Theft

**Shannon Walker, Kanab**  
Retail Theft

### Jan. 20

**Raymond Boone, Beaver**  
Damage to Public Property, Intoxication

**Clayton D. Clark, Iron County**  
Assault

**William R. Dedrick, Beryl**  
Theft

### Jan. 21

**Robert D. Boggs, Parowan**  
Retail Theft

**Nikki L. Myers, Cedar City**  
Possession, Driving w/o License, FTA Warrant

**Russell D. Wensel, Cedar City**  
DUI, Tail Light violation

### Jan. 23

**Michael D. Barnes, Cedar City**  
Retail Theft, FTA Warrant

# Cedar City Hospital opens MRI suite

by Holly COOMBS  
Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — A new MRI suite, a project valued at \$2 million, that is meant to bring comfort, stress relief and peaceful feelings for patients during procedure is now available at the Cedar City Hospital.

In an open house last Wednesday, light refreshments were served as many members of the community were invited to also view and hear about the new suite.

The purchase, a GE 1.5 MRI scanner, is known to be one of the most powerful imaging tools and dubbed the "gold standard," Scott Wood, Cedar City Hospital physician liaison, said.

"It is the one of the best things to happen in this hospital and really for southern Utah," Wood said.

The scanner features a wider, shorter bore — the opening — so it feels less claustrophobic to the patient, according to a press release.

"The bore is two inches wider than it used to be," Michael Hemmerly, PDC manufacturer, who worked on the new addition said. "It gives the patient plenty of room and the patient can now go in feet first instead of just head first and rest with their head on a pillow."

The extended room is 35 to 40 percent more spherical volume than the previous MRI bore, Hemmerly said.

Also, glass panels adorn the suite with etched with Bryce Canyon rock images and colors that can be changed to the patient's favorite color.

"One of the best things about all the changes here is the reduction of anxiety in the patient," Cedar City Hospital Public Relations Manager Becki Bronson said.

With Goggles on patients are able to watch a movie, TV show and they can listen to their favorite music, or watch peaceful nature scenes like ocean waves, a mountain lake or a forest, Intermountain Healthcare's Ancillary Services Manager Darren Day said.

"When a patient is not comfortable in the procedure what happens? They get uncomfortable and move around," Hammerly said. "These new options provide that comfort that also make the images and procedures come out better for the technician because they have a comfortable patient."

*"It is the one of the best things to happen in this hospital and really for southern Utah"*

— **Scott Wood, Cedar City Hospital**



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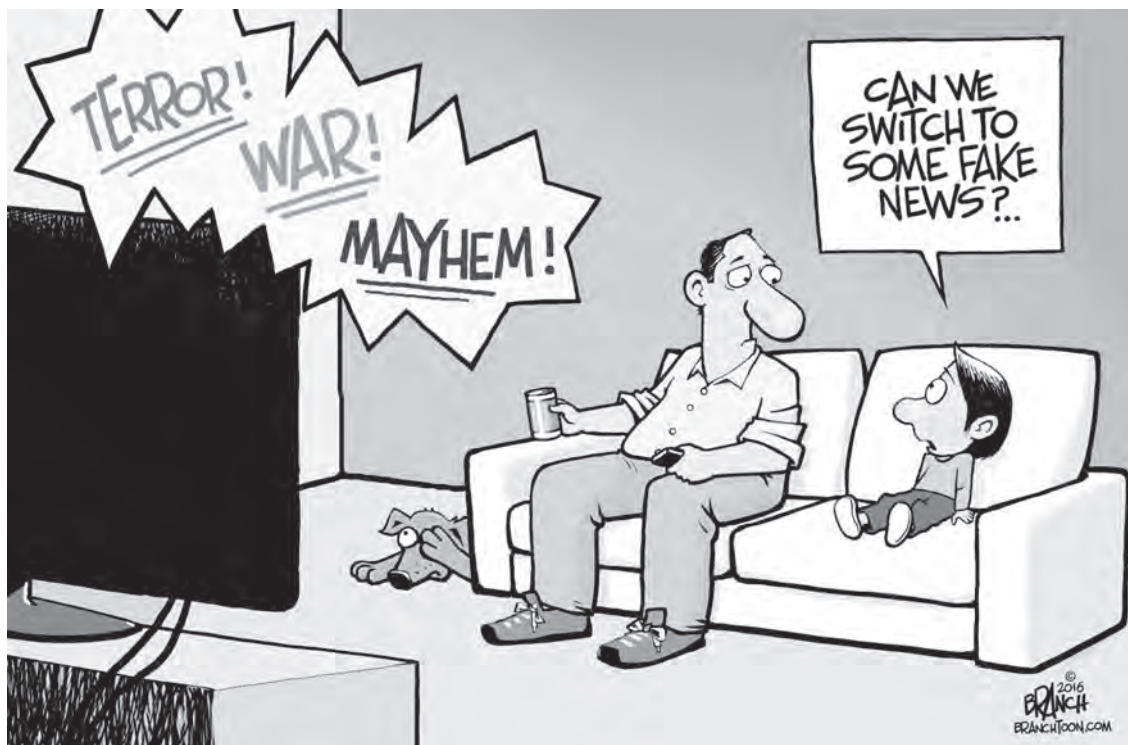
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## Cyclops

 by Bryan GRAY  
 Columnist

# Cities shouldn't "own" entertainment programs

As an amenity to the townfolk and an attempt to "put us on the map," city councilmembers throughout Utah continue to build amphitheaters and book entertainment acts with taxpayer money.

Sometimes it is a one-event show like July 4 concert; other times it is a seasonal series of concerts and plays. In either circumstance, it is dangerous as shown this month in the comments of a northern Utah city councilman.

I am acquainted with the councilman. He is a likeable man, an accomplished attorney and not a person who favors discrimination or loves to see himself in the headlines. But his comments spotlight the problem of elected officials "bringing the circus to town" with city funds.

He drew attention when he questioned a \$7,500 payment for country singer Ty Herndon to appear at a citywide summer event. While Herndon's star has faded in recent years, he had a handful of hit records beginning in the late 1990s – and he came out publicly as a gay man two years ago. This bothered the councilman on several levels, especially his fear that the singer would spout gay rights beliefs from the stage.

"Residents do not come (to the concert) expecting political discussion," he said, noting that Herndon had been a supporter of gay rights organizations. When the city staff responded they were not aware that Herndon had ever used his stage as a political platform, the councilman offered two other objections: the singer's stance on sexuality would conflict with traditional community standards, and the city might be better off attracting a more well-known entertainer or even use the

money for other city needs.

The councilman is right in asking whether the money could best be spent on other needs. An argument can be made on both sides. But he displays the problem of city management of the event when he brought up the issue of community standards to blackball an entertainer show just may or may not utter a word about an issue close to his or her heart.

Realistically, the councilman would not

*Once a city official becomes concerned about "political speech" at a concert, it is a slippery slope deciding what speech is acceptable*

be objecting if his city had booked Elton John or Ricky Martin, two gay men who are more famous and outspoken than Herndon. I also doubt he would quibble about a city forum with newsman Anderson Cooper or a Star Trek-themed event with George Takei.

And while I don't think the councilman is homophobic, some of his constituents probably are. So, should the city refuse to promote any artistic event with plays like

"The Color Purple" or "Our Town" (both written by gay playwrights)? Would the city turn down an appearance by a gay Ellen Degeneres or an art exhibit featuring the works of a gay Michelangelo?

And if Herndon's homosexuality is indeed an issue due to "traditional community standards," it is not disturbing that city residents would probably applaud the council for bringing in a recovered heroin user James Taylor or drug-binging, womanizing rock groups like Chicago or The Eagles?

Once a city official becomes concerned about "political speech" at a concert, it is a slippery slope deciding what speech is acceptable. Utahns will get politically conservative speech from country stars Hank Williams Jr. (whose act brought in Confederate flag-selling vendors to Red Butte Gardens a couple of years ago) and Charlie Daniels. If Herndon is to be silenced, shouldn't they also be muzzled? At a Utah concert last year, I saw "Wildfire" composer/singer Michael Martin Murphy deride both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, saying "One lies to the American people and the other is an idiot who owns casinos."

If a city wants to offer and encourage entertainment (theater, music, etc.), it should build a venue and then turn the management over to a non-profit organization with a community-based board of directors. That way, city officials can spend time monitoring potholes and firehouse staffing, not acting as music critics.

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

# Opinion

## Just keeping at it is taking steps in the right direction

**B**enjamin Franklin wasn't perfect. And I'm only saying here what he would have said.

He was the first to admit he had work to do and, in fact, he did work at it.

Which is the thing worth noting here: Benjamin Franklin wasn't perfect, but he was working toward it.

According to his autobiography, it was at the ripe old age of 20 that he outlined 13 virtues he wanted to commit his life to.

More than that, he made up a chart and tracked his progress — or lack there of — working especially hard on one of the 13 each week, then rotating through them four times in a year.

They were worthy goals — such as “Order. Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time,” and “Frugality. Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.”

He also championed temperance, silence, resolution, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, chastity and humility in himself.

Humility was added after he came up with the first twelve, when a Quaker friend “kindly informed me that I was generally thought proud, that my pride showed itself frequently in conversation, that I was not content with being in the



### In This TOGETHER

by Louise R. **SHAW**  
Columnist

right when discussion any point, but was overbearing and rather insolent, of which he convinced me by mentioning several instances, I determined endeavoring to cure myself, if I could, of this vice or folly among the rest...”

Which brings to mind a trait he may have had from the get go and didn't have to work on at all — an ability most of us lack in spades — of graciously accepting suggestions for improvement.

The U.S. State Department website lists Franklin's goals, then states:

“The rest is history. Franklin went on to become one of the most productive, successful and self-actualized people in all of history.

He knew what mattered most. That was how he could set about being an author, a printer, an inventor, a father, a politician, the first American Ambassador to France, the inventor of bifocals, swim flippers, lightening rods, hundreds of other things and the Franklin stove and how he could found a public library, a hospital, an

**Benjamin Franklin wasn't perfect, but he was working toward it**



LOUISE R. SHAW

**THERE IS SO MUCH BEAUTY ALL AROUND US**, and we need to just keep taking steps to insure it lasts.

insurance company and a fire company and help to write the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.”

I'm not going to be the one to point out which virtues history shows Franklin met and which ones history shows he perhaps did not.

I'm just going to point out what he said at the end of his life because it can pertain to me and maybe you.

“Tho' I never arrived at the perfection I had been so ambitious of obtaining, but fell far short of it, yet I was, by the endeavour, a better and a happier man than I otherwise should have been if I had not attempted it.”

So maybe we've made resolutions before and not hit the mark.

Maybe we set 13 goals one year but

didn't make a chart and by the end of the week the list was tucked in a drawer and abandoned.

Maybe we gained 3 pounds instead of reaching our goal to lose 10 last year. Not naming names here.

Maybe instead of reaching a goal of getting our schedule under control, it got fuller and crazier.

That doesn't mean we should stop setting goals if we want to improve ourselves.

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# Cedar Council still debating Leisure Services Master Plan

by Holly COOMBS  
Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — Considerations of the Leisure Services Master Plan continued at last Wednesday's Cedar City Council Meeting.

Cedar City Councilmember Terri Hartley provided her input regarding the master plan in a statement at the meeting. Hartley thanked Leisure Services Director Bryan Dangerfield for his direction and work on the plan and continued to say that government processes are typically slow for the reason of providing checks and balances to make sure correct decisions are beveled up to the top in representation of majority of the people.

"Processes are in place to prevent government officials or others coming in and making impulsive or careless decisions and I'm concerned about our city council being over involved in some of our processes," Hartley said. "I believe our role is to be leaders and to guide the process to make decisions, but to not to unduly influence the outcome."

She continued to say that if the process is circumvented it can stifle other groups from coming forward with their wishes and think the council has some preconceived decisions.

"This master plan, in my opinion, is taking on the atmosphere of a contest not a study," Harley said.

"I wish that we could get it back on track. I don't want every group thinking that they have to come to city council and present their point of you to get our attention or monopolize the town hall meetings that Bryan's tried to organize."

She continued on to say that interested parties need to fill out the survey, as it is available online at [www.cedarcity.org](http://www.cedarcity.org) until the end of the month, as well as make wishes known to the Leisure Services Board.

"Coming to city council doesn't accomplish this because we're not in charge of putting together the master plan," Hartley said in her statement. "I personally think the ice rink is a good thing along with many other venues. However, through due process I think we can make it even better if that's the way we choose to go."

The rink is not currently a perfect, private partnership, but it could be as the process, she continued.

"The majority of the community does not want another venue at the Cedar City Aquatic Center that needs to be subsidized by tax dollars," Hartley said, "It cannot be compared to the lease property at (Lin's Marketplace) as some elude to. It is like comparing apples to oranges."

She closed her statement saying that Dangerfield and the Leisure Services Board need to be supported and trusted to continue with the master plan.

As a part of getting their voice out, about 20 kids in support of a new Skate Park were in attendance.

Councilmembers encouraged the group to fill out the survey online and make their interest known to the Leisure Services Board.

A formal item was on the business agenda to discuss the plan for the ice rink. Youth Enthusiasts Together For Ice Founders Kerry and Chad Fain were present and mentioned the fact that after the first meeting Town Hall meeting the ice rink was not a consideration and that they do not want the consideration of the master plan to be a battle.

"The master plan turned into drama as the (Leisure Services Board) continues to work on it," Cedar City Maile Wilson said to Iron County Today after the meeting. "Why is it such an urgency right now?"

Dave Staheli, owner of Staheli West and an investor in the ice rink, had come forward to leaders previous to the meeting and said he'd put money to help with the development of the indoor rink, Wilson said.

Councilmembers Paul Cozzens and Fred Rowley agreed that popularity in numbers are there to make the ice rink valuable. Cozzens said his daughter was turned away last Tuesday night because the rink was full with 361 people skating. He continued to say last Thursday, after the meeting to the Iron County Today, that he is also interested to help other groups including the skate park group.

"If the skate park ends up being a success, I will be the first in line to help because everyone is valued and the master plan survey is not a contest," Cozzens said.

Rowley said he felt that three members of the council were reluctant to talk about the ice rink's future because the Leisure Services study is unfinished.

"When an opportunity arises, you change your plans," he said of Staheli's proposal to improve the ice rink. "His proposal, in my mind, has some timeliness issues attached, so I wanted to get the council to consider Dave's proposal independent of, or concurrently with the study."

The council agreed to hear the proposal from Staheli at its Feb. 1 meeting. Dangerfield made a statement on Facebook regarding the master plan following the meeting.

"Everyone's opinion is valued," according to the statement. "We encourage all of our Cedar City households to take the survey and to let us know what programs and venues they would like to see the Leisure Services Department provide for the community."

The statement continued to state that the Master Plan becomes more valid with a variety of opinions collected across the spectrum of sports, fitness and recreation.

"On Feb. 1, the opinion-gathering process will turn to coming up with priorities, costs, timelines in a 5-year, 10-year and 20-year basis," according to the statement.

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# BLM to burn slash piles in Beaver and Washington Counties

**CEDAR CITY** — During the coming months, fire crews from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Color Country District and Utah's Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands will burn slash piles on public lands near Dammeron Valley in Washington County and personnel from the BLM will burn piles in Beaver County, along the Beaver River, south of Highway 21, two miles east of Minersville.

Fire crews will use a drip torch to ignite piles following snow or when appropriate weather conditions for prescribed fire exist.

The pile burns along the Beaver River were created from a project in 2016 that removed woody materials. The original project helped improve fish habitat and riparian areas. The burns near Dammeron Valley will help complete efforts known as fuel breaks that may slow or stop potential wildfires from approaching the community.

Once burning begins in Dammeron,

smoke may be seen from Highway 18 in Washington County. In Beaver County, smoke from piles along the river may be seen Highway 21, Minersville, Minersville Reservoir and Interstate 15. Smoke may reduce visibility along roads near the piles during and after ignition. While there are no road closures planned, motorists should be careful near any fire activity. Fire crews will monitor the burned piles until there is no perceived risk to other resources.

Slash piles are accumulations of tree limbs, leaves, pine needles and other woody materials that are created naturally or by forest management activities like thinning, pruning or timber harvesting. These pile burns are among the prescribed fire projects that help lessen wildfire risk in communities by reducing hazardous fuels. All agency-conducted prescribed fire projects are consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations, and approved prescribed fire plans.

## Firewood permit change

The Dixie National Forest has increased the amount of firewood the general public may gather for home heating firewood. The minimum cost has not increased and will remain the same rate of \$20.

Previously firewood for personal noncommercial use was sold at a rate of \$20 for a two-cord minimum sale of firewood.

As of January 1, 2017 firewood for personal home heating use will still cost \$20 for a minimum sale of four cords of firewood. The change to four cords is now consistent with other Forests in Utah. Those who choose to use the Dixie National Forest for personal noncommercial use firewood may now collect twice the amount of firewood for the same price.

At the time of payment firewood tags and a map of designated firewood cutting areas will be issued. Firewood can then be collected on the Dixie National Forest. Those who wish to apply for a commercial firewood cutting permit may contact one of the districts listed below to start the process for a commercial fuelwood permit.

Each Ranger District on the Dixie National Forest has different regulations on what type and size of firewood may be collected and the locations open to cutting. Individuals can purchase firewood permits and receive information on firewood cutting at the location listed below.

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inclusive as it claimed to be.

"I found that compared to other things I've gone to, this was probably the one that didn't judge me," Piedmont said.

Plumb, President of the Human Rights Advocates Club at SUU and organizer of the event, said she organized this march so that people could have an outlet for their feelings following the Presidential Inauguration, regardless of what those feelings are, and said the event went well.

Plumb also said she hopes that anyone who witnessed the march can see that people can come together.

"The last year and a half or two years has been really divisive in our country," Plumb. "We have to come together and support him (Donald Trump) and do what we can to hope that things will become less divisive."

## MARCH

Continued from page 1

library, and participants were invited to speak about their hopes for the future.

Justin Douglas, an SUU student, expressed his hope for seeing positive change start to happen.

"I believe that people in our generation really need to show their support and show that they're mindful of these issues," Douglas said. "I think that so often in society today we see problems but we don't acknowledge them, and by acknowledging these problems ... that's where we can see real progress."

Nicholas Piedmont, an SUU student in the aviation program, voiced that he was a Trump supporter and said he joined the march to see if it was really as



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## SOUTH *for the* WINTER



**THE COLORFUL HOUSE FINCH** will be among 'guests' at the 14th Annual Winter Bird Festival this weekend in St. George.

### 14th Annual Winter Bird Festival comes to St. George Jan. 26-28

**ST. GEORGE** — Every January, hundreds of wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts flock to St. George, Utah, to escape the cold and shake post-holiday blues. In Southern Utah, mild winter weather rarely thwarts birding efforts and with trees and shrubs devoid of leaves, it's an ideal time to discover the 375 colorful bird species found in the area.

In its 14th year, the annual Winter Bird Festival provides members of the public, whether novice or experienced, the opportunity to discover the wonders of birding by participating in expert-led field trips and workshops. The event runs from Jan. 26-28, with the majority of events taking place at the Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 South Dixie Drive in St. George.

Activities are free to youth 17 and under and include a fun "Junior Birder Program," and "How to Build a Birdhouse," workshops. Both youth and adults can take part in exciting field trips like "Biking & Birding the Virgin River" and birding trips to Zion National Park and area State Parks and Reservoirs.

Becoming a birder is easy and engaging with daily lectures on species identification, banding, predators, and photography.

Keynote speaker Rick Watson, a biologist from the Peregrine Fund since 1990, will discuss his fascinating international work with bird species including the endangered Madagascar fish eagle, the reintroduction of the bearded vulture in Kenya, cape vulture conservation in South Africa, crowned eagle conservation in the Ivory Coast and kite research in the Cape Verde islands.

For more information regarding registration, activities, field trips, and lectures included in the 2016 St. George Winter Bird Festival, call 435-673-0096 or visit [www.sgcity.org/birdfestival](http://www.sgcity.org/birdfestival). The cost for the 3-day event is \$10 general admission, with a family pass priced at \$15 and all children age 17 and under are free.



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**CEDAR WAXWING**

## 'Composition Conjuring' brings musical premieres to SUU

by Lola **TAYLOR**  
SUU College of Performing & Visual Arts

**CEDAR CITY** — Two highly decorated musical artists, composer George Gianopoulos and soprano Kathleen Roland Silverstein, will join Southern Utah University's Associate Professor of Music, Dr. Lynn Vartan, and other Department of Music faculty members for an evening of music titled *Composition Conjuring*. The concert will be held at SUU in the Thorley Recital Hall on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 pm.

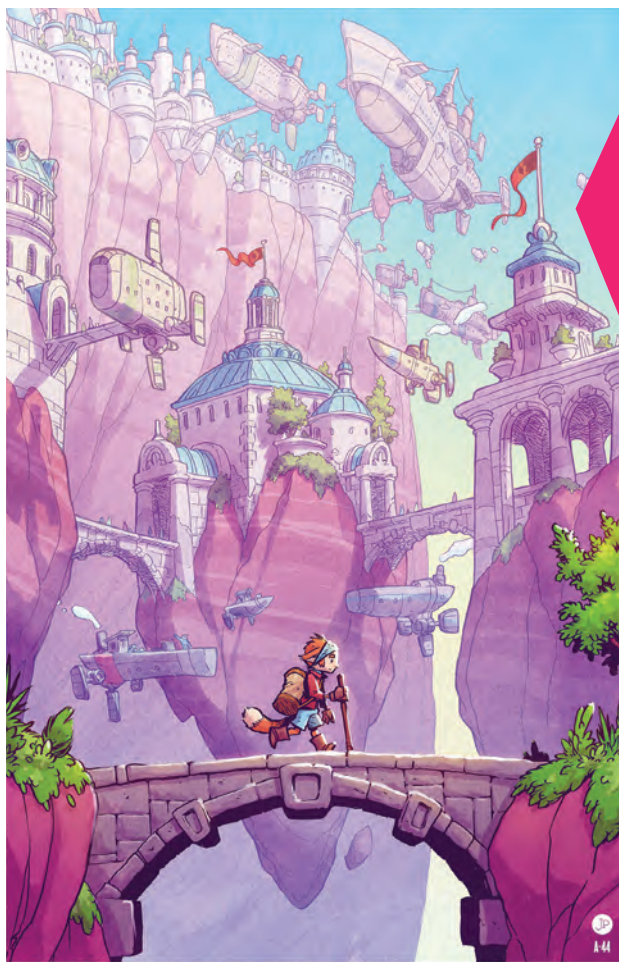
Gianopoulos began studying music in college at the age of eighteen and quickly became an accomplished musician and composer. His music has been performed throughout Europe, America, and China. Gianopoulos has been commissioned to write music for renowned professional companies, such as The Glendale Philharmonic, The Helix Collective, and The Chamber Opera Players of Los Angeles. He is currently the composer-in-residence for the Los Angeles based Symbiosis Ensemble.

Silverstein is a Fulbright senior scholar and an assistant professor of applied music and performance (voice) at Syracuse University in New York. She has been a featured soprano at many music festivals across the country, including the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival and the Tanglewood Music Festival. In the last year, Silverstein has performed in New York and San Diego, as well as internationally in Australia, Sweden, Vietnam, Cambodia and Germany. She is also the author of a musical anthology titled *Romanser: 25 Swedish Art Songs with Guide to Lyric Diction*.

*Composition Conjuring* will feature the musical compositions of Gianopoulos. The evening will include a world premiere performance of Gianopoulos' composition "The Bells", inspired by Edgar Allen Poe's poem with the same name, by Silverstein and Dr. Vartan. The first live performance of Gianopoulos' vocal composition "Motet" will also be performed by Silverstein and five members of SUU's voice faculty. Pianist Dr. Christian Bohnenstengel, Assistant Professor of Music (piano), and flautist Candice Behrmann will also be featured during the concert.

*Composition Conjuring* is part of the Satellite Salon series that was instituted at SUU by Dr. Vartan. Her desire to bring her musical world closer to her students in Cedar City led to the creation of this unique concert series. The Satellite Salon Series happens twice a year, in January and September, and brings in guest artists for a weekend residency. All Satellite Salon Series events are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Satellite Salon Series, visit [www.suu.edu/pva/music](http://www.suu.edu/pva/music).



COURTESY IMAGE

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SEE AND HEAR** about the works of artist Jake Parker at a free presentation on Jan. 26.

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

**CEDAR CITY** — Artist Jake Parker will be presenting about “The 5 Pillars of Creativity” on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Southern Utah Museum of Art. His presentation will focus on observations of what makes a successful creative artist and how to apply those traits and skills in your own life, so you may live to your full creative potential. This presentation is part of the Art Insights series offered by Southern Utah University’s Department of Art & Design. Admission is free of charge and open to the general public.

For the last 15 years, Parker has worked on projects ranging from animated films to comics and picture books. Some of his animated film credits include Titan A.E. with Fox Animation Studios and Horton Hears A Who!, Epic, and Rio with Blue Sky Studios. His published works include The Little Snowplow (Candlewick), The Tooth Fairy Wars (Atheneum Books for Young Readers), and Flight Explorer (Villard). He has also worked with other big name clients, such as Disney Animation, Warner Brothers Animation, Marvel, Psyop, and Nick Magazine.

Parker currently works as a freelance artist out of his home studio in Utah, where he completed his latest collection of drawings in Drawings IV. He has also written and illustrated a children’s book titled Little Bot and Sparrow that captures the happiness that comes from making your first true friend and explores the courage it takes when it’s time to say goodbye. Parker also co-founded an online arts school, [www.svslearn.com](http://www.svslearn.com), with Will Terry that contains over 100 courses that range from how to draw comics and realistic hair to illustrating and writing children’s books.

When asked about what inspires his work as an artist, Parker said, “What I am doing with my work is building a universe one drawing at a time. I’m inspired by creators like Lucas, Rowling, Tolkien, and Miyazaki who build worlds. When I sit down to draw something, I look at the worlds I’ve already created and see how I can flesh out one of those worlds a little more. It might be designing a new character, vehicle, environment, or writing a new experience for my characters. That’s what fuels me.”

For more information about Jake Parker, visit his website at <http://mrjakeparker.com>.

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Jan. 26, 5pm

Winning photos will be published Feb. 1

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# Just go to Oliver instead

In this town where theater has such a prominent presence, we have become accustomed to being able to attend a performance in any given month, what with professional companies, school productions, children's theater, and amateur community groups abounding. We have our favorites: musicals are big, Shakespeare doesn't frighten us, and we attend every performance of a show if our child is in it.

So, how hard can it be to put on a play? If we see so much of it around us, it must be a fairly simple undertaking. Lots of people are doing it, after all. Think again. The headaches associated with producing a play might surprise you.

First of all, you've got to pick an enticing show to do. You want lots of people to attend or else what's the point? Actors like to have an audience. So be sure to choose a play that is appropriate to our community. Consider content (not too controversial), language (not too salty, or heaven forbid, profane), production needs (no live elephants), and contract costs. Every show must be purchased from a holding company that charges a bunch of money to obtain permission to produce it. Disney? You can't afford it. Rogers and Hammerstein? Ditto. If the show is a recent hit, you probably can't afford that, either. Many companies charge by the size of the expected audience.

And then, can you find the actors needed? Does your play require athletic dancers? Beautiful singing voices? An adorable child under 10 who



can do both? You have to know your potential actors' pool and then hope that an elderly gentleman is interested in the role of the slightly barmy uncle.

Where will you produce? Theaters are expensive and often booked for months ahead. Is it better to secure a small space that will look full with 200 attendees or a larger, fancier hall that will look empty with two hundred in the audience? You must then think about where you will rehearse before you get into the theater itself.

Musicals have their own set of issues. The music director must work with the singers, which often entails transposing the music to fit individual voices. He/she must teach the songs, hire the necessary musicians (whether a small ensemble or full orchestra), and then conduct the show. When it comes right down to it, the conductor will be the most important person in the room come show time. He/she is the one who holds everyone together and gets the cast out of mishaps, should they occur.

Don't forget costumes, a huge undertaking no matter what the show. You need to build sets, find sponsors, publicize, and print programs.

Are you tired just thinking about it? Go see Cedar Valley Community Theatre's production of Oliver, instead. All of the above work has been done: the darling child found, the musicians rehearsed, the costumes made, the theater hired. It will open the last weekend in January at the Heritage. All you have to do is enjoy!

# CVCT performing 'Oliver!'

**CEDAR CITY** — Cedar Valley Community Theatre (CVCT) presents Lionel Bart's Oliver! Performances will be at the Heritage Center Theater in Cedar City, Utah on Jan. 27, 28, 30 and Feb. 4, and 6 at 7:30 p.m. An afternoon matinee is also scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.

Based upon the novel Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, this English musical has realized tremendous success on Broadway, numerous tours and revivals and an Academy Award winning film released in 1968. Oliver! is the first musical adaptation of a Charles Dickens novel to become a stage hit.

The production is directed by Michael Bahr. Bahr is the Education Director of the Utah Shakespeare Festival and produces the Shakespeare-in-the-Schools Tour, serving 40,000 students with professional Shakespeare productions.

Dr. LeGrand Andersen, a professor of Music Fundamentals at SUU, lends his talents as Music Director and Conductor. In addition, over 60 actors from the community are included in the magnificent production. CVCT was created to enrich the lives of community members in Cedar City and surrounding areas.

On Monday, Jan. 30, theater goers may bring a donation of two cans of non-perishable food and receive a \$1 per ticket/per person discount. All food donations will go to Care and Share, an emergency shelter and food bank that serves over 600 Iron County families each month.

**Performance Schedule:**

**Friday, Jan. 27**  
7:30 p.m.  
*OPENING NIGHT*

**Saturday, Jan. 28**  
2 p.m. matinée  
7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 30**  
7:30 p.m.  
*DISCOUNT for DONATION night*

**Friday, Feb. 4**  
7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 6**  
7:30 p.m.  
*CLOSING NIGHT*

**Ticket Prices**

**\$12:** General Admission  
**\$8:** Senior Citizens, Students and Children 12 & Under

The Cedar Valley Community Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, founded in January 2012. The theatre was organized to bring together students, children, adults and people from a variety of backgrounds in the Cedar City area, and to provide a vibrant theatre culture for all community members throughout the year. The theatre produces two musicals each year in the beautiful Heritage Center Theater. Open auditions are held for each show, and all community members are welcome to audition regardless of their prior experience. The team is composed of all volunteers, working behind the scenes to make ongoing community theatre a reality for Cedar City. Ticket prices are kept low and are comparable to movie tickets, so that shows are affordable and accessible to all.

## Festival Forever Celebration set in SLC

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is holding its annual Festival Forever fundraising dinner on Feb. 4 at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City. The event begins at 6 p.m.

Utah Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox and his wife, Abby, are honorary chairs for the banquet. They have been long-time friends of the festival. The event will also serve as an opportunity to honor USF executive director R. Scott Phillips, who will be retiring in February after a 40 year career at the festival.

Ticket information is available by calling Justin Jorgensen at 435-586-7877.



'OLIVER!' THE MUSICAL COMES TO THE STAGE of the Cedar Valley Community Theatre starting Jan. 27.

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January 26, 30, &  
February 3, 4 at 7:30 p.m.  
January 28 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

**GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK SERIES - COLE PORTER**  
Southern Utah Museum of Art  
February 7 at 7:30 p.m.

**ART INSIGHTS - LINDA ARBUCKLE**  
Southern Utah Museum of Art  
February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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## Chamber honors the best at award banquet

by Holly COOMBS  
*Iron County Today*

**CEDAR** — With the theme "The Magic of Cedar City," the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce presented awards and entertainment to businesses and other valued individuals in the community at its 66th annual Best of Cedar City Awards Banquet in the Southern Utah University Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom last Thursday night. Joshua Starvros, media and public relations manager at the Utah Shakespeare Festival was the Master of Ceremonies.

In support of the banquet and the chamber, The Spectrum, Leavitt Group, Canyon Media, Gilbert Development Corporation, Simmons Media, Grifols, America First Credit Union, Dealer Collision Center, Cedar City Corporation, Walmart, Iron County Today, Coca-Cola Company, Nicholas Food Company, Pizza Hut and Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau were presented framed photos of Kolob Canyon as an award for the partnership with the chamber.

Invocation for the dinner was provided by Jim Vaquez, Sonrize Christian Fellowship pastor.

The attendees were entertained by comedian magician Eric Buss, who competed on America's Got Talent in its seventh season and made it to the quarter finals with his YouTube audition.

The current 2017 Board of Directors and Star Membership increased by 56 in 2016 which is the largest amount of membership in four years.

"I'm confident with what we continue to share with benefits of our chamber membership we will grow even more in

*"I am definitely experiencing the Magic of Cedar City"*

— **Becki Bronson, woman of the year award winner**



PHOTOS BY HOLLY COOMBS

**BECKI BRONSON AND MIKE PHILLIPS GIVING ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES** for their respective awards at the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce banquet.

2017," former Chamber of Commerce Chair Todd Boyer said.

The chamber has been working on events and other various ways to help businesses and the chamber membership to grow.

Current chamber directors and staff include: 2017 Chair Member Chad Westwood, 2018 Chair-Elect Danny Stewart, Boyer, Treasurer Dustyn Johnson, Luncheon Chair Kimberly Tiffany, Awards Banquet Chair Donna Shattuck-Johnson, IQ Utah/Historian

Chair Jude Bateman, Economic Summit Chair Mike Higbee, Golf Tournament Chair Scott Jolley, Ambassadors Chair Tyler Melling, Women in Business Jacqueline Russell, Office Manager Shannon Morlock and McCormick.

The event continued with serving of dinner and the presentation of entertainment from Buss and presentation of the Best of Cedar City awards.

Cedar City Councilor Terri Hartley presented the Business of the Year Award to Decorworx Retail Decor Specialists

on behalf of the sponsor Wells Fargo Bank. Mark Bradshaw and Chris Gallon of Bradshaw Chevrolet presented the Customer Service & Hospitality Award to Brody's Real Authentic Mexican Food.

Other awards included:

- » Southern Utah University Facilities, Employer of the Year, sponsored by Cedar City Hospital
- » Casino Game Maker, Innovative Business of the Year, sponsored by Southwest Applied Technology College
- » Cedar City Children's Musical Theatre, Organization of the Year, sponsored by Rocky Mountain Power
- » Becki Bronson, Woman of the Year, sponsored by Sonny Boy's Barbeque
- » Mike Phillips, Man of the Year, sponsored by Cedar City Corporation
- » Sara Patterson, Young Citizen of the Year, sponsored by Southern Utah Mortuary
- » Becky Comstock, Educator of the Year, sponsored by Zion's Bank
- » Pat Sproul, Citizen of the Year, sponsored by Cedar City Motor Company
- » Rett Shakespear, Legacy Award- Lifetime Achievement, sponsored by Bella Terra Cedar City
- » Burgess Family, Chamber of Commerce CEO Award, Sponsored by State Bank of Southern Utah

"I am definitely experiencing the Magic of Cedar City," Bronson commented as she accepted her award.

Patterson, as she accepted her award, said she was grateful to be a part of a business while in her teen years and that she can make a difference. Chartwells, SUU's food service, catered the event.

## Family Support Center honors Dr. King

by Holly COOMBS  
*Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** — The Cedar City Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah planned a day of service in order to honor Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy and advance his dream of opportunity for all last Monday.

Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the Martin Luther King Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off," according to a Family Support Center press release.

Quoting King, the release stated, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

Partnering with students from

Evan's Hairstyling College, UServe Utah, and Ben Sowards from SUU Art Department, the Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah provided free family portraits for families who utilize services at the Family Support Center and other members of the community, the release said.

The portraits will be provided through a grant from the Corporation of National & Community Service seeking to uphold Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s commitment to service.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spread messages of peace, love and forgiveness," according to the release. "The Family Support Center staff feels that a family portrait is a symbol these values and a reminder of the goal to develop and cherish values of love and forgiveness within families."

Through the grant, the staff wanted to be able to provide this symbolic representation for families. Many community volunteers also helped organize the Family Support Center's Donation Center which is currently housed in two storage units donated by Cedar Storage.

The Family Support Center accepts clothing donations and distributes them to children in need, including those in foster care, the release stated.

"Although it was close to freezing temperatures outside, nearly 50 community volunteers worked tirelessly sorting and organizing shoes and clothing," according to the release.

For more information on the Family Support Center and the services they provide or to volunteer please call (435) 586-0791.



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**FREE PORTRAITS SUCH AS THIS ONE** were provided to families who utilize services at the Family Support Center, as a salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# Calendar

## Wed, Jan. 25

**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.

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

**COLOR COUNTRY WINDS COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSAL**, 7:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City, no audition, must be able to play a band instrument and read music, we even welcome "rusty" players who want to begin playing again.

**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).

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

**FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at 2569 Freeway Drive between 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.

**RUPERT SPIRA. 'SURRENDER OR REST THE MIND IN THE WARM BATH OF AWARENESS,'** 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. 26

**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 KCCB 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 Hall

## Fri, Jan. 27

**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).

**COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL**, 8 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City. For more information, call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

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

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

**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. 28

**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.

## Sun, Jan. 29

**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. 30

**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).

**COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL**, 8 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City. For more information, call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

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

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

**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.

## Tues, Jan. 31

**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.

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

**COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL**, 8 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City. For more information call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

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

**AL-ANON**, 7 to 8 p.m., Parowan United Methodist Church social hall, 190 N. Main St.

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6 p.m. AA Misfits and 8 p.m. AA Cedar Group, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

**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, Feb. 1

**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.

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

**COLOR COUNTRY WINDS COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSAL**, 7:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City, no audition, must be able to play a band instrument and read music, we even welcome "rusty" players who want to begin playing again.

**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).

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

**FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at 2569 Freeway Drive between 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.

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

**JEFF FOSTER. LET'S EXPLORE. IS IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT PRESENT EXPERIENCE,** no matter what is happening, no matter what the circumstances? A 25 minute video then casual discussion 7 p.m. Wednesday Cedar City Library in the Park, (Rare Books Room.) The Literary Club. For more information, 559-7777.

**SOUTHERN UTAH ROCK CLUB**, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center. New members welcome, door prizes, rock drawings and show and tells. For more information, visit www.southernutahrockclub.net

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# Local youth volunteers proudly receive top honor

by Tom HARALDSEN  
tom@ironcountytoday.com

**CEDAR CITY** — The Youth Volunteer Corps of Cedar City continues to be honored for its exceptional service in the community. The program was named a Gold Level YVC Affiliate, one of less than 15 YVC programs in the U.S. and Canada to be awarded the honor.

The youth service program, hosted by Five County Associations of Governments, offers volunteer opportunities to dozens of youth who serve more than 3,000 volunteer hours each year.

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

The headquarters office works with YVC affiliates to ensure that they are serving both the youth and their communities in the best way possible. The Gold Level rating goes only to the very top YVC programs that stand out as examples for how these programs can serve their communities, according to a YVC release.

“We’re so proud of this honor for the YVC program and the youth volunteers involved,” said Cindy Rose, program director for YVC of Cedar City. “We look forward to seeing all the great things that Cedar City youth will accomplish in the coming year.”

Last year, 54 youth served a total of 3,425 volunteer hours with YVC of Cedar City. They helped out in area retirement homes, soup kitchens, animal shelters, parks and more. Read more about the program at [www.yvcsouthwestutah.weebly.com](http://www.yvcsouthwestutah.weebly.com).

*“YVC of Cedar City is paving the way for YVC programs all over the U.S. and Canada”*

— David Battey,  
YVC founder

# Just Jump



## The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

A survey conducted by Forbes reported that only 8 percent of New Year’s risk takers stay true to their resolutions. Franklin Covey reported that at least 35 percent of all New Year’s resolutions are broken by the end of January. I suspect the number is a bit higher since one doesn’t usually broadcast their broken bonds. Which statistic are you? How are you doing with your 2017 resolutions? Are you finding that they are easier made than mangled? Are you ready to give up and wonder why you made resolutions anyway?

Yes, you’ve courageously made your pledges and now stand on the ledges of new life; ready to jump across the canyons of confusion and into your future. However, for some reason you can’t quite jump. “What if you fall and fail again,” your mind reminds you mockingly. Intimidated by your past, your prior defeats seem to assure you of future failures if you jump. Now you’ve got cold feet and want to stay firmly planted on this side of your perilous predicaments. Maybe your doubts are right? Maybe you are too weak to stay committed and that jump is too far? Even if there is

*There are worse things than falling and failing*

a better life waiting for you on the other side, you’ll never make it! Sound familiar?

There are worse things than falling and failing. When you fall, you can get back up and try again. When you fail, you hopefully learn from your mistakes and jump smarter and farther next time. However, always living your life on the ledge—leaning, but never leaping—can cause more missed memories and regrets than anything else. Too many people live their lives on the edges of hope and happiness, but are never willing to jump. They may occasionally peer over the edge, but feel it’s safer to stay stuck on the ledge than it is to press their luck and jump. Don’t be one of those peering people. While it may seem easier to make pledges from the ledges of your life, they will mean nothing if you don’t make the jump and follow through into your future. Stop wasting time and energy worrying about the fall and start focusing more on your life’s call.

My counsel to any of you who now stand on the ledges of life—overlooking the canyons of confusion and wondering if you’ll ever make it across—is to stop. Stop standing, staring and stalling. Stop worrying about the height and start listening to your heart. Stop looking down and stop looking backwards. Fear has postponed your future long enough. Don’t let apathy amputate your ambition anymore. I know the other side seems too far, but it’s not the distance, it’s your resistance to believe in yourself. It’s time to turn your ledges into legends not lamentations. I know this will sound cliché, but don’t look down. Keep your head up, look forward and just jump.

*If you need some wind beneath your wings, email me: [coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com](mailto:coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com)*

# People

## Birth

### Carson Scott Mildner

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



## Birthday-Anniversary



### Kelly & Lynda Knell

There’s two reasons to celebrate this weekend for Kelly and Lynda Knell. Kelly is turning 70 and Kelly and Lynda will enjoy their 40th anniversary. A joint celebration will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 from 4-6 pm at the LDS Church at 1650 W Center Street, Cedar City. No gifts, please.

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

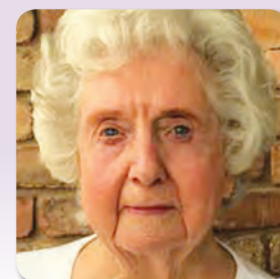
### Glenna Dodge

Glenna Topham Dodge will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 28. Anyone wishing to visit with her is welcome to attend an informal celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. at the LDS church building at 400 N 500 W in Cedar City. Glenna was born on Jan. 30, 1927 in Paragonah, Utah, to George A. and Della Topham. She attended high school in Parowan, Utah. She worked for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for 28 years. She enjoys



gardening, reading, puzzles and hand work. Glenna and her late husband Lyman have three children; NaDene, Russell and Kevin.

## 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday



### RaVenna Leigh Baker

Congratulations to RaVenna Leigh Baker, who will be celebrating her 96th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 28. Warmest wishes for an enjoyable day from your family and your many friends and neighbors.

## Mission

### Elder McKay Leavitt

Elder McKay Leavitt, son of Bob and Marie Leavitt, returned home to Cedar City after serving two years in the Arequipa, Peru Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He reported in the Cedar 13th Ward on Jan. 22. He will be reporting in the LaVerkin 3rd Ward on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m.



# Schools

**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY IS THE ONLY PUBLIC UNIVERSITY** in the state to be designated a College of Distinction.



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## NEWS Nuggets

by Amy JOHNSON  
Iron County School District

### East Elementary

On Jan. 14, Southern Utah University hosted the First Lego League competition titled Animal Allies. This competition is designed for elementary students to learn about and create projects to help animals in their area coupled with the focus of programming Lego robots. East Elementary sent two teams to the competition. Our Lego Legends took first place out of 30 teams in the project category! Our Lego Legends and our Microbots did well enough to move on to the state level competition to be held in February! We're proud of our students and coaches!



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### North Elementary

We'd like to make parents aware of our efforts to constantly improve instruction and learning here at North. We have decided to focus on the following instructional priorities: 1) Implement STEAM curriculum integration across the subject areas. 2) Gather and give quality FEEDBACK about the skill being taught. This strategy is meant to foster meaningful and specific communication from teacher to student, from student to teacher, and from student to student. This strategy works to ensure that all students are aware of how to improve and reach their learning goals. 3) Teach students to use METACOGNITION as they encounter new information. We teach them to "think about what they're thinking" and to put it into an understandable and sustainable format as they learn. Students use thinking maps and data binders to categorize and reflect on information and skills they are being taught.

### Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary fourth grade students will be presenting a program about "Utah" on Jan. 26 at 1p.m. in the gym. Parents are invited. We will hold SEP conferences Jan. 30-Feb. 3. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. every day, including Wednesday. Teachers will send home appointment times for each student. Please make every effort to attend these meetings so that parents and teachers can discuss and share valuable information about each student.

Students do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives. Attending SEP conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed. The PTA will host the Buy One, Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair in the library during SEP week. Hours will be 11:30 a.m.-1p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. All are welcome to attend.

### Canyon View Middle

We are extremely excited and pleased to announce that our team of Science teachers were chosen as Outstanding Junior High Department of the year by USTA (Utah Science Teachers Association). They include Jenny Roundy, Heather Lambert, Jami Riley and Cassy Sandoval. Thursday, January 19th the 7th grade Cougar Pride activity will be held at the Aquatic Center. Students with no "U's" and a GPA of 3.2 and higher are invited to attend. The cost will be \$1.00, and students will be traveling home on the late buses.

Looking toward February, the library will be holding another reading contest-"Go on a blind date with a book." Students will be asked to pick a book based on the first sentence of the book! There will be more information to come in the next few weeks.

# SUU earns College of Distinction title

by SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATION  
For Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** — Innovative application of high impact educational practices at Southern Utah University earned the school recognition among the nation's Colleges of Distinction. SUU is the only public university in Utah named with this prestigious designation.

With world-class experiential learning, unique undergraduate research opportunities and a personalized learning environment, SUU students earn college credit along with valuable life experience and transferable skills. True to the University's core vision, SUU faculty, staff and administrators enable students to honor thought in all its finest forms, achieve excellence in their chosen field, and create positive change in the world.

"We're so happy to award Southern Utah University for developing skills relevant to graduates' lives," said Tyson Schritter, executive editor for Colleges of Distinction. "High student engagement in college is one of the keys to a successful undergraduate education. With an increasing emphasis on hands-on learning techniques, Colleges of Distinction applauds SUU for practicing methodologies that prepare students for their futures."

"I am pleased to learn that Southern Utah University has been recognized as a College of Distinction," said SUU Provost Dr. Brad Cook. "This distinction for SUU continues to add validation for our efforts to offer the best public educational experience possible."

Schools must demonstrate results across the Four Distinctions—Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and

Successful Outcomes. High school counselors and educators make nominations, and each school is evaluated on key indicators including student engagement, student empowerment, and curricular innovation. Colleges that have distinguished themselves in each of the Four Distinctions and that have demonstrated dedication to enriching student outcomes through innovative learning opportunities are then invited to join Colleges of Distinction.

The annual process to select the nation's Colleges of Distinction also includes a review of each institution's freshman experience, as well as its general education program, strategic plan, and alumni success and satisfaction measures.

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— Tyson Schritter, Colleges of Distinction

"Colleges of Distinction is more than an annual ranking of colleges and universities. We only include colleges that offer every student a holistic and valuable experience," said Schritter. "The Colleges of Distinction have earned solid reputations for serving their students and nurturing success. Like Southern Utah University, our member schools provide the affirming undergraduate experience every student deserves."

"At SUU, we always strive to provide the very best high impact practices for our students and their futures through an engaged, career-oriented learning experience," said Cook. "SUU will continue to distinguish itself as a premier higher education institution in the Intermountain West throughout the coming years."

To view SUU's profile or to find more information about the innovative learning experiences it offers, visit <http://collegesofdistinction.com/school/southern-utah-university/>

# Obituaries

## Donna Marie Staples Benson



"Donna was born & lived a wonderful life: The End." That was the obituary Donna requested but we want to share her precious story.

Donna Marie Staples Benson was born August 4, 1936 in Kanosh, Utah to Melba Lucile Whitaker and Owen Crane Staples. Donna was the 9th of 11 children. She grew up happy and often spoke of childhood memories that she shared with her precious family. Many of their family activities centered around work and Donna learned an invaluable strong work ethic which she maintained throughout her life.

She often told stories about such things as working with a derrick on the farm or driving turkeys in the morning before school. She also had great memories of special occasions when family and extended family gathered and celebrated together. She was especially close with her Grandpa William Staples.

She graduated proudly from Millard High School then bravely struck out on her own, moving to San Francisco with friends for a year. She then attended BAC, presently known as SUU, in Cedar City, Utah. It was here that she met her sweetheart, Ken Benson. They were notorious ballroom dancers and shared a whirlwind romance. They were sealed in the Manti, Utah Temple on June 7, 1957.

They lived in Logan, Utah, while Ken finished his degree, and then lived in Roosevelt, Utah, where three children were born to them. The couple then returned to Cedar City, Utah, where they created a beautiful life together. Two additional children joined the family here. Donna and Ken were a loving couple who faced numerous trials together, but they were bonded as a team and never gave up on each other.

Donna chose to be a stay at home mom and raised five strong children. She then returned to SUU and graduated in Education at the top of her class in 1976. She taught 2nd Grade at the North Elementary in Iron County for the next 23 years. Mom was an eternal teacher and students loved her, because she loved them. She never stopped being a teacher after she retired; it was part of the makeup of her life. It was in this setting that mom made great friendships, which she maintained until the end of her life.

Donna was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in November of 1988 and valiantly battled this disease for the rest of her life. She faced medical problems with courage, strength and dignity and never gave up. She fought the disease and won numerous times. She remained strong and showed others how to deal with trials by the graceful way she dealt with them.

Donna enjoyed traveling and took her family on many vacations to share experiences and time with them. Those memories last forever and many strong bonds were forged during these special times.

She named her house The Gathering Place and family and friends were welcomed to her home with open arms. She loved raising flowers and created a beautiful backyard oasis filled with flowers of every color.

Donna loved music; singing it more than listening to it. She always had a song in her heart and more often than not was quietly singing under her breath. These songs often included hymns and some of her favorites included, "A Poor Wayfaring Man," "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," "How Great Thou Art," "God Be with You till We Meet Again," as well as many others. She had a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and The Savior was the center of her life and belief system. She had remarkable faith and lived her testimony.

Donna was a legendary cook who not only fed the family but fed their souls while feeding their bellies. She often imparted profound wisdom and advice in casual settings. She equated preparing food, or buying a gift as a demonstration of love, and she freely showered others with gifts.

She loved John Wayne, Diet Coke, Christmas, football, and family above all else. She dedicated her life to her children, later grandchildren, and now great grandchildren. She taught them to have courage, faith, unity, loyalty and strength above all else. She taught them by example. She leaves a legacy of love that she expects us to follow.

Ken was there to take her home and a joyous reunion was experienced on January 12, 2017, when she passed away in Cedar City, Utah.

Donna leaves behind many who mourn her loss, including surviving siblings, Rhea, Dave, Janet, Clarissa and Kathy, extended family, nieces and nephews, special friends, teaching colleagues, and her family including Shelly(Ed) Goodwin, Sherrin (Richard) McHenry, Kendall (Kay) Benson, David-Dude (Janalee) Benson, Mindy Benson, as well as Grandkids she adored: Chandi(Bryan) Mandy(Tim) Bryce, Bret, Kacie(Reyes), Jake, Jarica, Colton(Sara) Emmy, Dallin and Great Grandkids: Andlie, Haze, Nora, Crosby, Daisey, Liam, Gentry, Braylee, Cambrie, William.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Cedar 2nd Ward (256 South 900 West). A viewing was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West). On Thursday, January 19, 2017 the viewing was held at the Church from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

Donations can be made to the Donna & Ken Benson Scholarship at Southern Utah University.

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## Jared Tanner Wilson



There's one more angel in heaven. Jared Tanner Wilson was born on April 20, 1995 in Provo, Utah and passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on January 14, 2017. Jared is the son of Jerrie and Leilani Knell Wilson, and brother to Emilie (Todd) Nuttall and Mollie Wilson.

Jared had both special needs and a special ability to touch the lives of all who were blessed to know him. Strength, long suffering, dignity and a tangible spirit were among his gifts that changed people for good and left the world a better place. His absence leaves a hole in the hearts of all who know and love him, but we are

comforted in the knowledge that he is free at last and surrounded by loved ones on the other side.

Jared was laid to rest in the Cedar City Cemetery on Wednesday, January 18, 2016 at 11 a.m. Friends and family attended a celebration of his life on Thursday evening, January 19, at Nelson Family Mortuary, 4780 N. University Ave., Provo. Please make donations to the Dan Peterson School, 169 North 1100 East in American Fork, or Topham's Tiny Tots Care Center, 247 N 100 E in Orem. To send condolences, visit www.NelsonMortuary.com

## Janna Joline Hunter Davidson



Our bright and beautiful wife, mother, daughter, sister, and beloved friend passed away January 19, 2017, at age 38, with her loving husband, James, by her side.

Janna Joline was born in Cedar City, Utah, November 1, 1978 to Kim and Terri (Holt) Hunter. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she developed a simple faith and love for her Savior early on. She grew up in Cedar City, attending South Elementary, Cedar Middle, and Cedar High. In high school, she enjoyed debate, fishing, and being with friends.

She met her future husband, James Davidson, when they became lab partners in Biology class. It would take them seven years before they finally tied the knot. Soon after, they began their family and were blessed with three sons (Logan, Charlie, Kamden) and one daughter (Elayna) whom were the joy of Janna's life.

Janna attended cosmetology school after high school, loving to constantly change her great hair. She enjoyed her work life because she loved people so much. Working as office manager at the Cedar City Women's Institute of Women's Health turned out to be one of the greatest blessings of Janna's life and her co-workers were like family.

As a beautiful artist in her school years and the crafting queen throughout her life, Janna always had a fantastic eye for making things look good. She loved animals, crafting, Coke, new jackets, extra soft blankets, watching her shows, playing any kind of games, and buying fabric and scrapbook paper she didn't necessarily intend to use.

Janna was diagnosed with a rare kind of cancer in October of 2015. She fought a tough 15-month battle with "Good Vibes," humor, patience, and positivity that inspired everyone she met. When it was time for Janna to go back to her Heavenly Father she went with faith and grace. A big light went out in our lives the moment Janna left. Her smile and contagious love for people will be missed more than words can say, but we look forward to the day when we will reunite with her in Heaven.

Special thanks go out to the amazing staff at the Sandra L. Maxwell Cancer Center for taking such tender care of our sweet Janna.

She is survived by her husband James Davidson, her sons Logan (14), Charlie (11), Kamden (6) and her favorite daughter, Elayna (4). She also leaves behind her father, Kim, and her mother, Terri, her siblings, Shad, Kaycee (John) Turek, Justin, and Alyssa, her grandmother Betty (Benward) Hunter, grandmother-in-law Donna Hahn, father-in-law Ben Davidson, mother-in-law Cindy Davidson, brother-in-laws Mathew Davidson and Phil Mechem, sister-in-law Jennifer (Davidson) Mechem, plus five nephews and one niece who loved her to the moon and back. Janna also has an extended family and many close friends who love her fiercely.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother Joline Holt, grandfathers Neldon Holt and Haze Hunter, grandfather-in-law John Hahn, and her friend and cousin, Bryce Moss.

Celebration services will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the University Married LDS Stake Center located at 500 S 1100 W, Cedar City, UT. Viewing will take place Friday evening, January 27 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, UT) from 6-8 p.m. Viewing will be held Saturday morning, January 28 at the Stake Center from 9:30-10:30 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.

Janna loved all things pink and Disney. To honor her, it is requested that all who attend the services wear pink and/or Disney. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at Chartway Federal Credit Union (formerly Southwest Federal Credit Union) under the account "Do It For Davidson."

## Clark Hirschi



Clark Hirschi passed away January 16, 2017. Clark was born in Rockville, Utah, on March 25, 1938 to LaNetta and Glenwood Hirschi. He married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Leigh, on November 16, 1956, in the Rock Church in Cedar City.

Clark worked for Boyles Bros. Drilling Company his entire career, starting as a driller and retiring as the Vice President. During this time, they had three children, lived in many towns throughout the west and were able to travel the world. After retirement, Clark and Shirley, with their beloved pets, traveled the United States in their motorhome and enjoyed time spent in Duck Creek, Utah; Sun City, Ariz. and Beaver Dam, Ariz.

Clark is survived by his wife Shirley, sons Kleigh C Hirschi (Sheryll) of Parowan, and Koal C Hirschi (Monica) of Glendale, Ariz., daughter Glenna Hirschi Bethay (Arlen) of Gilbert, Ariz., 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Clark was preceded in death by his father Glenwood, mother LaNetta, brother Gerald Macray Hirschi and sister Glenna Hirschi Elledge.

Funeral services were held at the Rock Church, 75 East Center St, Cedar City, on Saturday, January 21, 2017 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Viewing was held at Southern Utah Mortuary in Cedar City on Saturday morning, January 21, 2017. Interment was at the Cedar City Cemetery for immediate family only following the service. Arrangements are being handled by Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

## Sarah Davenport Robinson

My obituary by Sarah Davenport Robinson

I think I shall be contrary and write my own obituary. Born in 1919 to parents that were never mean, Edith Amanda Wade, my mother, and William T. Davenport, my father. Paragonah was my hometown, and it is still the best town around. Seven girls my parents were raising, but only one brother who was amazing. Graduated from Parowan High, BAC, and BYU and taught school for years, quite a few.

The love of my life was my husband, Vic, married 10th of February 1943. In the thick of fighting of WWII, in the Battle of the Bulge, he got in a tight squeeze, but thank the good Lord he survived, came home, and lived a very good life. Blessed with 2 daughters and 4 fine sons, lost one as a baby and Vietnam took one, but the 4 that are left are a treasure, and give their Mom so much pleasure.

My teaching years at Riverdale I enjoyed, lovely girls and smart boys. We traveled much in retirement days, 9 cruises; crafts, porcelain dolls with lace. I've lead music and played piano in every organization, and at the Gardens Center, over 20 years of participation. Many friends have blessed my life, and a fun family with no strife.

Survivors: Vicki (Mike) Hill, Kerry (Trish) Robinson, Kim (Darlene) Robinson, and Toni (Jepp) Webster; 17 grandchildren; 20 greats and two sisters fill the bill, Rachel (Cal) Smith and Margaret Hansen and in-laws, Donna Davenport and Boyd Robinson.

Deceased: Husband, Victor Robinson; sons, Farrel and Val; brother Jay Davenport, and sisters, Mable (Byron) Montague, Dott (Kay) Smith, Wilma (Clark) Lamoreaux, and Hazel Jean Robinson.

Viewings will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at Myers Ogden Mortuary, 845 Washington Blvd. from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Rock Cliff Stake Center, 1000 Suncrest Drive (off 7th Street across for Ben Lomond High School) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service that will start at 11 a.m.

Funeral services will also be held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. at the LDS Paragonah Ward, 79 No. Main Street in Paragonah, Utah with a viewing prior from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Interment, Paragonah Cemetery.

Special thanks to the Gardens for their loving care. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.myers-mortuary.com



## BIRDS DOWN CARDINAL



**THE SUU WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM** opened Stanford to open the 2017 season in the Centrum.

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

## SUU gymnastics opens season with convincing win over Stanford

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**  
*Iron County Today*

Southern Utah gymnastics head coach Scott Bauman has been a bit reserved when evaluating his team on the opening night of most seasons. The 2017 opener against Stanford before a packed house at the Centrum gave plenty of reasons for effusive praise.

With three of the four rotations scored above 49, the Thunderbirds cruised to a 196.150-194.150 victory over the visiting Cardinal before an announced crowd of 4,102 appreciative fans. It was the first time in Bauman's tenure the team has opened with a plus-196 effort.

"We've been telling everyone all year long we have a great team," Bauman said. "I typically don't do that. Anything can happen on any given night, but this team is very good, an amazing group of young ladies."

The balance of skill between freshmen like Autumn Jorgensen and seniors like Dani Ramirez was on full display. For her first collegiate meet, Jorgensen finished in a four-way tie for first on the balance beam with a 9.875 and shared third place on floor exercise with Ramirez with a 9.825.

After a two-week break to get ready, Jorgensen said the team

helped her relax to hit her routines.

"Just having the team there with me, calming me down, knowing I've worked it hundreds of times," Jorgensen said. "I was anxious, wanting to start, but the break was nice. It helped us come stronger."

After opening with a 49.075 on the vault, led by 9.850 from senior Stacie Webb and freshman Madison McBride, the T-Birds had their

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— **Scott Bauman, SUU Gymnastics head coach**

low score of the night at 48.850 on the uneven bars. With Jorgensen, Ramirez, Webb and Tyly Bozzuto all producing the team's best marks of the night, a 49.200 for the third rotation gave the T-Birds a commanding lead.

"Our beam team is so very good.

They can beat you up," Bauman said.

"We worked really hard for those scores and I think we really deserved them," Jorgensen added.

Ramirez was SUU's only all-around competitor, and she finished with a 39.200, beating out Stanford's Nicolette McNair's 39.000. The senior said the team's ability to rebound from a rough effort on the uneven bars made a difference in the overall effort.

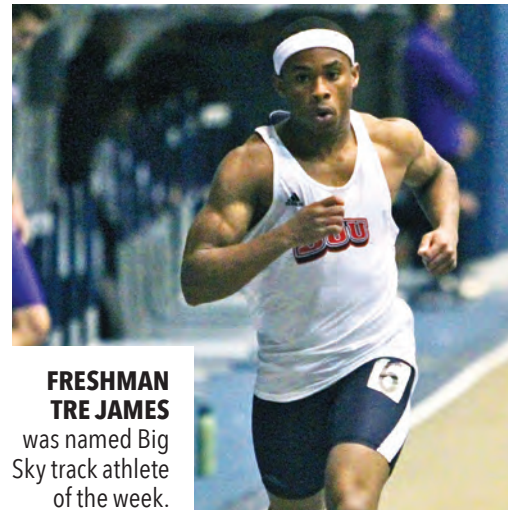
"We collected ourselves and realized we do this every day in the gym. It's nothing different," Ramirez said. "We took a deep breath and moved on."

"The (two-week) wait was worth it because we had the extra weeks to adjust. Intrasquad from last week was kind of like a meet. From there, we had little mistakes and we got to fix them. We had 196s last year, but it was amazing to start out with one."

SUU completed the night with a 49.025 on the floor exercise, led by a 9.875 from Webb. Bauman said the team's performance is the beginning of better things ahead.

"Our expectations are already pretty high, but I feel like this is the best team I've ever coached in every aspect of the word," he said. "As long as they stay healthy, I think they'll be very solid."

## James earns Big Sky honors



**FRESHMAN TRE JAMES** was named Big Sky track athlete of the week.

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

Southern Utah freshman Tre James has been named men's Track and Field Athlete of the Week by the Big Sky Conference following a record breaking performance in his first collegiate meet. The award was announced on Jan. 18

James ran in the Friday Night Duels last week where he posted 6.70 (6.74 after altitude adjustment) in the 60-meter dash. This was not only a new school record for SUU, but it also moved him into a tie for the second fastest time in Big Sky history.

The current Big Sky record holder is Cal State Northridge's Marcus Bivines, who ran a 6.68 in 1999.

"I was kind of shocked about it because I'm just a freshman and I wasn't expecting that," James said about his performance. "It's been cold here so we really haven't been able to do speed training, but to come up with that time is amazing."

James also placed second in the 200-meter with a time of 21.65.

## SUU Men's hoops fall again



SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

**EASTERN WASHINGTON DOWNED SUU 83-68** to drop the T-Birds to 2-5 in the Big Sky and 4-16 overall. SUU hosts North Dakota on Thursday night.

# Lady Reds drop pair of region road games

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

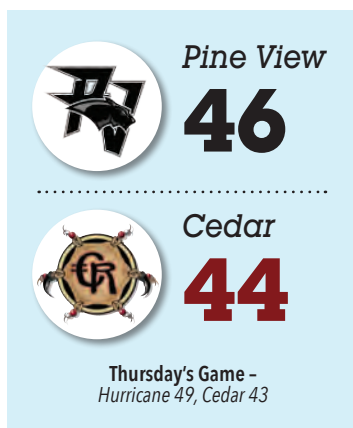
The Cedar Lady Reds fell out of first place in the Region 9 standings after a pair of close games on the road last week.

On Jan. 17, Cedar fell behind by 12 after three quarters, but a final-period rally fell short in a 46-44 defeat at Pine View. Junior Carley Davis scored 17 points and pulled down nine rebounds, and Lindsey Robinson added 13 points.

Cedar doubled its point total to close the gap, outscoring Pine View 22-12 over the final eight minutes. Saraven Allen led the Panthers (3-1 Region 9) with 15 points and Claire Newby chipped in with 11.

On Jan. 19, Cedar dropped a 49-43 decision at Hurricane to fall to 2-2 in Region 9 and 11-4 overall. Davis led the way again with 11 points and nine boards.

Cedar began its week with a game Tuesday night at home against Dixie, which was too late for press deadline. They will start the second round of region play with a key road game at Desert Hills on Thursday.



# Panthers run past Redmen

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

It was a game that featured two of the top scorers in the 3A ranks – Cedar's Keenan Nielson and Pine View big man Trey Farrer. Both players had their shining moments, but the Panthers' supporting players helped them break the game open and roll to a road win.

Farrer finished with 16 points and four different Panthers added 3-pointers as Pine View rolled to a 57-45 victory over Cedar on Jan. 18 to stay unbeaten in Region 9 play at 3-0. The Redmen struggled with just two points in the second quarter and fell to 1-2.

Those points came after a timeout when Braden Garrett got inside for a layup that cut Pine View's lead to 18-15 with less than three minutes left in the first half, but the Panthers closed with a 9-0 run capped by a Farrer putback at the horn that pushed the lead to 12.

"During that stretch, we got a little passive and the ball never really got below the 3-point line," Cedar head coach Russ Beck said. "We didn't attack the rim and adjusted shots at the front of the rim. The referees

aren't going to bail us out when we do that. We found out they don't like pressure, don't like trapping. We'll tweak some things and look to take the fight back to them when we get the

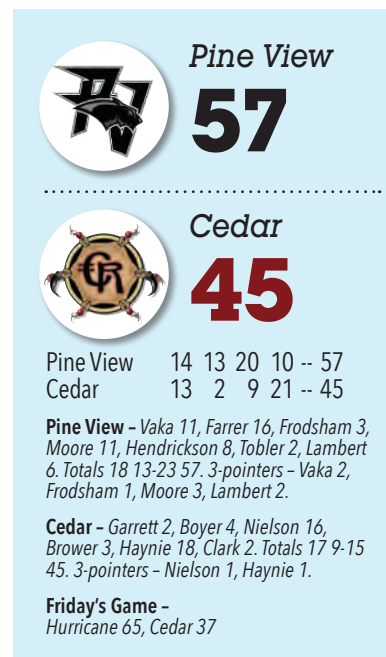
the game into a rout at 40-15. Nielson, who scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half, broke the dry spell with a pair of free throws with 2 minutes, 35 seconds left in the period.

"The first quarter was good, but we were stagnant in the second," Nielson said. "We let them hit a lot of big shots and we weren't able to get to the hole. When they sat in the zone, we didn't attack."

The Redmen were able to cut the deficit to the final margin behind Parker Haynie, who scored 11 of his game-high 18 points in the fourth quarter. The Panthers made just 3 of 12 shots from the free-throw line in the period, helping the Cedar rally.

Two days later, the Redmen fell to 1-3 in Region 9 as Hurricane rolled to a 65-37 victory. Josh Parker led the Tigers with 25 points, including six 3-pointers, and Jackson Last added 17 as they picked up their first Region 9 win and pulled even with Cedar for fourth place.

Nielson led the Redmen with 12 points and Haynie added 10 in the loss. They will close the first half of Region 9 play with a road game at undefeated Dixie tonight at 7 p.m.



opportunity"

The drought continued well into the third quarter as Farrer scored five more points in a 13-0 run that effectively turned

# Valley rallies, edges Parowan

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

Valley senior guard Cobe Reck was on a mission to rally his team in a key Region 20 showdown against Parowan on Jan. 17. Once Reck caught fire, the Rams dreams of moving up the standings were wrecked.

Reck scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half, including two free throws with 24.4 seconds left, and the Buffaloes wiped out a 12-point deficit to beat the Rams 36-34 at the Parowan gym.

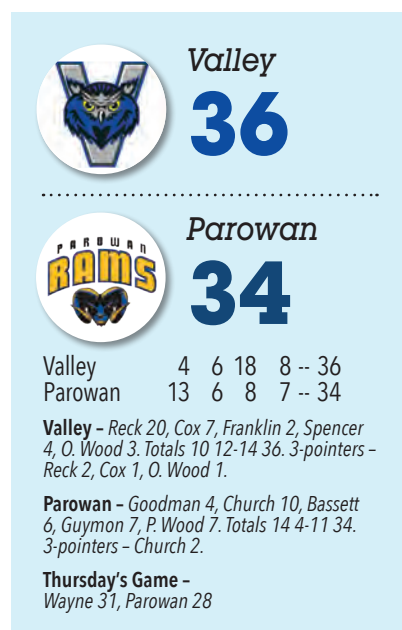
Parowan led 19-7 late in the second quarter after a basket from Nathan Goodman, but a Kade Cox 3-pointer pulled Valley within nine at the half. Rams head coach Lance Stubbs said while his team stayed tough, the Valley rally proved to be too much.

"They knocked some shots down. Credit to them, they're a good team," Stubbs said. "We did some really good things and come a long way from the first time we played them."

After an exchange of free throws to start the third quarter, Reck went to work. The senior sliced his way through the Parowan defense for back-to-back and-1s to start the

comeback, and his 3-pointer late in the period gave the Buffaloes (7-2 Region 20) the lead for good at 28-25.

When the quarter ended, Reck



finished with 14 of Valley's 18 points.

The score would be tied five times in the second half, the last coming when Ethan Guymon hit one of two at the free-throw line to

pull Parowan even at 34-34 with 1:54 remaining. Trey Stubbs would miss the front end of a one-and-one at the 1:21 mark, but Reck would hit both of his to put Valley back in front.

The Rams would have multiple chances in the closing seconds, but came up empty. After Guymon missed two at the line with 7.9 seconds remaining, Parowan secured the rebound after a scramble and called a timeout to set up one more chance with 5.1 seconds to play.

Goodman would miss a jumper in the lane. Once the Buffaloes got the ball, they were able to dribble out the remaining time and celebrate a hard-fought victory.

For the game, Parowan made just 4 of 11 free throws, while Valley was 12-of-14. Jarrin Church led the Rams with 10 points, including two 3-pointers, in the loss.

In another low-scoring game two nights later, Parowan fell to 5-5 in Region 20 after a 31-28 loss at Wayne. The Rams led by four at the half, but were held scoreless in the third quarter as the Badgers rallied for the win.

Church matched his output from the Valley game with 10 points, including three 3-pointers, in the loss.



PAROWAN SOPHOMORE TREY JENSE and his teammates lost a pair of close games last week in Region 20 play.

# Vandals use 3-point blizzard to take down T-Bird women

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

The storyline of most of the home games for the Southern Utah women's basketball team has been all too familiar. On Jan. 19, the Thunderbirds fell into the same script, letting a big lead get away buried in an avalanche of 3-pointers by the opposition.



Taylor Pierce scored 25 points to lead four players in double figures, and Idaho set a new school record with 18 3-pointers in an 85-68 win over Southern Utah, the T-Birds' sixth straight loss. Seven different Vandals players hit at least one shot from behind the arc as they evened their Big Sky record at 3-3 (8-9 overall).

"How do we fix this scratched-up, broken record?" SUU head coach Chris Boettcher said. "It's really hard with a team that has in the back of their mind what's happened over the last few games."

The T-Birds held its largest lead of the game at 31-18 late in the second quarter before Pierce led the Vandals' charge with eight straight points – including two of her six makes from distance – in a 13-3 run that cut the margin to three at the half, 34-31.

Idaho would complete the comeback when Brooke Reilly drained one of her three 3-pointers to put the visitors up 51-49 with 2 minutes, 34 seconds left in the third quarter. When the period ended, Mikayla Ferenz added a trey of her own that put the Vandals up 58-53.

Jamie Smith, who led the T-Birds with 20 points, made one of her six 3-pointers that tied the game for the final time at 58-58 early in the fourth quarter. Idaho

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<b>Saturday's Game</b> – Eastern Washington 67, Southern Utah 66	



**WHITNEY JOHNSON SCORED 19 POINTS**, but it wasn't enough to keep SUU from losing a 67-66 heartbreaker to Eastern Washington on Saturday night.

would put the win away with a 10-0 run over a stretch of three and a half minutes that pushed the margin to 74-62 with 3:19 left.

"We gave in to frustrations of past experience and it bit us again," Boettcher said.

While Smith added the game plan needed to slow down two of the Big Sky's top 10 scorers in Ferenz and Geraldine McCorkell, there was no answer for the seven different Vandals who had at least one 3-pointer.

"They caught fire and it's hard to stop a team when everyone's hitting shots," Smith said.

Idaho shot 67 percent from the floor and hit 11 3-pointers in the second half.

The Vandals didn't attempt a free throw until late in the third quarter and finished 7-of-9 for the game. Darri Frandsen added a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds for the T-Birds and Bree Reid added 14.

In the second home game of the week, SUU's rally from a 15-point third-quarter deficit fell just short as they dropped a 67-66 decision to Eastern Washington on Saturday to fall to 0-7 in the Big Sky. Jessica Richardson led the way with 21 points and Whitney Johnson added 19.

The T-Birds trailed 56-41 late in the third quarter, but seven missed free throws over the final period proved costly. Smith drained her only 3-pointer of the night to pull the team within a point, but her baseline jumper at the buzzer fell off the side of the rim.

Ashli Payne led four players for the Eagles (5-2 Big Sky, 10-8) in double figures with 19 points.

## Another year, another losing season



### RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Sports Writer*

The signs and Twitter hashtags have been evident all over the Southern Utah campus. Men's basketball started a #newera with a new head coach in Todd Simon.

Even with the praise and optimism that included a pair of impressive wins to start Big Sky Conference play, the pattern of improvement has yet to materialize with this team.

A rotten first half of shooting led to an 83-68 loss at Eastern Washington on Saturday, the Thunderbirds' fifth straight. It knocked them down to 2-5 in the conference and 4-16 overall. With 11 games still to play, we can safely say SUU is about to seal its 10th straight losing season.

That's right. A full decade of futility is almost complete. Of course, there is a tiny ray of hope that comes courtesy of everyone making the Big Sky tournament in Reno in March, but it will require the T-Birds to win out and win at least twice in the postseason.

That would mean 13 wins in a row. The longest winning streak this team has had since the 2006-07 season has been five games.

So what's wrong this year? Where do you start? A previous column mentioned that the T-Birds have four freshmen who see significant time on the floor, but here are some facts that show how there hasn't been a lot of tangible change yet.

Scoring isn't an issue for the SUU offense. Randy Onwuasor leads the Big Sky at 23.3 points per game and ranks fourth in all of Division I. While they score 77.4 points per game, the T-Birds rank dead last in the conference in defense, giving up 84 ppg. Next up the ladder is Idaho State, and they give up 78.4.

And when opponents shoot the ball well, it makes a difference. SUU allows them to shoot .471 from the floor after 20 games. The T-Birds respond at a .397 clip.

It was one thing when SUU lost 20 straight Big Sky road games over two seasons – a streak that ended in 2014 – but it's totally different when you can't win in your own building.

The T-Birds have lost 10 straight in Big Sky play at the Centrum. The last time they won a game that matters at home was Dec. 31, 2015 over Montana State.

North Dakota and Northern Colorado come to town this week. The Fighting Hawks shot 53 percent from the floor when the teams met in Grand Forks and blew the T-Birds out by 30. SUU got a buzzer-beater from Onwuasor to win in Greeley.

But with five straight losses already in tow, Southern Utah is a struggling team still in search of its true identity. The losing culture of the past won't go away overnight, but nothing will truly change until the winning feeling happens on a consistent basis.

That means no more "moral victories," no more "winning halves" that chop huge deficits to "respectable" status. We know the fans are hungry for a winner, but they won't care without real results.

Cedar City is fortunate to have Division I athletics it can enjoy. It's not enjoyable when mastering the art of winning is a constant struggle.

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

# Blackner returns, Falcons roll over Richfield

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
*Iron County Today*

Canyon View's Brantzen Blackner had to sit out the Falcons' game at Carbon on Jan. 13 after suffering a knee injury. His return was welcomed with open arms, and the junior didn't miss a beat.

Blackner poured in 25 points – one off his season high – as Canyon View broke the game open with a big third quarter and cruised to a 61-43 road win at Richfield on Friday night. The Falcons moved into a first-place tie with North Sanpete at 2-1 in Region 12.

CV outscored the host Wildcats 20-8 in the third quarter to break the game open after leading 25-20 at the half. Porter Miller helped out with 11 points and one of the Falcons' eight 3-pointers in the victory.

Blackner said in a Twitter message that even with his injury – a patella tendon tear – he will be able to delay surgery until after the season.

The Falcons return home and will host North Sanpete tonight in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

CV girls fall to Wildcats  
Canyon View got 11 points from Malia Vasi and 10 from Jordan Nielson, but couldn't overcome a huge first half by Richfield as the Wildcats cruised to a 60-47 victory on Jan. 19.

Richfield (3-0 Region 12, 14-2 overall) scored 24 points in each of the first two quarters as they built a 48-18 halftime lead and played their reserves through most of the second half. The Falcons suffered their third straight loss (0-3, 4-12).

Emma Jones led the Wildcats with 17 points, including five 3-pointers. Madisyn Daniels added 14, including four from behind the arc.

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