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## Former Cedar City Events Director sentenced

by Holly COOMBS  
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**CEDAR CITY** — Former Cedar City Events Director Byron Linford was sentenced last Wednesday by 5th District Court Judge John Walton for his misuse of public funds while employed by the Cedar City Corporation.

Charges filed against Linford, 50, were misuse of public money and attempted forgery, both class A misdemeanors. His sentence: 364 days in jail to be completed in two separate sentences, according to court documents. Walton subsequently stayed that sentence, and then sentenced Linford to spend 30 days in jail and 18 months on bench probation.

As a part of Linford's guilty plea, he reimbursed the city in full for the funds he misused, according to a Cedar City Corporation press release.

Linford resigned from the position in 2015 after questions arose regarding spending. Questions regarding charges made between January 2014 and 2015 included a \$5,000 charge for airline tickets, hotel rooms and a city-issued credit card were part of the police investigation.

Cedar City Police Department had handed the case over to St. George Police Department in light of a conflict of interest in the investigation.

In a statement from the city, gratitude was expressed to St. George Police Department, the Iron County Attorney's Office and the 5th District Court for efforts in the matter and resolving it to get repayment of the public's money.

"This has been a difficult matter for the individuals involved," the statement said. "Out of respect for those involved and their families Cedar City has no further comment on the matter."



## PRAISING A TRAIL

*County's Old Spanish Trail is identified, celebrated*



EAGLE SCOUTS BARRICK PERKINS, MASON PAXTON AND JAYDEN PAXTON install a sign to identify the Old Spanish Trail.

by Holly COOMBS  
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**PAROWAN** — In celebration of Iron County's legacy as a reservoir of the treasured Old Spanish Trail history, a ceremony marking the installation of the last of 85 new signs along 80 miles of the Old Spanish Trail took place last Wednesday at the Parowan Library.

The route is the longest signed segment of the trail and is an effort by 12 partners that spanned two years.

"Iron County has a special place in the history of the Old Spanish Trail, primarily because segments of the trail can still be identified and located by ground and aerial survey," said Al Matheson, the Utah director of the Old Spanish Trail Association. "There are stories of Spanish garbed specters appearing and giving directions, inscriptions, gold hoards, lost (and) found caches and treasure mines around throughout the area."

Matheson said during the ceremony that there was a solar site found on the trail, which he said is not good. He went to the county commission to make sure the trail was identified so it would not be destroyed.

"It is a very momentous thing because from now on, even though we will continue to work with it," Matheson said. "Nobody has a reason not to know that the Old Spanish Trail exists, where it exists, why it exists, how it exists, how it's going to be maintained and how we are going to do this throughout history."

The Bureau of Land Management and Iron County paid for the signs and posts respectively, with half of the funds coming through a Waypoint Grant from the state of Utah. The sign bases were installed by the Iron County Road Department and the signs were installed in a series of three Eagle Scout projects led by Barrick Perkins, Mason Paxton and Jayden Paxton, of Enoch.

"The partnerships that brought this project together will keep alive the mule pack trains that kept trade flowing through Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona and California," said Keith Rigrup, the BLM's acting Cedar City Field Manager.

Other partners include: Sun Edison, Clenera Solar, Parowan City, Enoch City, the town of Paragonah, Utah Department of Transportation, the National Parks Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Old Spanish Trail Association.

"We are excited to have the Old Spanish Trail identified and marked where the public can learn about an almost forgotten era in Iron County's history," Iron County Natural Resource Management Specialist Mike Worthen said. "Hopefully, citizens of the county and visitors will take advantage of the information and landmarks of the trail and appreciate the great undertaking of moving goods across the west so long ago."

HOLLY COOMBS

# Iron County Sheriff's Office rescues college student from cliff

*Hiker stranded when her knee was injured by a falling rock*

by Holly COOMBS  
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The Iron County Sheriff's Office Ropes Rescue and Search and Rescue came to the aid of a hiker stranded on a cliff above Thunderbird Gardens last Thursday.

At approximately 5:20 p.m., deputies were dispatched to an injured hiker on a cliff above the Thunderbird Gardens, according to a press release. Kennedy Hunt, 19, a college student from Nevada, was identified as the hiker. She became

injured while climbing up the cliffs with another friend when a large rock fell and hit her in the knee.

Hunt was unable to make it down the cliff. Upon arrival, deputies were able to locate Hunt at a significant distance up the cliff face from the base.

"Iron County Sheriff's Office Ropes Rescue and Search and Rescue teams were called out as was Gold Cross EMS services," according to the release. "Rescue units had to trek approximately two miles up extremely rugged terrain to get to Kennedy."

Despite the onset of a snow storm, the combined efforts of members of all the groups contributed to a successful rescue operation.

Hunt was attended to on scene by Gold Cross Ambulance then left the area in a private vehicle.



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# New directors join Women's Crisis Center

**CEDAR CITY** — Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center has gone through a series of changes expanding on a new vision brought to life over the last few months to address the rapid growth of the organization, as well as the need for expanding services in Iron, Beaver, and Garfield Counties.

Among these changes are the announcements of newly hired Shelter Director, Linda Hahne, and Awareness and Prevention Director, Kait Sorensen.

Hahne brings years of experience and dedication to Canyon Creek. Her most recent position was as a Judicial Assistant in the Fifth District Juvenile Court but has years of previous experience running a diaper bank in Nevada and as an Education Coordinator, managing a program that assisted women in receiving their GED. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services with a Minor in Management from the University of Phoenix and is also a paralegal which she has used to do free legal work for victims of domestic violence in rural Nevada.

"I'm thrilled to be the new Shelter Director for Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center," she said in a release. "CCWCC has been a force for good in Cedar City for many years, and the current changes will help expand and enforce our goal of 'Overcoming the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault one life at a time.'"

The Center is prepared to capitalize on her vast experience to assist in bringing new programming and more opportunities for those in shelter and continuing to build on the 20 previous years of excellence and trauma-informed care that is at the heart of the organization's legacy and the forefront of the vision for the future.

Service providers for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault have been trying to catch up with the overwhelming demand of services and help survivors as they walk through the door. New and forward thinking movement in the field has placed a large focus on awareness and prevention, building programs to educate and collaborate with communities to prevent domestic and sexual assault. Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center has established a full time position, dedicated to proactively serving the community to stop violence before it happens and spreading awareness of the issues this community faces in regards to domestic violence and sexual assault. The prevention program involves educational presentations in schools, collaboration with community partners, as well as events and campaigns to provide information.

The expanded prevention and awareness programming will be led by Kait Sorensen. She previously served as the Shelter Case Manager for CCWCC starting in 2015, working directly with survivors in shelter. She graduated from Southern Utah University with her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and her Master's Degree in Public Administration. In regards to



**KAIT SORENSEN**



**LINDA HAHNE**

the new transition, she said, "I'm very excited to be able to help build more of a community awareness and response to domestic violence and sexual assault. I have loved working with those that have come through the shelter and I'm ready to help Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center continue moving forward to help get in front of this issue and be proactive in our approach to end violence in our community."

Dr. Brant Wadsworth is the Executive Director leading the charge to establish Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center as a model for other service providers with the evolution of programming and organizational structure. He said, "We are thrilled to have Linda and Kait in these new positions. Their abilities, attributes, and experience will be an important asset to our work of continually improving and expanding our services and impact as an organization, particularly in the areas of prevention and shelter services."

The center is hosting an open house on March 30 from 1- 8 p.m. at 95 N. Main Street. Open to all who want to celebrate and see the steps CCWCC has taken to expand services for the community and get a first look at what is in store for the future.

For more information, contact Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center at 435-867-9411.

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# Opinion



## Take time to read – my last year’s reading list

**A**uthor George R.R. Martin, whose novels led to the popular “Game of Thrones” TV series, once said, “People who don’t read books live one life, but people who read books live 1,000 lives.”

In the past 12 months, I have “lived” numerous lives. I toured with the Rolling Stones (“The Sun, the Moon, and the Rolling Stones” by Rich Cohen), mingled with English blue-collar thuggery (“Brighton Rock” by Graham Greene), held hands with wireless communication inventor Marconi and celebrated murderer Harley Crippen (“Thunderstruck” by the always readable Erik Larson), and traveled the intricate path behind one of America’s most popular films (“Psycho,” co-written by actress Janet Leigh).

I have lived in Ireland (“The Likeness” by Tana French), Italy (“Darkness” and “The Bastards of Pizzofalcone” by Maurizio deGiovanni), and Scotland (“The Dead Hour” by Denise Mina).

I sympathized with the mother of a killer (“A Mother’s Reckoning” by Sue Klebold) and hung around with a music outlaw (“Waylon” by the singer’s son, Terry Jennings).

Yes, reading is a pleasure, although two of last year’s best-sellers (“American Heiress” retelling the Patty Hearst kidnapping written by CNN legal expert Jeffery Toobin, and the number one-charted “The Woman in Cabin 10” by Ruth Ware) were somewhat disappointing. Toobin constantly repeated himself and “Cabin,” though often compared to “Gone Girl,” was not nearly as suspenseful.

But along the way I was also surprised by new authors, including the best-selling Emma Cline, whose “The Girls” offered a fictional view of Charlie Manson’s disciples.

I enjoyed several spy novels (“The Spy That Came in From the Cold” by John Le Carre, “City of Secrets” by Steward O’Nan, and “Havana Bay”



### Cyclops

 by Bryon GRAY  
 Columnist

by Martin Cruz Smith). I went back in time with 1940’s and 1950’s mystery authors Rex Stout and John Dickson Carr, although my two favorite mysteries were “Death in the Air,” an often overlooked Agatha Christie puzzler, and the more recent “Heartstopper” by Joy Fielding.

And that leaves enough space to mention my four favorite novels that I read in the past year.

Elizabeth Strout, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “Olive Kitteridge” and “The Burgess Boys,” featured the tender relationship between a mother and daughter in her most recent novel, “My Name is Lucy Barton.”

Ivan Doig passed away shortly after finishing “Last Bus to Wisdom,” a witty and enlightening modern take on a Huck Finn running-from-home adventure.

Allen Eskens wrote “The Life We Bury,” the tale of a college student intrigued by the life of a convicted murderer who only has a few months to live.

And the best novel I read was Bill Clegg’s “Did You Ever Have a Family,” riveting back and forth memories of men and women residing in a small town where a horrific fire occurs.

Lives expired in that fire. But lives expand when we take the time to read.

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

## To the Editor

**E**dward Abbey said, “Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.” The magnificent national parks, monuments, forest service and BLM lands in Utah attract millions of visitors for recreation, inspiration, and adventure. Their colorful canyons, arches, hoodoos, and slick rock are a glorious part of God’s creation.

Now these lands face grave danger of sale to private interests for development. Utah lawmakers want to allow mining of coal and uranium within the Grand Staircase - which would destroy a national treasure.

The economic impact of tourism on Utah’s rural areas is debated, but research from the University of Utah shows that tourism is the second-largest “export” behind primary metals in Utah. Statewide, recreation and tourism are the third biggest jobs generator. Rural Utah benefits even more. However, Utah politicians’ hostility towards conservation values puts these benefits at risk.

It has already led the Outdoor Retailers convention to pull out of Utah, costing the state \$45 million annually. Other groups are considering the same.

America’s public lands are a sacred trust. We should oppose all efforts to reduce them. When they are gone, they are lost forever.

Jean Bjerke  
 Cedar City

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# Westwood, Vickers continue to support southern Utah

by Holly COOMBS  
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**SALT LAKE CITY** — Sen. Evan Vickers (R-Utah) and Rep. John Westwood (R-Utah) continue to work through a legislative session in Salt Lake City this last week.

Westwood said there are 756 pieces of legislation that is numbered and working through the committees. He thanked those who took time coming to the Capitol to testify before the committees and working with many caucus groups. This time is well spent and Westwood said he appreciates the efforts.

“Committee work is so important in weeding out bills that are not good for the State,” he said. “I have been working on introducing a State Earned Income Tax Credit. This is something new and is tailored to the citizens experiencing intergenerational poverty.”

Westwood said that with support from constituents in our area, he has also introduced a bill that would seek to eliminate State of Utah income tax on Social Security benefits. He said he is also running a resolution supporting ranchers that graze sheep and cattle on public lands and asking agencies to look at their policies.

“Twenty-five of our 29 counties depend greatly on agriculture,” Westwood said. “Another of the big bills this week has been lowering the blood alcohol levels from .08 to .05 reducing automobile accidents, possibility fatalities, by 11 (percent). Our Policemen and Firemen of our area have been up to visit along with realtors from our area.”

A Homeless Proposal was also considered.

“The Speaker of the House, state leadership and the mayors of Salt Lake County and City announced the next steps to address the crisis in Utah,” Westwood said. “The plan includes a new direction, in breaking up the “one-size-fits-all” shelter model into three resource

centers— two in Salt Lake City and one located outside the city but remaining in Salt Lake County.”

At the request of the state, through a process facilitated by Salt Lake County, stakeholders will identify possible sites for a resource center located in an area outside Salt Lake City for consideration and approval by the State Homeless Coordinating Committee by March 30. The target date for the closure of the downtown emergency shelter is June 30, 2019, Westwood said.

A bill was recently introduced in the Utah State Legislature which would put in place a new process for the sale

ability to oversee and control at least 250,000 acres of public lands currently managed by the federal government, they would be placed under the purview of a new Department of Land Management, Westwood said.

“The director of that department would be elected by county commissions and councils, putting much more control in the hands of local governments, closer to the people,” he said.

Bill H.B. 198, “Concealed Carry Amendments,” passed by the House. The bill will lower the minimum age to obtain a concealed carry permit to 18 if all other eligibility requirements are met.

all of those bills and do the bills justice,” Westwood said. “Our area has again been well represented up on the Hill this week as many people from our Tourism and Arts areas have visited and presented.”

The Shakespeare Festival was prioritized number one out of the sub-appropriations committee, he said.

“SUU students have spent time with us up on the Hill and it is always good to see and visit with them,” Westwood said. “Representatives of the Canyon Creek Womens Crisis Center have been visiting us as well and they have been effective in requesting funding for the Center.”

Vickers said in light of the Legislative session hitting the half-way point, one main focus coming out of the Higher Education committee this year is working on continued effort to create stackable credentials.

“While this is a confusing idea, the simple explanation is that we are working to create a path where a student can get certificates from an ATC like Dixie Applied Technology or Southwest Applied Technology, which would give them training that could give them a job in the workplace,” he said. “The student could then use this certificate as credit towards a Bachelor’s degree from a university like Southern Utah University or Dixie State University. This is a very critical piece to helping students get through our system, receive a degree or degrees and find a meaningful job in the workforce.”

There are some bills in the house that we have not yet seen in the senate which have received some headlines and accompanying controversy, he said.

“For example, HB 155 from Rep. Thurston (R-Provo) would change the blood alcohol limit for driving under the influence from .08 percent to .05 percent. All other states are at .08 percent, so Utah would be the first state to adopt this if passed,” Vickers said. An interesting fact is that Utah was the first state to go to .08 percent a number of years ago.”



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or exchange of public lands in the state, emphasizing exchanges over sales. H.B. 407, “Utah Public Land Management Act Amendments,” declares that the state should retain lands in state ownership “for the enjoyment and betterment of the public and state,” and that if any lands are to be sold, a super-majority support of two-thirds of the Legislature would be required.

Any sales must be for fair market value, and the proceeds must be used to improve existing public land, acquire additional public land or increase utilization of the land by the public. Under this bill, if Utah were to gain the

Currently, Utah law already allows those 18-20 to carry openly.

“With increased concern about sexual assault on college campuses, it only makes sense that those most at risk be permitted options giving them the ability to protect themselves,” Westwood said.

A total of 16 states, in some way or another, allow those 18 and older to carry a concealed firearm.

All of the Appropriations Committee meetings have been completed and Standing Committee time and Floor Time now increases, he said.

There were over 1,200 bills opened but I do not see how we can consider



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# Nurses honored at 'celebration' event

by Kelsey **KEENER**  
Iron County Today

Nurses were honored and given awards last Thursday during the Celebration of Southern Utah Nursing at the Historic Rock Church.

Donna Lister, chair of the SUU Department of Nursing, said the nurses who were awarded were nominated by the community and chosen by SUU nursing students. She said this event began in 2009, the Department of Nursing's fifth anniversary, and it is an opportunity to acknowledge nurses and the community. "It's just a way for us to celebrate our opportunity to be a part of the community and to recognize nurses in the community," she said.

She also said she hopes this helps nurses feel appreciated. "I'm hoping that the people we recognize get reinforcement for the positive work they do, because they're outstanding nurses and they serve an essential role in the community and lots of times they don't get recognized."

An opening prayer was given, and a dinner of roulade and roasted pork was served by SUU nursing students before the awards were announced.

Stacia Anderson said it was thoughtful to honor nurses.

"I think it's really nice to honor the



KELSEY KEENER

**LOCAL NURSES WERE HONORED** at a Celebration of Southern Utah Nursing last week.

good nurses in the community and the ones that are dedicated to their jobs," Anderson said. "It's kind of (a) somewhat underappreciated career."

Caralyne Bulloch, who received the Outstanding Long Term Care Nurse Award, said the experience was humbling and the event gives students and the community the opportunity to see different features of nursing.

"It's nice that they represent different aspects of nursing, showing how you can specialize in nursing and how you can work almost anywhere that has anything to do with medical care," Bulloch said.

Kiersten McCarthy, an SUU nursing student, said this event gave her a chance to interact with some of her role models.

"It's important because these nurses

contribute so much to our community and it's just an awesome opportunity to recognize what they do for us," McCarthy said. "These people are mentors for me; they are examples of what I want to be when I become a nurse."

Amanda Cooley won the Outstanding Medical Surgical Nurse Award; Jill Maheu was given then Outstanding Home Health and Hospice Nurse Award; Melissa Brinkerhoff was given then Outstanding Small Hospital Generalist Award; the Outstanding Labor and Delivery Nurse Award was given to Kaye Holman; Michelle Andersen received the Outstanding Community and Public Healthy Nurse Award; and Kimberly Wilde was awarded the Outstanding Critical Care Nurse Award.

## Speechwriter for Hatch addresses students

by Kelsey **KEENER**  
Iron County Today

SUU students had the opportunity to hear from Samuel Lyman, chief speechwriter for Senator Orrin G. Hatch, on Feb. 21 in the Emma Eccles Jones Education Building.

Lyman began his presentation by giving his background and explaining how he got to the position he is in. He started as an intern with minimal responsibilities and worked his way to chief speechwriter. Lyman discussed the daily responsibilities of a speechwriter, as well as the necessity for caution so as not to offend people. He added that it is a worthwhile career.

"There are some things to speechwriting that aren't so fun, but a lot of it is very meaningful and enjoyable," Lyman said.

He then suggested helpful books, newspapers, TV shows and movies for anyone interested in speechwriting to look into, and commented on the importance of strong writing skills.

"One thing that I didn't realize before I graduated college, was how truly marketable being a strong writer is," Lyman said. "There aren't many strong writers in this world, and if you can fill a niche for whatever organization you're working for and demonstrate your

writing abilities ... that is a very marketable skill."

Lyman suggested doing some light research on anyone with a job a student might be interested in to see how that person got into that position. He also discussed different ways of becoming a speechwriter, such as interning, volunteering for a campaign or being a journalist.

"I'm a case in point: if you work really hard and find the right people and really develop your craft you can rise pretty quickly," he said.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions when Lyman finished his presentation. One student asked about whether or not Lyman gets any public recognition for his work.

"If you want to be a speechwriter, you have to be comfortable with anonymity," Lyman said.

Another student asked if it's necessary for a speechwriter to align politically with the person he or she is writing for.

"I find that there does have to be a significant amount of overlap between what I believe and what my boss believes," he said. "I've been in situations before where I've declined speechwriting, because I knew I would have to write things I just didn't believe in and it's hard to justify that."

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LANORA NIELSON

**BACK ROW, FROM LEFT:** Representative John Westwood, Senator Evan Vickers, Craig Isom - Cedar City SBDC Director, and Stan Nakano - Utah SBA District Director. Front row, from left, Michael Finnerty - Utah SBDC State Director, Joni Anderson - Cedar City SBDC Assistant Director, Aaron Bell, Jeanne Bell, Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox.

## Local company earns small business award

Pillar to Post Home Inspections, a local home inspection business, was recently awarded Client of the Year by the Cedar City Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Aaron Bell and his wife Jeanne were presented the award by Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox during a recognition ceremony held at the Utah State Capitol on Feb. 10.

Aaron Bell is the owner of the local Pillar to Post Home Inspection franchise. With a background in commercial and residential property management along with both business management and business administration degrees, the home inspection business is a great match for Aaron's skills and experience. Pillar to Post Home Inspections is located in Cedar City.

For more information, visit <https://bellteam.pillartopost.com>

## Bookings

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

**Feb. 18**

**Vanessa A. Standingsoldier, Enoch**  
Possession, Retail Theft, Criminal Trespass

**Feb. 20**

**Charles M. Gregg, Lakewood, Wash.**  
Intoxication

**Harrison M. White, Cedar City**  
Aggravated Assault

**Feb. 21**

**Richard T. Shepherd, Cedar City**  
Assault, Criminal Mischief

**Ronald E. Dobson, Cedar City**  
Possession, Drug Paraphernalia

**Feb. 22**

**Dustin F. Twitchell, Cedar City**  
Theft, Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Controlled Substance

**Feb. 23**

**Robert T. Hirschi, Salt Lake City**  
Intoxication, Probation/Parole Violation

**Cody Q. Payton-Donovan, Cedar City**  
Drug Paraphernalia

**Braedon M. Broadwater, West Valley City**  
Controlled Substance, Drug Paraphernalia

**Patrick C. Bugg, Cedar City**  
Controlled Substance

**Kaylee M. Lopez, Wellsville**  
Controlled Substance, Forged Writing/Device Possession

**David G. Torrey, Hurricane**  
Threats Against Life/Property

**Feb. 24**

**Heather A. Baird, Cedar City**  
Possession

**Jeremiah R. Daws, Cedar City**  
Unauthorized Control of Vehicle, Failure to Stop, Minor purchase/consumption alcohol

**Javier Parra, Cedar City**  
FTA Warrant, Consume Alcohol by Minor

**Steven W. Rasmussen, Cedar City**  
Theft

**Vivianna P. Wolfe, Cedar City**  
Contempt Failure to Respond

**Feb. 25**

**James C. Barton, Cedar City**  
FTA Warrant

**Vanessa A. Standingsoldier, Enoch**  
Assault on Police/Military in Uniform

**Awad A. Alanazi, Cedar City**  
Assault, Intoxication, Escape

**Dane C. Bulloch, Cedar City**  
DUI, Failure to Signal, No proof of Insurance

**Feb. 26**

**Jakhari J. Albritton, Ogden**  
Retail Theft

**Timothy A. Brown, Cedar City**  
DUI, Driving/Denied License

**Jason E. Gottfried, Cedar City**  
Criminal Mischief

**Redell S. Huld, Santa Clara**  
Retail Theft

**Raekwon R. McElroy, Ogden**  
Retail Theft

**Denise A. McGinnis, Summit**  
Controlled Substance

**Brian R. Peters, Cedar City**  
Intoxication

# Youth Volunteer Corps Day is on March 4

**CEDAR CITY**—Local youth will be taking part in North America's Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) Day on Saturday, March 4. These YVC youth serve at volunteer projects throughout the year, but on YVC Day, they will be uniting with hundreds of other volunteers throughout the U.S. and Canada who will all serve in their local communities at the same time.

Cedar City YVC will be celebrating on March 4 by interacting with youth in the community that are living with disabilities by playing games, making crafts together and sharing refreshments. The youth and their families are invited to attend the event at the Cedar City

Library in the Park any time between 2 and 5 p.m.

"Our youth are making such an impact throughout the year, so we're excited to take the day to celebrate them on YVC day," said Cindy Rose, Program Director for Cedar City YVC, in a release. "We're excited to unite with the other inspiring YVC Youth Volunteers who are also serving in their own communities on this day."

Youth Volunteer Corps is a national youth service organization celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, with more than 30 local programs in communities like Cedar City. Since 1987, more than 300,000 youth

have volunteered with YVC, so this day of service will celebrate all that youth have accomplished through the program.

The Cedar City YVC offers volunteer projects for youth ages 11 to 18 on weekends, after school and during the summer. Hosted by Five County Association of Governments, Community Action Partnership, the Cedar City program is one of more than 30 nationwide. Last year, the group served 3,425 hours in the Cedar City area. Find out more by calling Rose at 435-867-8384 or visit [crose@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:crose@fivecounty.utah.gov)

## Parowan City Council will not transfer electrical funds

by Holly COOMBS  
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**PAROWAN** — The Parowan City Council voted not to transfer \$90,000 from the electrical fund to the Parks Capital Improvement Fund at its meeting last Thursday.

"I don't think the problem is the Pickleball courts," City Councilor Alan Adam said. "I think the problem is transferring the funds. There can be something better we can do with the money so I move that we don't transfer the funds."

City Councilmember Vickie Hicks made the second motion and all voted to not transfer the funds.

At the council's previous meeting, there was not an empty seat in the meeting as many members of the public voiced their opinion against the Pickleball courts suggestion as well as against transferring the funds if it could be helped.

The council also discussed the airport pavement maintenance and snow removal policy.

Many factors needed to be considered including paying someone to clear the snow, working with everyone who has a lease on the hangars and to get agreements with those there.

Through much discussion, the determination was to make a decision after speaking with those on the airport property.

## SPEECHWRITER

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Amber DeSormeau, a graduate fellow and intern at the SUU Speech and Presentation Center, said the director of the Center, Sage Platt, invited Lyman to SUU and it was a good chance for students to learn from someone closer to their age.

"This was a great opportunity for (students) to connect what they're learning in the classroom with a career," she said. "Being able to have someone who's closer to their age and closer to understanding their experience, where there are right now and where they're looking to go is great for them."

Lyman said he thought it would be beneficial for both Senator Hatch's office and students at SUU to discuss the possibilities of speechwriting.

"Our office has done a lot with the school in the past and we've had great interns from SUU," he said. "So we thought it would be a great opportunity to meet with more students who have an interest in speechwriting and give them a sense of what the opportunities are like in the field."

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# CCWCC celebrates 20 years

by Holly COOMBS  
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After hitting a 20-year milestone, the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center looks to the future in implementing new, innovative, and effective approaches to serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

For two decades, Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center has served the Cedar City community and surrounding areas providing advocacy, emergency shelter, and other support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Thousands of victims and their families have been helped," said Brant Wadsworth, the center's Executive Director. "We as an organization are extremely proud of the vital work that's been done, and the community has been a tremendous support. Now, as we prepare for the next 20 years, we're asking 'What more can be done to ensure that all victims within our service areas receive the help they need, and more broadly, how can we realize our vision of a community free of domestic and sexual violence?'"

Coming in as a new Executive Director for the organization, one of the first tasks Wadsworth took on was learning about the growth Canyon Creek had experienced and assessing the current organization as a whole, a center press release stated.

"Programming and services have grown significantly over the past few years, and it became clear that we needed to make some organizational changes to stabilize and accommodate that growth while preparing for even more expansion in the future," Wadsworth said. "To this end, we have restructured and realigned systems and practices in ways that allow us to continue to grow without having to make more significant alterations to our administrative structure and the way we provide services."

The process has been guided by three top priorities, Wadsworth said.

First, he said, is finding out what the clients need. Second, keeping the organization viable, strong, and connected to the communities served.

"Finally, we strive to make sure that our employees are taken care of, well-trained and appreciated in the very difficult, taxing, but often satisfying work they do," Wadsworth said.

The Outreach Center, located in offices on Main Street above Bulloch Drug, will now be the official headquarters of Canyon Creek, including the home of their Victim Services Department.

"We will continue to provide excellent emergency shelter services," Wadsworth said, "That will only be one service, a crucial service, but one of many. In fact, we currently provide a large amount of services to clients who do not need emergency shelter but need advocacy and support."

In collaborating with the Board of Trustees and the organization's leadership team, Wadsworth found that it was time to unify the organization and the two locations.

"Combining into one administrative headquarters makes us less 'shelter-centric' and strengthens our plan to actively

expand overall services to our entire service area, which includes all of Iron County, all of Garfield County, and all of Beaver County," he said. "At the same time, we want to make shelter available to all who need it and are enhancing the help we can provide to adults and children using our emergency shelter."

Wadsworth said that will include programming, classes, groups, and other resources provided by employees and volunteers. The programming will cover nutrition and budgeting classes, job skills development, assistance seeking more education, and more.

The efforts have led to another key change that the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center is making: assigning a specific Victim Advocate to each client, even children and youth when necessary.

This means that when a client begins to receive services with the organization, that client will be able to work with the same person from beginning to end.

"This approach is similar in some ways to the use of a cancer care navigator at the local hospital," Wadsworth said. "Of course, there are differences, but the concept of providing a relationship with someone who is knowledgeable and capable of guiding and helping clients through complicated processes is at the core."

Right now from the moment a client enters our services the advocate is with that client every single step of the way, from the initial visit to our offices or shelter, to the time they achieve financial independence and self-reliance.

"These advocates carefully listen and evaluate the client's needs, desires, and goals," he said. "And then, they create a service plan that allows us to take a step by step approach to help our clients achieve what they want to achieve."

Another step in the organization's evolution will be the accelerated expansion of prevention programs and victim services in Cedar City and throughout the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center's three-county service area. There is particular need to reach underserved populations which include victims within communities of color, those living with disabilities or mental health issues, and those located in remote areas.

"To do all of this, we continue to need the strong support of our community," Wadsworth said. "We are actively looking to expand our volunteer base to include a diversity of people with skills and abilities that can help our clients and their families. We also are seeking to expand community support through donations and fundraising efforts so we can truly be a community-supported organization."

To celebrate the new vision for the next 20 years, Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center staff plans an Open House event at the facilities above Bulloch Drug, which will provide an opportunity to learn more about all aspects of the organization.

"It is being tentatively planned for March 2017," Wadsworth said, "We are excited and hopeful and dedicated to what these next 20 years can offer to all the communities we serve, and we look forward with a vision to help of communities become free of this violence and able to help any in need."

# Convergys location to close, impacts 77 employees

by Holly COOMBS  
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After 30 years of operation as a call center, Convergys in Cedar City is closing its doors for business with impact toward approximately 77 employees.

Ed Loyd, Convergys Director of Corporate Communications, made the announcement last Monday that April 28 will be the closing day.

"Our first priority has been to share this news with our team, and the options that are available to them," Loyd said.

"Employees will have the opportunity to apply for a limited number of positions on work at home programs and outplacement counseling support will be provided to affected staff employees."

He said the decision has not been taken lightly and there is much disappointment by the impact on the community and employees.

"The site has continued to shrink and that is what drove our final decision to close this site and consolidate remaining work to other U.S. locations," Loyd said.

## Career Day Coming



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**HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9**, for students in the Iron County School District. From 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the event will take place at the Southwest Applied Technology College, located at 757 W 800 South in Cedar City. It's an opportunity for students to get some hands-on experience with local healthcare professionals, and it comes on the district contract day with teachers (no classes in schools). Space is limited. To sign up, go to <http://tinyurl.com/SU-AHEC-Career-Day-Cedar-2017>

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## '...With her hair in a bun'

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

There was a day of panic at Cedar City Music Arts when we received the notice that the Bay Pointe Ballet Company was cancelling its contract with us. These contracts can be finalized as much as a year before the scheduled performance. Then, based on the contract, theaters and halls are rented, tickets are printed, and publicity is disseminated, and now just about a month before the expected performance, the word came that the company was cancelling its national tour due to financial difficulties. Sorry.....

The Bay Pointe Ballet was founded in South San Francisco four years ago as a performing company and dance school. This particular staging of "Coppelia," a happy tale of mistaken identity, folly and love, and toys which come to life, received an award for choreographer Bruce Steivel. We were looking forward to it, but it was not to be.

Thanks to quick work by president David Nyman, a replacement was found in the male quartet The Diamonds, and patrons arrived on the appointed night to enjoy an evening of great music. Even patrons expecting the ballet weren't disappointed.

So. Crisis averted. But I can't help thinking about the struggles and setbacks of a fledgling ballet company. What happened to cause them to be in such

financial straits? They didn't give us details, but it doesn't take much imagination to think what might have gone wrong. It is the same thing that all kinds of artistic companies are struggling with all over the country:

not enough money to support the quality offerings all good companies hope to offer.

Attendance at live performances is falling; the audiences that are faithful are graying and the younger generation has other things to do. Even wealthy donors can give only so much, and available grant money must be shared among numerous worthy applicants. But our email and postboxes are full of requests for food for hungry families and resources for medical research. How do we choose whether to feed the body or the artistic soul? We have financial issues of our own.

But I picture a young ballerina who has known since she was six that she wanted to dance. Her weekly dance lessons became daily; the dance studio became literally her second home. Her parents made sacrifices to pay for all that dancing, which was not cheap. She put her long hair up in a bun and practiced until her feet were bleeding and her muscles hurt. She auditioned multiple times until finally all that hard physical work paid off; she was hired by a small ballet company! More practice, limited social life, competition for solo spots were all worth it. She was dancing, and even getting paid for it!

Then came the sad word: furlough. There was not enough money to support her lifelong dreams. She'd better find a spot as a teacher, or even go into another line of work for a while. As a society, we are lessened by the artistic disappearance of this lovely child. And she isn't the only one.

# SLEEPING BEAUTY

*ballet coming to the Heritage Theatre*

**CEDAR CITY** — Most adults and young children know the story of Sleeping Beauty, the fairytale about a beautiful princess who falls into an enchanted sleep and is awakened by the kiss of a handsome prince. Cedar City Junior Ballet presents this charming story as a full-length ballet on March 10 and 11 in the Heritage Center Theatre, 105 North 100 East, Cedar City. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Heritage Center box office or from any cast member. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

The Sleeping Beauty, with music by Tchaikovsky, was first performed in 1890 and has, since then, become one of the most famous classical ballets.

"This is the largest, most complicated ballet we do," said Lise Mills, CCJB's artistic director, in a release. It includes over 60 cast members of all ages and abilities from the Cedar City community who have been rehearsing since last fall.

"This is a beautiful ballet and one of my favorites to perform," says Alexandria Staheli, who performed the role of Princess Aurora in CCJB's 2013 production and will recreate the role again in this production. Caye Clark will perform Prince Florimund while Lynnette Probst will dance the role of the good Lilac Fairy and Kaitlyn Katter brings the evil fairy Carabosse to life.

The story of the ballet is familiar to most. It begins with the King and Queen celebrating the birth of their first child, Princess Aurora. The evil fairy Carabosse (not Maleficent, in this case) arrives and, in her anger at not being invited, curses the baby that at age sixteen she will prick her finger and die. However, the Lilac Fairy intervenes and changes the curse from death to a peaceful 100-year sleep for the princess.

The remainder of the story is also familiar, though the ballet version does have a few differences. This is a wonderful show for families with children over the age of four, or children who can sit and enjoy the show.

For more information, email [cedarcityjuniorballet@gmail.com](mailto:cedarcityjuniorballet@gmail.com), visit [facebook.com/CedarCityJuniorBallet](https://www.facebook.com/CedarCityJuniorBallet), or call the Heritage Center box office at (435) 865-2882.



**ALEXANDRIA STAHELI PERFORMS AS PRINCESS AURORA** in Cedar City Junior Ballet's production of The Sleeping Beauty.





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SUU'S DEPARTMENTS OF MUSIC AND THEATRE ARTS & DANCE have teamed to present 'Die Fledermaus' at the Randall L. Jones Theatre starting March 2.

## Laugh out loud at Die Fledermaus

by Ashley H. **POLLOCK**

SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts

**CEDAR CITY** — Southern Utah University's departments of Music and Theatre Arts & Dance are teaming up to create a hilarious production of Die Fledermaus. Performances will be held on March 2, 3, 4, and 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randall L. Jones Theatre. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for Alumni with their card, and \$7 for youth. Southern Utah University faculty, staff, and students are free with a valid ID card. Faculty and staff IDs are allowed one guest. Tickets are available at the door or at [suu.edu/pva](http://suu.edu/pva).

Henry Ballesteros, assistant director, said, "This production is filled with laughter and heart. Die Fledermaus has some of the most amazing music that will remind you of a simple era when all that mattered was love and having a good time."

Die Fledermaus is a comedy of mistaken identities, practical jokes, and a masquerade ball all taking place on New Year's Eve. Throughout the opera, the audience will see the true personality of each character. The cast is performing the English rendition of Die Fledermaus to assist the audience in understanding the story and to keep up with all of the twists and turns.

Claire Robinson, a sophomore vocal performance major, said, "Preparing for this show has been challenging in its' own ways. Johann Strauss, the composer of Die Fledermaus, has written some beautiful music in the opera. However, it can be very difficult. As a young singer I have had to spend countless hours practicing. The translation has proven to be very interesting as well. The original opera is in German. There are pieces of the opera we discussed in order to better understand what we were singing. It's very important to understand what we, the performers, are talking about so the audience can follow along."

Keaton Delmar Johns, a Las Vegas native and junior Bachelor of Fine Arts candidate majoring in Musical Theatre, said, "My favorite part of the rehearsal process has been working with our director, Peter Sham, and our music director, Carol Ann Modesitt. I've worked with Sham before, and he has a way of making the rehearsal room a place for play while still maintaining a professional environment. I am grateful to Modesitt for helping me use good technique and finding my 'opera' sound. This is my first time doing an opera, so I was very intimidated going into vocal rehearsals. She knows exactly how to adjust someone's vocals and produce the correct sound. She is such a master at her craft."

Peter Sham, director of Die Fledermaus, said, "One of the highlights for me has been working with gifted choreographer and colleague, Megan Brunsvold. She has found a wonderful way to highlight the talents of both music and theatre majors and create a space which is engaging, dynamic and fun."

Brandon Grayson, a junior at SUU majoring in Musical Theatre Composition and Performance, said, "The community should come to this opera because it is an experience that doesn't happen very often in southern Utah. We are putting on a grand operetta on a grand scale, with a big, live orchestra, lavish sets and costumes, lots of choreography and funny moments; it's going to be a very special experience that should not be missed."

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## Canyon View High presenting 'Diary of Anne Frank'

Canyon View High School is proud to present its spring drama, "The Diary of Anne Frank." In this haunting adaption by Wendy Kesselman, audiences get to know Anne Frank as a shy yet precocious young girl channeling her budding literary aspirations as she hides from the Nazis in a series of attic rooms in German-occupied Amsterdam.

Anne and her family are joined by the van Pels family (including 16-year-old Peter) as well as dentist Fritz Pfeffer. The play portrays the claustrophobic reality of a life in hiding: the hope, the fear, the laughter, the grief.

Anne's voice reaches out to us from the past, reminding us that she was a living, breathing person: "When I write I shake off all my cares. But I want to achieve more than that. I want to be useful and bring enjoyment to all people, even those I've never met. I want to go on living even after my death!"

Though she died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp just weeks before it would be liberated by British troops in 1945, Anne Frank's spirit lives on in this stage adaptation of her famous and moving diary.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" will be presented in the CVHS auditorium on Thursday, March 2; Friday, March 3; Saturday, March 4; and Monday, March 6. All shows are at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for everyone five years and up and can be purchased at the door

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## HONORED to SERVE

### Soup Kitchen director receives Distinguished Citizenship Award

by Holly COOMBS  
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Cedar City Elks Lodge awarded Laura Darger, the director of the Bread of Life Community Soup Kitchen, with a Distinguished Citizenship Award last Wednesday for her service of over 5 years to the community.

City Councilman Craig Isom presented the award to Darger on the Elks' behalf and he reported the privilege to do so at that evening's City Council meeting.

"I had the opportunity recognizing Laura Darger," Isom said. "Laura and her husband Roger took over the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. We have renamed it and relocated it. It is now the bread of Life Community Soup Kitchen and for that 5 years they have been providing a meal for 50-60 people every Wednesday at their location off Freeway Drive."

Isom said the Dargers are angelic and wonderful people and are "just so typical of what Cedar City is and what makes it a wonderful place to be."

Laura Darger said she is so thankful that the Elks Lodge thought of her over so many others that she felt were more deserving.

"I thank God to serve the people of Cedar City and I



COURTESY OF ALAN CALLIHAM

FROM LEFT, ELKS LODGE EXALTED RULER ALAN CALLIHAM, Citizen of the Year and Bread of Life Community Soup Kitchen Director Laura Darger, Elk Members Lynn Davis, Kay Davis, Don Davis and Jo Ann Aldridge.

*"I thank God to serve the people of Cedar City and I thank the volunteers...The soup kitchen wouldn't exist without them"*

— Laura Darger, Bread of Life Soup Kitchen Director

thank the volunteers," Darger said. "It's all about the volunteers. The soup kitchen wouldn't exist without them."

With a crowd of approximately 50 people, Alan Calliham, exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge, said he was

grateful that Darger was given the award.

Any donations to the Bread of Life Community Kitchen

can be sent to Bread of Life Community Kitchen 2569 N. Freeway Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721.



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# Calendar

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

**VERNON HOWARD**, "Renew your aim to meet daily events without mechanical reactions. A 25-minute video then casual discussion. 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park (Rare Books room). The Literary Club. For more info, call 435-559-7777.

**SOUTHERN UTAH ROCK CLUB MEETING**, 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](http://www.southernutahrockclub.net)

**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.

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**SAGEBRUSH FIBER ARTISANS**, the Cedar City area weavers and spinners group. 6:30 p.m., visitors center at 581 No. Main in Cedar. Free—no dues

**IRON COUNTY CONSTITUTION PARTY MONTHLY MEETING**, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

**CEDAR CITY MASONIC LODGE #35 MEETING**, 7 p.m., 2120 W. Skyview Road

**COLOR COUNTRY NIGHTWRITERS MONTHLY MEETING**, 7 p.m. Cedar City Library in the Park.

**YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**, 4 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park. Open to all youth ages 12-18.

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

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**BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT MEETINGS WITH THE LA LECHE LEAGUE OF CEDAR CITY**, 10 a.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

## Sat, March 4

**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, March 5

**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.

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**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.

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

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

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# People

## Births

### Swayzee Lynn Sullivan

Swayzee Lynn Sullivan, daughter of Tyler and Ashlee Sullivan of Paragonah, was born on Jan. 25, 2017, at 11:42 a.m. She weighed 5 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Being a month early, we are so blessed to have a healthy, happy baby girl. She is welcomed with love by Taylee, her new big sis, and all her animals: Ladee, Ginger and Wanda. We can't seem to get



enough of this tiny little peanut. Her grandparents are Lance and Kelli Evans of Parowan, and Lonnie and Janice of St. George.



### Coral Anne Esplin

Coral Anne Esplin, daughter of Shea and Mckenzie Esplin of Washington, was born Jan. 12, 2017. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Coral is the granddaughter of Craig and Aleese Cardon of Cedar City, Mark and Diane Esplin of Cedar City, and Rick and Shallon Engle of Enoch. She is also the long awaited little sister to Lance Esplin.

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

### Hal K. Campbell

Hal K. Campbell will turn 90 on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. His family is hosting an informal open house that night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar 9th Ward cultural hall, 256 S. 900 West. No gifts, please. Your memories and well-wishes are the most precious gifts he can receive. If you would like to send a note or card, address it to C/O Caroleen Lee, 256 West Thoroughbred Way, Enoch, UT 84721, or email it to imabrahmsfan@gmail.com and we will print it off. There will



also be an opportunity to write memories or well-wishes the evening of the event. For more information, contact Caroleen Lee at 435-592-1971.

There is no charge for birth, first birthday, mission, Eagle Scout, 50th anniversary (and up), wedding and 80th birthday (and up) announcements. Announcements and photos can be submitted to [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com) or at 389 N. 100 West, #12, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Wednesday at 5pm for the following week's issue. Announcements should be 100 words or less. Please call 435-867-1865 ext. 6 for pricing for all other announcements.

## Looking for a Safe Home!



### Linus

If you have room in your heart to give Linus a safe and caring home, visit the Enoch City Shelter, 900 East Midvalley Road, or call Chris, 435-586-9445.

Adorable dogs and cats can also be adopted by visiting the Cedar City Animal office, located at 1150 W. Kittyhawk Drive, 435-586-2960; at the Iron County Animal Control Shelter, or at the Enoch City Shelter.

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# Schools

## Southwest Region Sterling Scholars

The annual Deseret News and KSL Sterling Scholar Awards for the Southwest Region will be presented on Thursday, April 6 in a ceremony at

Southern Utah University. Over three issues, Iron County Today will run photos of the Sterling Scholar candidates from local high schools.

### PAROWAN HIGH STERLING SCHOLARS

Back row from left, Tarren Overson, Music; Alexi Thatcher, Speech & Drama; Brenna Leigh Horton, Business & Marketing; Taylor Cowen, Visual Arts; and Emmy Evans, Science. Front row from left, Cole Benson, Agricultural Science; Taylor Robb, General Scholarship; Kylynd Wilson, Computer Technology; Wade Jenson, Skilled & Technical Sciences Education; and Morgan Crookston, Social Science.



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### BEAVER HIGH STERLING SCHOLARS

Back row from left, Justin Morwood, Science; Markelle Bradshaw, Business & Marketing; Theodore Kanell, General Scholarship; Benjamin Carter, World Languages; and Clayton Gillins, Mathematics. Front row from left, Makinlee Barkdull, Computer Technology; Brittanie Barney, Visual Arts; Kierstin Harris, English; McKadee Eyre, Speech & Drama; Abbi George, Dance; Dalye Condie, Skilled & Technical Sciences Education; Shakell Marshall, Agricultural Science; Karri Harris, Music; and Clairissa Stucki, Family & Consumer Science.



COURTESY PHOTO

**LAST YEAR'S CHAMPS IN LEGO COMPETITION.** This year, a team of local players will compete at the Lego World Festival in Houston.

## Local Lego team to compete in Houston

by Holly COOMBS  
holly@ironcountytoday.com

With some brain power, imagination and skill, a group of 9- to 14-year-olds are preparing for a rare opportunity to travel to Houston, Texas, for a Lego World Festival.

"It's like a celebration of what they learned all year," said LeShell Murray, one team coach.

The Lego League has continued to grow in numbers over the last few years, Murray said.

"Each school has a team and 4H has a team. The team can be two to 10 players, she said.

As a part of the competition, the teams have to participate in a robot game where they learn to program it and build it to do different functions including moving.

"The robots are the most fun part," Murray said. "They have core values they are judged on. They also do a real world project ad this year, the theme as Animal Allies."

She said each team picked an animal and studied it. Murray said her team chose bees and met with many beekeepers in the western U.S.

The team has met with contractors to suggest bee plans and gave it to contractors who made bee-friendly

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## 4th grade Water Fair is set for March 6 and 7



COURTESY PHOTO

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL WATER FAIR** hosted by the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District is next week.

**CEDAR CITY** — The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD) is hosting the fourth annual Water Fair on March 6 and 7 at the Heritage Center. The objective of the fair is to teach fourth graders about water and conservation in a fun and engaging way. Experts from across the state volunteer to educate students on a wide range of water topics. Some of the volunteers include SUU professors, the Forest Service, USU Extension, Utah Division of Water Resources, and many more.

The Water Fair aligns with the State's fourth-grade curriculum focusing on the water cycle. Over the past four years, teachers have seen an increased interest and higher core test scores.

One teacher said, "My students did very well on testing last year on the water cycle and I think the Water Fair was a big reason. It is so fun for the kids!" Another teacher said, "What a great extension of our classroom activities and instruction!"

Mandi Williams, Office Manager of the CICWCD, said, "These children are our future and it is so important to understand water and the role it plays in everyday life. It is especially important in the Cedar Valley where aquifer levels have been declining at an alarming rate. Students in attendance will further their knowledge of water and conservation."

Large infographics with fun toilet facts were dropped off at the schools on Feb. 27 (one week before the Water Fair) to get students excited. The infographics go along with the annual theme, "What's all the Flush About?" Students get to go home with an experiment. Each student is given a handout with toilet tablets which can be dropped into the toilet tank to detect if there is a leak, usually due to a faulty flapper.

For more information or questions, you can reach CICWCD at 435-865-9901 or email shelby@cicwcd.org.

# Schools

## NEWS Nuggets

from Iron County School District

by LeAnn **WOOLSTENHULME**  
Iron County School District

### East Elementary

Two East Elementary teams competed at SUU on Feb. 20 in the FIRST LEGO League state level competition. Both teams, the Lego Legends and the Microbots, performed extremely well. This competition brings together hundreds of Utah students to test their science, technology, engineering, and math skills through robotics and an innovation project in healthy competition and collaboration. Out of thirty teams in Southern Utah our Lego Legends took second place in the innovation project and our Microbots took third place overall. We're very proud of them and their mentors. Both teams competed successfully at the state level. Their robotics skills and innovative projects stood out among the best teams in Utah. Way to go!



### North Elementary

Cedar North Elementary would like to congratulate Lauren Yardley for being our first fifth grader to pass off the requirements for the Patriot Award! Way to go, Lauren! Shortly after that, Jaxon Burgess passed off the requirements for his award as well! Way to go, Jaxon! We'd like to encourage all parents of fifth graders to help their students to continue to work on the demanding requirements for this prestigious award. The deadline to pass these off is April 15. The awards will be presented to the students at our Celebration Assembly on the last day of school--May 17.

### South Elementary

Thanks to funding from the Beverley Taylor Sorenson's Arts Learning Program, South Elementary has our awesome art teacher Debra Davis working with all classes each week. Classes have finished their unit celebrating Chinese New Year. They learned about traditions of the Chinese holiday and did art projects to go along with their learning. One of the projects, was making a Chinese Dragon. Each student added a scale to the dragon with artwork and a goal that they wanted to accomplish during the year. They were then given a red envelope filled with a surprise. Mrs. Debra Davis'

enthusiasm is contagious and the students really enjoy learning and working on projects in art class each week.



**STUDENTS IN MRS. DEBRA DAVIS' ART CLASS** at South Elementary.

### Three Peaks Elementary

Feb. 17 was Opera Day! Many of the classes at Three Peaks Elementary participated in Opera By Children, a professional outreach program through Utah Festival Opera. The program guides students to invent stories, write lyrics, compose melodies, practice, and perform operas of their own making. Students wrote operas that supported grade-level standards in language arts, science, and social studies. Students planned setting elements together, then coordinated to create an enormous painting on large cardboard sheets for backdrops. Three Peaks students performed their operas for parents and students. Visitors included; Pam Gee, director of Opera by Children from Logan, Lisa Cluff from Art Works for Kids, Cathy Jensen from the Office of the State Board of Education, and Alisa Peterson and Melanie Baker from Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program. Thank you Mrs. Cassie Walker for coordinating this monumental day!



### Cedar Middle

Cedar Middle School Bands will be having their "Pops" Concerts. Here is the schedule: Wednesday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m. Concert Band; Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. Symphonic Band; Thursday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. Intermediate 6th Grade Band; and Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. JV Band.



COURTESY OF EAST ELEMENTARY

**EAST DUAL IMMERSION FACULTY MEMBERS** include, from left, Mary Wininger, Michelle Nelson, Sonja Stokes, Lori Bunker, Alejandra Bryant, Marta Fernández, Lourdes Salcedo, Rebecca Guillen, Sofia Weaver, and Jason Niles.

## East's dual immersion program tops in Utah

East Elementary's Spanish Dual Immersion program is now leading the state, with the highest score possible in the Dual Language Immersion Spanish Proficiency test.

Dual immersion students all over the state each year take a state-mandated test for proficiency called the AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages). This usually happens at the end of the year but this year it was administered in late October. Final results were received in February. The results of this test showed that East Elementary's 4th grade students passed the test with 94 percent proficiency, and the 5th grade students scored at 100 percent proficiency. These are among the highest proficiency scores of elementary Dual Immersion Spanish program in Utah.

Mike Moyle, Principal at East Elementary, said, "We are proud of the dual language immersion program at our school and how well the teachers and students are doing. The Spanish dual language immersion program is in its fifth year at the school and parent interest is higher now than it has ever been. The teachers receive state level training every year and do a fantastic job in fostering learning in their students."

East Elementary serves 244 students in dual immersion. There are 10 teachers involved in the dual immersion program with five of them teaching in Spanish. Four of the Spanish teachers come from foreign countries: Spain (Marta Fernández), Mexico (Alejandra Bryant and Sofia Weaver), and Peru (Lourdes Salcedo). Those that are interested in learning more about enrolling their child with their Spanish dual immersion program are welcome to call Principal Moyle at 586-2840.

The Iron County School District's plan includes extending Spanish dual immersion up through middle school to high school. The district also plans to integrate Chinese dual immersion to Fiddler's Canyon Elementary next school year.

## LEGO TEAM

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shrubs. The Lego League also teaches the members how to do engineering through the Lego project.

"It's exciting," Murray said. "Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't."

She said she got involved because three of her four boys are on her team.

Murray said anyone interested in sponsoring the trip to Houston in April to contact her at [jlmurray15@gmail.com](mailto:jlmurray15@gmail.com). She said it will provide the team the opportunity to meet people from other countries doing the same thing.

"I love that my kids enjoy it," she said.

# A more excel-LENT way of life



## The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

Today is Ash Wednesday. For many Christian and other evangelical churches, the celebration of Lent also begins today. Lent commences the forty days before Easter and symbolizes two significant Biblical events. It's the 40-day journey of Jesus into the wilderness to fast and pray in preparation for the continuation and finalization of His mortal ministry; and the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the wilderness following their rescue from Egyptian slavery.

During Lent, a person chooses to give up something of significant value in their lives for forty days. It could be a temporal temptation such as television, or a more spiritual sacrifice, such as overcoming a bad habit, or an addiction. This act of self-denial for self-improvement is a personal and usually private sacrifice not only to increase piety, but to remind oneself that to truly live a more excellent life there are things that must be left behind to achieve it; i.e. bad habits, sugar, salt, laziness, poisonous people, places and patterns that are unhealthy and unworthy of one's time and energy. They choose to sacrifice what 'enslaves' them, at least for forty days, to live a better, healthier, and happier life. The choices lead to changes that either become temporary or transformational. Hopefully the latter.

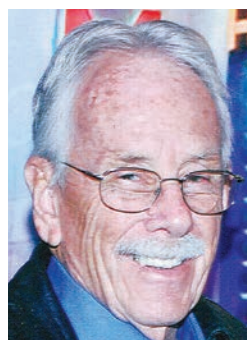
This pious process of penitence takes patience and it is not always a piece of cake; but that's the point, right? Lent is a purposeful denial of things of a lesser value to make room for and to obtain things of a higher value. These forty days aren't meant to be only a transition of time, but a transformation of life. It's not just about having less for forty days, but obtaining more peace and happiness during the other 325 days of the year and for the rest of our lives.

Therefore, I encourage and challenge each you to take time for real reflection about the direction you are living your life. Are truly seeking out the more excellent and exalting experiences? I know it's not easy to keep looking up and moving forward when there seems to be so many distractions and destructions from our past to decoy and detour us from living better in our present. It can be easy to lose sight of who we are and where we're going if we only focus on where we've been. I've found that focusing on my direction, not my perfection, or imperfections, allows me to continue moving forward, despite life's frustrations, detours and dead-ends.

No, we don't have to observe Lent for these principles to have an inspired impact on the quality of our lives and relationships. We can make new commitments to excel and expel anything that is weighing us down, holding us back and keeping us from reaching our own resurrections of dreams, joys and hopes for our futures. Today, let us each strive to thrive, not just survive, and choose to live a more excellent way of life!

## Obituaries

### James (Jim) Francis Halen



On February 18, 2017, James (Jim) Francis Halen a.k.a. PaPa, passed away from complications of pneumonia with his loving family at his side.

Jim was born on February 2, 1932 to Russell and Gladys Halen in Southern California. Being an enterprising young man, Jim had a paper route, cleaned horse stalls and trained horses to support his own horse, Ginger.

Jim's love of flying began as a young Marine flying jets in Korea during the war. This love of flying turned into a 36-year career with United Airlines. Jim's other passion was 4-part harmony, which

led him to join The Barbershop Harmony Society as a young teenager. Throughout the years, he directed many barbershop choruses and sang in numerous quartets.

Jim had a great sense of humor. He was blessed with many family and friends who loved him and he will always be remembered. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Chris, along with 7 children, 28 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

A private family celebration of life was held for Jim at Southern Utah Mortuary on February 20, 2017. A Memorial at Christ the King Catholic Church will be held at a later date. It is with heavy hearts we say goodbye, but we know he is flying the heavenly skies and directing the Angels' choir.

### Virginia Lee Bench

Virginia Lee Bench, age 61, passed away on February 17, 2017 at her home in Cedar City, Utah. She was born on November 18, 1955 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to John and Pauline Garrett Deryk. She was married to her sweetheart James Elvin Bench and enjoyed being a member of the Sunrise Christian Fellowship Church.

Virginia is survived by her loving husband James Bench. Her brothers John and Donald Deryk, and a sister Judy. She is preceded in death by her parents John and Pauline Deryk.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Sunrise Christian Fellowship Church. Meet at the Gateway Academy in Enoch, Utah, located at 201 East Thoroughbred Way.

Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

### Kenneth Lyle Sommerfeld



Heaven just got a little brighter. Our beloved Kenneth Lyle Sommerfeld peacefully finished his earthly journey on Sat., Feb. 4, 2017 while in the arms of his sweetheart Beverly Sommerfeld.

Kenneth Sommerfeld was born on June 27, 1940, in Vernal, Colorado to Ernest and Leila Sommerfeld. He graduated from Yuma County High School on May 27, 1958. Ken served in the United State Navy as an airplane mechanic from Dec. 16, 1959 until June 9, 1964.

Ken meet the love of his life, Beverly Miller, combining two families to make a family of eight children on July 27, 1973. Ken became a member of the LDS church on Jan. 26, 1974. Ken and Bev were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple Nov. 25, 1975.

They lived in several places including: Littleton, Colo.; Seattle, Wash.; Millcreek, Utah; St. George, Utah; most recent, Cedar City, Utah. He owned several businesses throughout his life: Century Lighting, Salt Lake Lamp & Supply & Red Rock Marketing.

Ken & Bev faithfully served two LDS Senior missions: Bishop's Storehouse in St. George, July 2010-July 2011 and

Temple Square Family History Center, March 2014-Feb. 2015. He loved sharing the truths received in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He spent quality time with the children in is life (including Great Grandchildren) until the very end. He took the time listening to them, sharing a joke, words of wisdom and counseling when needed.

Growing up as a farm boy in Colorado, he had many lessons to teach. He had an enormous capacity to love all. He showed the value of a good day's work by example, working full time to provide for his sweetheart until the end of his days. His Motto: "It is better to be kind, than to be right." Thank you for giving us this beautiful legacy. We will all strive to live as you have taught us.

Ken is survived by his wife Beverly Sommerfeld (lives in Cedar City); brothers, Darrell & Keith Sommerfeld; children: Kelly Corson, Konie (Kenny) Baldwin, Gary (Polly) Sommerfeld, Kirk (Judy) Sommerfeld, Kirby (Stacey) Sommerfeld, Jon Sommerfeld, Kris Sommerfeld and Joy Allaire; 25 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

### Lynn Mortensen

Lynn Mortensen, former resident of Parowan, passed away January 27, 2017, in Denver, Colo., at the age 89. He is survived by his wife LouEtta, seven children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister, Marlene Burton of Parowan.

### Kerry Willard Jensen

Kerry Willard Jensen, 77, Cedar City, passed from this mortal existence on January 28, 2017. Kerry was born on December 1, 1939, to Archibald Willard and Relva Lydia Spendlove Jensen. He was the second of five children. Brother; (stillborn) Sisters; Linda (Loyd Jessop), Lorrilee (Butch) Talbot and Merrilee (Don) Adams.

Kerry grew up in Salt Lake City and Hurricane. He married Kathleen Bulloch on June 4th 1960 in The Old Rock Church in Cedar City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the St. George Temple. They had three children: Randy K, Robert Troy (Vickie) and Bradley Scott (Holly) Jensen.

At the age of 20, Dad enlisted in the Navy where he served honorably for four years. While in the service he was able to see such places as Hong Kong, China, Japan, Hawaii, and the Panama Canal during the conflict.

Dad and Mom eventually settled in Washington, Utah, where they raised their family. Dad was an extremely hard worker sometimes working two jobs to support his family. He instilled the pride of hard work into his three sons. Dad taught us boys a love of the outdoors through numerous hunting, camping, and fishing trips, for which we will be eternally grateful. Dad loved his Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren more than we can express. Dad had a great sense of humor, and was always quick with a joke. I sure hope Mash is playing in Heaven; if not, he is going to be disappointed!

Kerry is preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, sister Merrilee, son Robert and many extended family members.

Dad will be laid to rest on Cedar Mountain at The Bulloch Family Ranch at a later date with graveside services.

Words can never express the gratitude our family feels toward Dad's Hospice Nurse Colleen and Aide, Katrin for the loving care and compassion afforded him, through them. The world is a better place because of them.

The family also wishes to convey thanks to the staff at Bella Terra for the kindness that they extended to Dad during his stay.

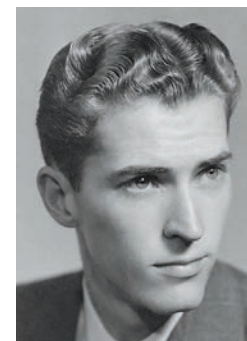
Dad, until we meet again, we love and miss you, but are so grateful that you are in a better place. Give Robert a big hug from all of us.

### Haymer D. Morris



Haymer D. Morris prominent Cedar City resident, passed away on Feb. 24 of causes incident to Alzheimer's disease at the age of 91. Haymer was born May 9, 1925 in Parowan, Utah, to Alberta Day and Albert Durham Morris. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp from 1943 to 1946. Haymer married Roene Bulloch on April 18, 1947, in the Salt Lake Temple. To this union came the blessing of four children.

Haymer received a degree from Branch Agricultural College (BAC) in 1948. Dad was a dedicated automobile dealer for 70 years and founded Tri-State Motors in 1959. He was inducted into the Utah Auto Dealers Hall of Fame in 2005. Haymer made every effort to sell a new GMC or Cadillac right up until the last week of his life. Haymer was active throughout his life in many callings in the LDS church; including serving in a Bishopric in the Cedar 8th Ward. He also served as a High Priest Group Leader, a High Councilman, in the scouting program and in various teaching callings. Dad was a great supporter of temple work and spent countless hours in the St. George Temple. He was also a loyal member of the Rotary Club, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and the SUU Alumni Association. Dad also loved



to walk the hillsides of his ranch ensuring that he conquered every Russian thistle within his view.

Haymer was preceded in death by his mother and father, sister Mary, brother Kent, and by his second wife, Nevada. He is survived by his children: David (Lesley) of Cedar City, Ro Ann (Arnold) of Lehi, Marilyn (Joe) of Tooele, and Karen (JB) of St. George; and by thirteen grandchildren; and twenty-one (almost 22) great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Miles (Mary) and brother-in-law John C. Brown.

We are grateful to the many people who helped care for Dad, especially the staff at Brookdale in Cedar City and Southgate in St. George. Special thanks to Joddy Jones, RN. Congratulations on your graduation from this earthly life Dad! We love you!

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Cedar City 5th Ward Chapel (155 E. 400 S., Cedar City). A viewing will be held on Friday March 3, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 200 W., Cedar City), and Saturday March 4, 2017 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Cedar City 5th Ward Chapel. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under direction of the Southern Utah Mortuary.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

## THRILLING FINISH

### Lady Reds lose OT battle with Richfield in 3A quarterfinal

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

In three of the previous four meetings between Cedar and Richfield, the Lady Reds managed to come away with victories by a single basket – seven points in total – each time.

On Feb. 23 at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Logan, the Wildcats had their breakthrough moment and derailed Cedar's hopes for another deep playoff run.

Caitlin Nabity scored 17 points and a last-second shot at the horn fell short to give Richfield a thrilling 42-40 win in overtime over Cedar to advance to the 3A state semifinals.

"It was just like the first time we played them," Cedar head coach John Elison said. "This one was back and forth all the way, just one of those games. We had a couple of opportunities, but in the end, the girls fought hard and played hard. It just wasn't our night."

Cedar had beaten Richfield in five previous meetings, including a 49-47 double-overtime win on the Wildcats' home floor Jan. 5. Senior Lindsay Robinson sent the quarterfinal game into overtime with a 3-pointer that tied the score at 36-36.

The Wildcats wouldn't trail in the extra period. When Maisie Elison's shot in the lane to tie fell short at the horn, it gave Richfield its first win over Cedar since 2013.

"We tried a play to counteract their defense, and we knew it would come down to the wire," Elison said. "I knew the road to the title would go through Richfield, and we drew them in the first round, unfortunately. When you play a good team like that, you never know."

"Sometimes it's a curse how state tournament lineups work. You wish you could pick your own."

Maisie Elison added 11 points for the Lady Reds in the loss.

Cedar would rebound Friday night and keep its season alive with a 59-48 win over Grantsville in an elimination game. Four Lady



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**CEDAR'S LINDSEY ROBINSON** drives in for two against Richfield in the 3A quarterfinal.

Reds scored in double figures, led by 18 from junior Carley Davis. Robinson added 15 for the second straight night, Elison chipped in 12 and Dream Weaver helped out with 11.

Cedar would finish in sixth place after dropping a 35-32 decision to Region 9 champion Desert Hills on Saturday. The Lady Reds held a 24-15 lead at the half, but managed just two points in the third quarter as the Thunder rallied back.

Robinson and Japrix Weaver led Cedar with eight points apiece in the loss as they finished the year with a record of 18-7.

**Richfield**  
42

**Cedar**  
40

Cedar 5 9 12 10 4 -- 40  
Richfield 8 6 11 11 6 -- 42

**Cedar** - Davis 4, E. Pearson 2, J. Weaver 3, Robinson 15, Elison 11, S. Pearson 5. Totals 15 5-8 40. 3-pointers - J. Weaver 1, Robinson 3, S. Pearson 1.

**Richfield** - Nabity 17, Jones 10, Roberts 6, Daniels 4, Bastian 5. Totals 17 8-19 42. 3-pointers - None.

**Friday's Game** - Cedar 59, Grantsville 48

**Saturday's Game** - Desert Hills 35, Cedar 32

## Falcons fall to Flyers, finish fifth

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

For the second year in a row, the Canyon View Falcons had a shot to dethrone a defending 3A state basketball champion in the quarterfinal round. In the end, the Dixie Flyers kept hope alive and held on down the stretch.

Brantzen Blackner scored 17 points, but Canyon View couldn't get over the top and dropped a 48-43 decision to Dixie on Feb. 23 at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Logan on the Utah State campus.

"We played and defended well enough to win, but had some possessions we didn't finish off," Canyon View head coach Robbie Potter said. "(Dixie) played pretty tough."

The Falcons enjoyed the lead briefly in the second quarter, but Dixie led 29-23 at the half. CV was able to cut the margin to 38-36 after three, but couldn't get over the hump and pull off another upset.

Kaden Elzy was the only Dixie player in double figures, and he finished with 10 points.

"I thought we did a good job defending, taking away their dribble-drive," Potter said. "We didn't have enough in the tank to overcome them."

Canyon View cut the lead down to three and had a golden chance to get even closer, but a missed layup from Joey Lambeth derailed the momentum. Dixie would hit 10 of 12 from the free-throw line to help secure the victory.

Lambeth and the Falcons redeemed themselves and recovered from the loss to the Flyers with a clutch performance Friday that kept the season alive. The junior drained a 3-pointer with five seconds remaining that helped CV get by Richfield for the third time this season, 51-48.

Blackner scored 32 points with five 3-pointers for the Falcons and Porter Miller added 12.

Canyon View completed its state tournament run by beating Stansbury 54-44 on Saturday to finish in fifth place with a 16-11 overall record. Blackner hit five 3-pointers for the second straight game and finished with 27 points.

**Dixie**  
48

**Cyn. View**  
43

Dixie 14 15 9 10 -- 48  
Canyon View 10 13 13 7 -- 43

**Dixie** - Flinders 4, Bottema 3, Ka. Elzy 10, Ko. Elzy 3, Guymon 9, Stewart 4, Cuff 6, Curtis 9. Totals 18 10-12 48. 3-pointers - Ko. Elzy 1, Cuff 1.

**Canyon View** - Huxford 2, Blackner 17, Lambeth 9, Dettling 6, Miller 6, Ty. Potter 3. Totals 15 6-10 43. 3-pointers - Blackner 2, Lambeth 2, Dettling 2, Ty. Potter 1.

**Friday's Game** - Canyon View 51, Richfield 48

**Saturday's Game** - Canyon View 54, Stansbury 44

"We didn't have enough in the tank to overcome them"

— Robbie Potter  
CV head coach

# SUU gymnasts earn highest road score in school history

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The Flippin' Birds were out on the road Sunday afternoon to face off against the No. 9 Michigan Wolverines, and were able to set the third-highest score in school history and their highest road score ever with a 196.600. Not to be outdone, Michigan tied their second-highest score ever with a 197.825 to pull out the victory.

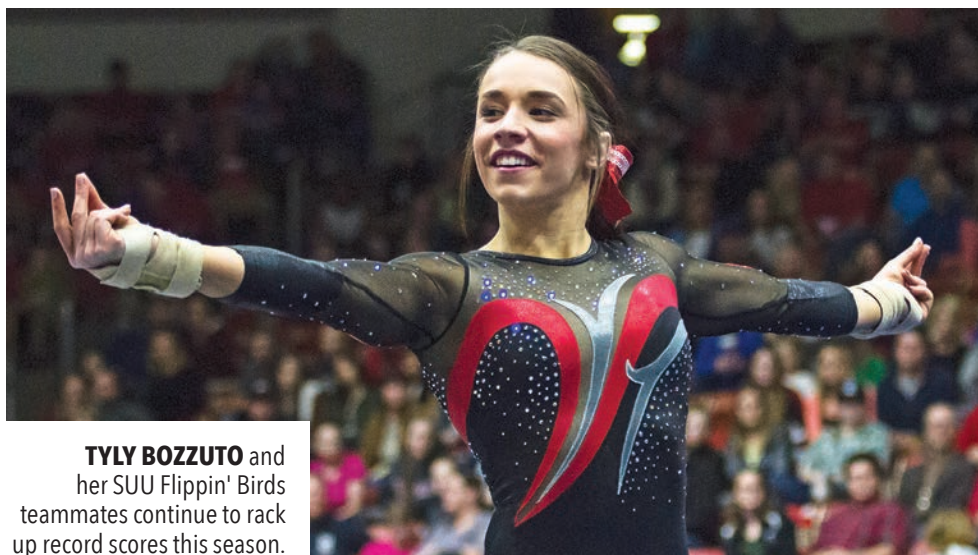
In the span of three weeks, the Thunderbirds have scored the three highest scores in the history of the program.

"I thought the girls did an amazing job, I'm really proud of them," SUU head coach Scott Bauman said. "But we have a lot of room for improvement still. That's a great road score, we're going to walk away from that happy that everyone's still in one piece and we didn't count a fall or any major mistakes. They did a great job."

The Thunderbirds started the afternoon on bars, where they were led by Kirsten Yee and Madison McBride, who both scored a 9.875. Becky Rozsa matched her career high with a 9.850 to put up the third highest score for SUU.

The Flippin' Birds kept the momentum going on vault, where they were led by Virginia Brownsell and Tyly Bozzuto, both putting up a 9.875. For Bozzuto, that set a new career high and for Brownsell it matched it. Megan McBride set a new career high on vault as well with a 9.825. When the Thunderbirds moved to floor Bozzuto and Stacie Webb led the way with a 9.875. For Bozzuto this matched her career high. Brownsell, Autumn Jorgensen and Madyson Blake-Howard all scored a 9.850 to bring SUU's team total to 49.300.

SUU was also very solid on beam, where Bozzuto led the way once again with a 9.875.



**TYLY BOZZUTO** and her SUU Flippin' Birds teammates continue to rack up record scores this season.

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Kamryn Bayer scored a 9.825 to set the second highest score for the Thunderbirds.

Bauman said he was thrilled to see the senior Bozzuto have such a big meet.

"Tyly Bozzuto was on fire," Bauman said. "She went 9.875 on all three events, that's incredible gymnastics. She broke her personal record on vault, and that was an amazing vault. And I'm not going to lie, we needed that vault in that moment because we were going to pull her on vault and not give her a shot, but since we needed her she was really good when she went out and did that."

Michigan put on quite a show for their home fans, winning three of the four event championships with a 9.950 and the fourth with a 9.900. Olivia Karas scored a 39.600 in the all-around to lead the way for the Wolverines, and Nicole Artz scored a 39.575.

"Michigan looked amazing," Bauman said about the opposition. "They hit everything they did too, I can't take anything away from their performance, they looked awesome. They're like we are, they're extraordinarily tough at home and you just have to walk in there not worried about your opponent, and it was really good to see our girls do that."

The Thunderbirds will be home Friday for Senior Night, when they will host the Wolfpack of North Carolina State. Southern Utah and NC State have already squared off this season, with SUU coming out on top.

Bauman said with a week that could be full of emotion, he just wants the gymnasts to stay the course.

"The most important things I want to see out of the girls are to just continue to relax, trust their gymnastics and trust their training," he said.

# ICSD first to have all 'Safe Sport Schools'

The Safe Sports School Award from the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) recognizes secondary schools around the country that take comprehensive steps to keep their athletes free from injuries. And the Iron County School District is the first in the state to have all of its high schools designated at Safe Sport Schools.

Intermountain Sports Medicine manages the athletic trainers at each high school, which include Mason Smith at Canyon View High School, Ryan Huber at Parowan High School, and lead athletic trainer Melissa Mendini at Cedar High School.

According to the NATA, in order to achieve Safe Sports School status, the athletic program at each high school must have done the following: Create a positive athletic health care administrative system, provide or coordinate pre-participation physical examinations, promote safe and appropriate practice and competition facilities, plan for selection, fit function and proper maintenance of athletic equipment, provide a permanent, appropriately equipped area to evaluate and treat injured athletes, develop injury and illness prevention strategies, including protocols for environmental conditions, provide or facilitate injury intervention, create and rehearse venue-specific Emergency Action Plan, provide or facilitate psychosocial consultation and nutritional counseling/education, and be sure athletes and parents are educated of the potential benefits and risks in sports as well as their responsibilities.

Rhett Farrer, manager of the Intermountain Sports Medicine program for southern Utah, said in a release that "The Safe Sports School initiative requires a lengthy application that is signed by a school administrator, the athletic trainer and a team physician. I am grateful for our strong partnership with the Iron County School District, which makes it possible to best protect our student athletes. I feel receiving this designation, and being the first district in the state to have every high school in the school district receiving this, demonstrates our strong commitment to every single student athlete."

# Bobcats beat Rams, reach Region 20 final

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

If one loss can be a powerful motivator, the Panguitch Bobcats had plenty of competitive fire when they played the Parowan Rams in the semifinals of the Region 20 tournament Feb. 24.

Playing for a guaranteed spot in the 1A state tournament, the Bobcats wasted little time asserting its will on the Rams and shaking off its only loss of the season.

Junior forward Jace Eyre scored 20 points and Panguitch held Parowan without a field goal the entire third quarter on the way to a 51-26 rout over the Rams at the Canyon View gym. The Bobcats (22-1) were never threatened after scoring the final six points of the first quarter to take a 14-6 lead.

"They outworked us," Parowan coach Lance Stubbs. "That's the hardest I've ever seen those kids play. They converted while we struggled"

Panguitch extended its lead to 26-12 at the half, then allowed Parowan only a pair of free throws from Nathan Goodman late in the third

quarter that effectively turned the game into a rout. Trey Barney backed up Eyre with 13 points for the Bobcats.

Jarrin Church led the Rams with 11 points, including a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. Parowan finished with eight field goals made in the game.

"There was a lid on the basket for us. We struggled, there was no question about it," Stubbs said.

The Rams rebounded and avoided a play-in game by beating Bryce Valley 61-47 on Saturday to claim the No. 3 seed from Region 20 for the 1A state tournament that starts today at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield. They will open play against Rich (17-7), the No. 2 seed from Region 17, in a 4 p.m. tipoff

Parowan (16-9) got 18 points from Trevor Bassett and outscored the Mustangs 23-10 in the fourth quarter to secure the victory. Church added 12 and Goodman chipped in with 10.

Panguitch improved to 23-1 and won the Region 20 title with a 65-50 victory over Valley in the championship game.

**1A State Tournament**  
At Sevier Valley Center, Richfield  
**First Round**  
Today's Game: Parowan vs. Rich, 4pm



Panguitch

**51**



Parowan

**26**

Panguitch 14 12 13 12 -- 51  
Parowan 6 6 2 12 -- 26

**Panguitch** - Barney 13, Stowe 2, Eyre 20, Orton 7, Lamb 4, Frandsen 2, Wolfley 3. Totals 18 14-17 51. 3-pointers - Eyre 1.

**Parowan** - Jense 2, Goodman 4, Bassett 2, Church 11, Guymon 4, Wood 3. Totals 8 7-8 26. 3-pointers - Church 2, Wood 1.

**Thursday's Game -**  
Parowan 57, Piute 50

**Saturday's Game -**  
Parowan 61, Bryce Valley 47

# T-Bird women end losing streak at 14

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Iron County Today

As the fourth quarter began for the Southern Utah women's basketball team in its matchup with Portland State on Feb. 23, there were plenty of ghosts the T-Birds were looking to exorcise.

North Dakota. Idaho State. Northern Arizona. Victory that was there for the taking got taken away with big fourth-quarter rallies by the opposition.

Seniors Jessica Richardson and Jamie Smith put an end to the nightmares once and for all.

Richardson finished with a career-high 25 points and Smith added 18 on six 3-pointers as Southern Utah rolled to an 82-64 win over Portland State before nearly 1,000 fans at the Centrum. It ended the T-Birds' 14-game losing streak and was their first home win since the season opener Nov. 12.

"As a team in practice, we've tried to eliminate all thoughts of the train wreck that keeps happening over and over," SUU head coach Chris Boettcher said. "We've set up plays and scenarios in practice where it doesn't matter. The result is going to be whatever it is, but we can't afford to react to it in a negative way."

As they did in their prior matchup at Northern Arizona, the T-Birds enjoyed an eight-point halftime lead (39-31).

Things started on a sour note for SUU as the visiting Vikings scored two quick baskets, cutting the lead in half and forcing Boettcher to call a timeout.

Later in the third quarter, Smith hit two of her triples in an 11-0 run that pushed the SUU lead from four to 57-42. By the time the period ended, the T-Birds were up 65-48. This time, Smith and the rest of her teammates had a quiet confidence that allowed them to avoid any repeat of past mistakes.

"It was all excitement," Smith said.

"Even though the fouls kept coming, we knew we were up and had a chance to keep going, keep building on it. This was our game."

Even after the initial timeout, Smith knew there would be no impending collapse.

"There was something special out there," she said. "As soon as we came out, we were ready to go. Bucket after bucket, even if they scored one, we just



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**SUU'S JESSICA RICHARDSON** scored a career-high 25 points in the win over Portland State that ended the team's 14-game losing streak.

kept going."

And the lead never fell below 13 points in the final 10 minutes as a result.

For the game, the T-Birds shot 48 percent from the floor and forced the Vikings into 28 turnovers that led to 34 points. Darri Frandsen was the other T-Bird in double figures with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

In SUU's other game of the week, the T-Birds got 30 points from Smith – including her second straight game with six 3-pointers – but couldn't overcome Sacramento State in a 110-104 loss in the regular-season home finale Saturday.

The Hornets shot 59 percent from the floor in the second half and made 21 3-pointers, but had

to hold on as the T-Birds rallied from a 14-point deficit at the start of the fourth quarter.

Richardson added 21 points in her final home game as a T-Bird, and Frandsen had another double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds.

SUU closes its regular season with road games at Eastern Washington on Thursday and Idaho on Saturday.

# CV will be player in Region 9 return

With high-school basketball

at the 3A level officially in the books for the 2016-17 season, there's one theme that keeps ringing in my brain involving the Canyon View Falcons.



## RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom ZULEWSKI  
Sports Writer

success.

Southern Utah's women's basketball team finally broke out of a 14-game losing streak last Thursday with an 18-point win at home over Portland State. Although they likely won't be moving up from the No. 12 seed – they'll need road wins at Eastern Washington and Idaho this week along with some help – their first-round opponent for the Big Sky tournament in Reno is very much up in the air.

As of this moment, SUU is slated to face Idaho State should the seeds hold. The Bengals are tied with Idaho at 10-6, but own the tiebreaker by virtue of a season sweep over the Vandals.

In order for the T-Birds to have a chance to advance if they face either team, defending the 3-pointer is the biggest priority. Idaho set a school record with 18 in its Jan. 19 win in Cedar City, and Idaho State hit nine of its 13 down the stretch in a stunning comeback from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat SUU in double overtime Feb. 4.

Like the women, the SUU men's team is at the bottom of the Big Sky standings, but in a slightly different space. Because Northern Colorado is ineligible to compete in the tournament, the T-Birds are the No. 11 seed heading into the final week.

SUU is tied right now with Idaho State, but the Bengals would get the higher seed because of its win in the head-to-head meeting in Pocatello on Feb. 4. That means the T-Birds will need to win twice at home and hope ISU loses at least once.

They could go up one more notch to the No. 9 seed, but Northern Arizona has a two-game cushion and only needs to win once at home against Eastern Washington or Idaho to secure its slot, regardless of what SUU does.

With that said, Montana would be slated right now as the opponent for the T-Birds in the opening round of the tournament. At 9-7 in Big Sky play, the Grizzlies have a one-game lead over Sacramento State, but the Hornets swept the head-to-head season series and would earn any tiebreaker.

The pressure's on. Let March Madness begin.

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

They're coming back to Region 9 in the fall, and based on what's been coming out of the north side school in Cedar City, they aren't going to be pushovers anymore.

Look no further than the just-completed playoffs. As we discussed in this space last week, Canyon View got a shot for the second straight year to dethrone a defending state champion from Region 9 – which was not a coincidence – and nearly did the deed again after knocking off Pine View one year ago.

The Dixie Flyers got the breaks down the stretch and held on for a 48-43 win that kept their title hopes alive, but the Falcons' performance has to make the rest of their future opponents stand up and take notice.

Head coach Robbie Potter told me via phone from Logan after the game that his team's goal will be simple.

"We match up with Region 9," he said. "We may have moved out, but we're still competitive. Now we're coming back, so we'll go out and win. It doesn't matter who it is now, but we're coming back to compete."

CV had played Dixie in the pre-season and wasn't really in the game when they played at home. The Flyers won 69-53, and it wasn't that close.

"When we played Dixie in December, they were the defending champs and we put them up on a pedestal before we played them," Potter said. "We didn't have the time to create an identity, but we were playing to get better. With the end of the season, we've come to that."

And with the chance to see the Flyers twice along with the rest of Region 9, Canyon View knows it won't be a pushover – not with returning players like Brantzen Blackner, Joey Lambeth and Porter Miller, who will be entering their senior seasons.

Blackner averaged 24.5 points per game – with a knee that will be having surgery soon – in the Falcons' four playoff contests. Lambeth can surprise opponents with big shots at the right times, as he did in the win over Richfield. Miller is everywhere he needs to be on the floor, from getting rebounds to shooting 3-pointers.

CV's last spring sports season as a Region 12 member is on the way, and if the fall and winter are any indication, there's every reason to believe in the Falcons' potential to build on their

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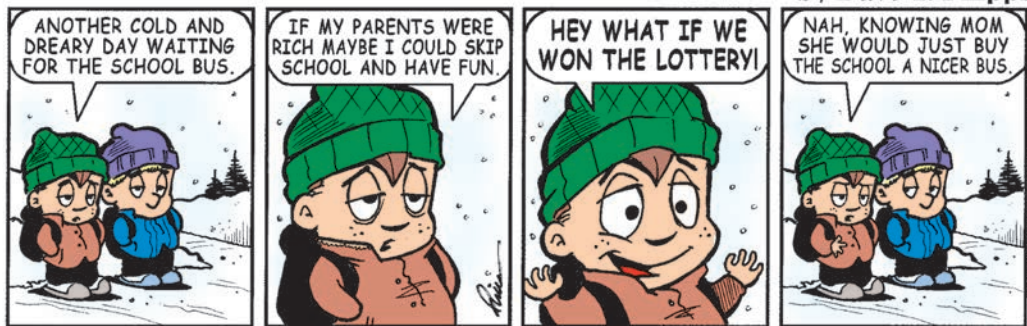
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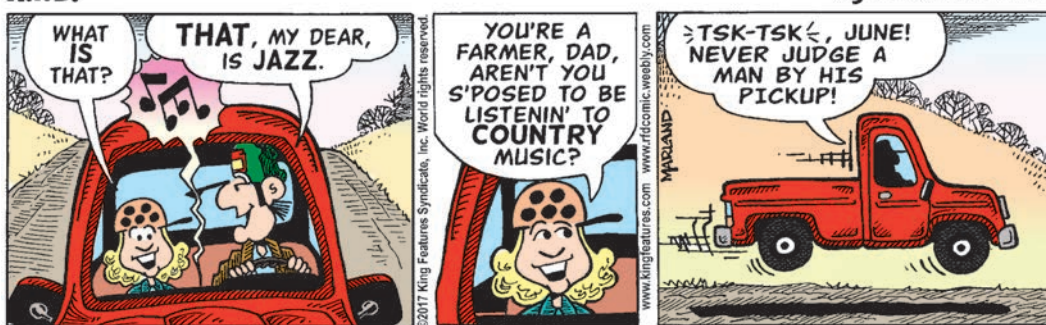
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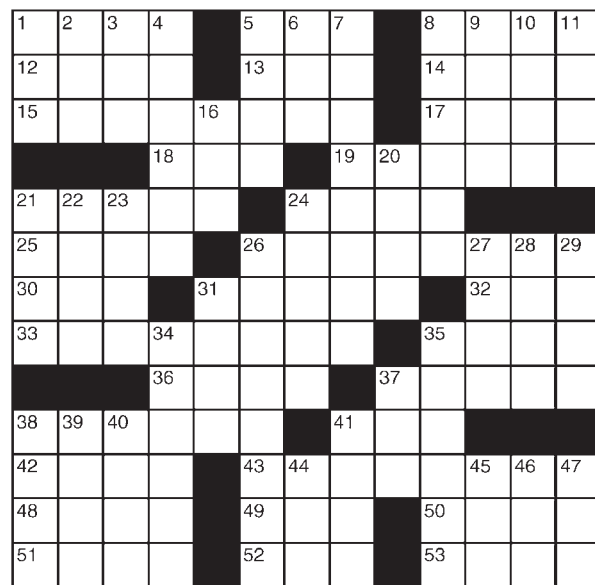
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Do as you're told
- 5 A cont.
- 8 Old fogey
- 12 Geometry measure
- 13 Born
- 14 Divisible by two
- 15 Soared
- 17 Choose the best
- 18 Japanese pond carp
- 19 With resolution
- 21 Twelve
- 24 Highway division
- 25 Saharan
- 26 Demonstrated, as when on strike
- 30 Chaps
- 31 Chess wins
- 32 Consumed
- 33 Sank a billiard ball
- 35 Caspian feeder
- 36 Addict
- 37 William Tell's target
- 38 Formosa, today
- 41 Annoy
- 42 — Major
- 43 Fined for speeding, e.g.
- 48 Indonesian island



- 49 High-arc shot
- 50 Basin accessory
- 51 Help in a crime
- 52 "Tasty!"
- 53 Annoyingly slow
- 8 Edict
- 9 Egg
- 10 Farmer's home?
- 11 Sans siblings
- 16 A billion years
- 20 Tattoo-parlor supply
- 21 Moist
- 22 Sandwich cookie
- 23 Brass component
- 24 Metric measure
- 26 Obviously
- 27 Rainout cover
- 28 Common Latin abbr.
- 29 Strike from
- 31 Smaller plateau
- 34 Persian Gulf nation
- 35 Maintenance
- 37 Noah's boat
- 38 Big brass instrument
- 39 Bedouin
- 40 — of Capri
- 41 Cold War weapon (Abbr.)
- 44 Debt notice
- 45 Pair
- 46 "A mouse!"
- 47 Parched

### DOWN

- 1 Rowing tool
- 2 Sis' counterpart
- 3 Common Mkt.
- 4 Talked on and on
- 5 Opposed
- 6 Lawyer's payment
- 7 Clearly

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by Linda Thistle

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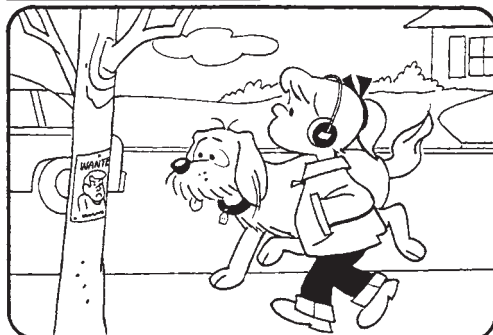
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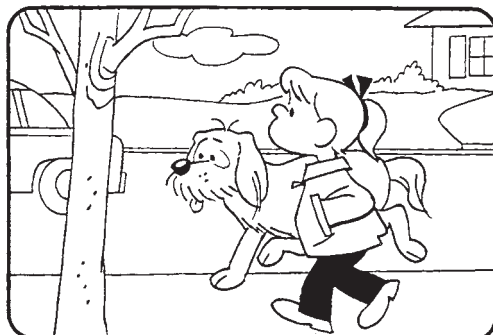
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Answer

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword



by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: Which plant sometimes is known as "pieplant" because its edible stalks often are used in desserts?
2. LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays features a character named Viola?
3. MOVIES: Which movie featured the theme song "You've Got a Friend In Me"?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who served as vice president of the U.S. for 82 days before becoming president?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What two countries are connected by the Khyber Pass?
6. MUSIC: What bridge did Billie Joe jump off in Bobbie Gentry's song "Ode to Billie Joe"?
7. ANATOMY: Where would the parietal bones be found in the human body?
8. RELIGION: What is the second book of the Old Testament?
9. GEOLOGY: What kind of natural stone is known as Carrara?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the official language of Brazil?

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1. Rhubarb; 2. "Twelfth Night"; 3. "Toy Story"; 4. Harry Truman; 5. Afghanistan and Pakistan; 6. The Tallahatchie bridge; 7. The skull; 8. Exodus; 9. Marble; 10. Portuguese

### Trivia Test Answers