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RESIDENTS VOICE CONCERNS

at Cedar town hall meeting

by Kelsey **KEENER**
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Cedar City residents gathered Feb. 26 at the Cedar City Library to voice their concerns at a town hall meeting.

Members of WMW Cedar City organized the town hall meeting in the hopes of expressing concerns to Congressman Chris Stewart and Senators Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee in a civil way.

No representatives were in attendance, but the meeting was filmed and participants were asked to write down their concerns. The video of the meeting and the letters that were written will be sent to the offices of Utah's representatives.

Several members of the Cedar City community spoke in order to address their concerns. Topics of interest ranged from the Affordable Care Act, how the government should

spend money, environmental issues and the Environmental Protection Agency to transgender bathrooms, national parks and sex education.

Sariah Hafen said she feels like her voice is not being heard.

"I can never get through to Orrin Hatch's offices," Hafen said. "So I'm here because I want to be heard."

Dakishia Reid did not address an issue during the meeting, but said she was glad to see people contributing.

"I am encouraged by seeing people here who are participating and who are involved," Reid said. "I don't think that a democracy works unless you are involved. You get the country that you work for."

Shannon Eberhard raised questions about bills the state of Utah is pushing that are anti-federal land management and the safety of federal employees.



KELSEY KEENER

EVEN WITHOUT SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, residents in Cedar expressed their views at a town hall meeting on Feb. 26.

"My reason for being concerned about these bills and the way they're pushing them through is that it's kind of inflammatory," Eberhard said. "Letters have been left on federal employees' vehicles that are implying threats. We've had

people shoot at students who are seasonal federal employees."

Ryan McLean addressed gerrymandering and the possibility of disbanding the EPA, which he said would be detrimental to Utah in particular. McLean said he thought the meeting was

productive.

"I really thought this was great because no matter what happens, at the very least it was nice to hear (from) so many people who share the same views and the same frustrations as myself," McLean said.



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DONATIONS CONTINUE TO COME IN for Kristin Wells, whose husband and two children were killed in a plane crash last week.

Three killed in Iron County plane crash

by Holly **COOMBS**
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A father and two children were confirmed dead on Feb. 27 following the finding of a Cessna 172 plane that was reported missing on Feb. 26

Randy Wells of Sandy was flying the plane with his 8-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter from Phoenix to the Salt Lake City International Airport when he didn't arrive at the expected time Saturday evening the search began, Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower said.

The plane was found off Highway 20 near Panguitch Monday morning about 11 a.m. after the efforts of the five counties including Beaver, Piute, Sevier, Kane and Iron were deployed to search efforts.

Gower said when the plane was located in Iron County, the search and rescue efforts were turned over to the Iron County Sheriff's Office. The cause of the plane going down is still under investigation as the plane is being removed for evaluation, he said.

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Immigrants tell their stories of diversity

by Kelsey KEENER
Iron County Today

Through a collaborative effort from the Peace and Justice Association, the SUU Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the SUU Anthropology Club and the SUU International Club, community members were able to hear the stories of immigrants in Cedar City.

Helen Boswell, Yahir Luna, Madison Brooks, Kholoud Al-Qubbaj, Vishal Lama, Paula Garrison-Tavar and Monica Jung were invited to be part of the panel, held March 1 in the Living Room of the Sharwan Smith Student Center at SUU.

Helen Boswell, an associate professor biology at SUU, began by giving a brief introduction then sharing her mother's story, who immigrated from Hong Kong.

Each participant had the chance to tell the story of how they came to be in America and what their experiences were.

Madison Brooks, a Canadian immigrant and student at SUU, spoke about her experiences



KELSEY KEENER

IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN CEDAR CITY TOLD THEIR STORIES at a presentation held on the campus of Southern Utah University.

being targeted for her accent as a young girl and encouraged the audience to keep an open mind.

"Keep an open mind about the people you're meeting," Brooks said. "Whether they're (from) Canada, or China, or Mexico, or wherever ... keep an open mind about who they are because they're people too."

Kholoud Al-Qubbaj, a Middle Eastern immigrant, told

her story and addressed how difficult and time-consuming the process of being an American citizen truly is despite the belief that is easy, and encouraged the audience not to take for granted their citizenship.

Vishal Lama, an Indian immigrant, explained that it was his grandmother who came to America and said exploitation of immigrants due to a lack of

ability to communicate is an issue.

Paula Garrison-Tavar, a Colombian immigrant and biology student at SUU, told the audience that her family immigrated due to fearing for their safety after her uncle was kidnapped by the FARC. She addressed the importance of diversity.

"One thing I've learned

through my biology course is that ecosystems thrive when there is biodiversity, and that's one thing that helps this country is the diversity that immigrants bring to it," she said.

Monica Jung, an Australian immigrant and the associate director of Chrysalis, said she came to America on a scholarship and that her experiences here is what made her want to stay after she graduated.

"I've always viewed America as a land of opportunity," Jung said. "Every moment, every experienced that I have gained to stay in America has been rewarding."

Kristopher Phillips, an associate professor philosophy at SUU, said the panel was an important experience for students, faculty and staff at SUU as well the Cedar City community because

"Being able to put a face to issues of diversity, to issues of immigration and to humanize it is something that is absolutely critical and really makes seemingly abstract issues very tangible," Phillips said.

Officer sworn in, waterline change considered

by Holly COOMBS
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A new police officer was sworn in and consideration to upgrade a six-inch water pipeline to an eight-inch was presented at Cedar City Council's meeting last Wednesday.

Cedar City Police Chief Darin Adams introduced Jake Hoyt of Cedar City to be sworn in as a new officer for the Cedar City Police Department.

City Recorder Renon Savage read the oath as Hoyt accepted and was sworn in at the meeting.

Hoyt grew up in the community.

"I'm excited to be here and serve the community I grew up in," Hoyt said.

Council also considered the upgrade of a water pipeline from a six-inch to an eight-inch length at 2050 West 200 South. "(The six-inch waterline) was put in with the intent it would serve the subdivision," Public Works Director Ryan Marshall said. "When it was done in 2002, according to the review, it needs an eight-inch pipe because of inadequate fire flow. We want to fix the pressure differences added and

additional issues that occur down Cove Drive."

Marshall said in looking at the waterline it was not completely valved off and didn't help the pressure issues.

With the same owners, Marshall presented options before the council. He said an eight-inch easement is present, but a six-inch was put in.

First option is to request the city remove and replace or pay for the agreement. The Second option was to

have the owners pay out of pocket and acquisition fees as they are willing to pay. The third and final option Marshall presented is the owners paying the difference of the six-inch to the eight-inch and the city pays for the removal and

installation.

Questions that were brought about if the pipe could be reused, which City Engineer Kit Wareham said it cannot be reused. City Councilman Fred Rowley asked why a six-inch waterline was put in if there was an easement for an eight-inch. Marshall responded that he didn't know the answer to why.

A motion was made to consider it at the next week's meeting.

"I'm excited to be here and serve the community I grew up in"

— Jake Hoyt



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CEDAR CITY CHIEF OF POLICE DARIN ADAMS, right, introduced Jake Hoyt as the newest officer to join the department, during city council last Wednesday.

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District counselors learn tool to eliminate choking game among youth

by Holly COOMBS
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CEDAR CITY — Iron County school counselors had the opportunity to hear from Judy Rogg, co-founder of Erik's Cause, on last Wednesday morning at Canyon View High School to educate and keep youth from playing the choking game.

Rogg's son Erik, then a sixth grader, passed away in 2010 as a result of the choking game. Rogg, who is from Los Angeles, Calif., said her son only did it one time and it took his life.

The choking game, intentionally cutting off oxygen to the brain with the goal of inducing temporary loss of consciousness and euphoria, has been a fun way for kids to get high without drugs or alcohol, but has shown results that many die from doing it once. Rogg compared it to a water hose.

"When you bend a water hose what happens?" she said. "It stops working. But what happens when you let it go? It jolts before it starts working again."

She said the example teaches the students about the risk of the game without teaching them how to do it.

Rogg said similarities on the oxygen and the brain activity does the same, including killing brain cells. She said by educating students about how the brain works and doing surveys on if they have heard about the game, or if they would talk to anyone about it if they knew someone would do it, helps keep them from doing it.

"How old are you when your brain is fully developed?" Rogg said. "25. Kids, their feelings are controlling. They don't think through complex consequences until they are 25. You're better at 15 than you were at 12. We help them understand that."

Rogg said a good amount of children from third grade to high school know about the game, and fifth, seventh and ninth graders are among some being educated through the surveys and videos.

She said children need adults to help them understand what is good and what is dangerous while the brain is fully developing. Rogg said the material to educate them changes to keep the children engaged and understanding.

Erik's Cause was co-created with Stephanie Small, a psychologist has assisted her to make a difference with other children and collect data about

where the choking game is in effect.

Another thing Rogg mentioned that helps children stay away from the choking game is when parents monitor what they watch.

"Parents aren't monitoring what kids watch," she said. "They see wrestling and they don't know they are playing the choking game. They mimic what they see on TV."

Kids need to understand it and it will also help them be mentors to the young kids and their siblings.

Cedar City Police Department Detective Mike Bleak has been a main source of help in the area to educate and eliminate the choking game among students, Rogg said. Bleak was not available for comment, but Intermountain Public Relations Specialist Becki Bronson has also assisted in the cause.

"I think if there's any one theme that defines my personal goal while serving on the Iron County School Board, it would definitely be protecting the

safety of our children," Bronson said. "I was first invited to learn more about the choking game at a meeting with Cedar and Enoch police departments about three years ago. I learned there that almost half the deaths in our school district from the last 10 years came from the choking game, which was 4 of 10."

She said while it's one thing to read about the choking game or someone dying from the choking game, it is entirely another to hear the local eyewitness accounts of the investigation into the deaths of our own school district's children, reviewing their autopsy reports,

seeing their beautiful and innocent faces, and how easily and quickly a few minutes of a thoughtless curiosity literally snuffed out their lives.

"Some of the forensic evidence gathered by law enforcement around the country was also presented at this meeting," Bronson said. "(It) included one video from back east of a 12-year-old boy whose intent was to video himself alone demonstrating how to play the choking game, but instead ended up recording his own accidental death from strangulation. I will never be the same person after having watched that."

She said it was clear at that point that something had to be done in the way of educating children about not playing the horrible deadly game.

**JUDY ROGG
TEACHES IRON
COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
COUNSELORS** about the tools to keep youth from playing the choking game.



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"...almost half the deaths in our school district from the last 10 years came from the choking game..."

— **Becki Bronson**



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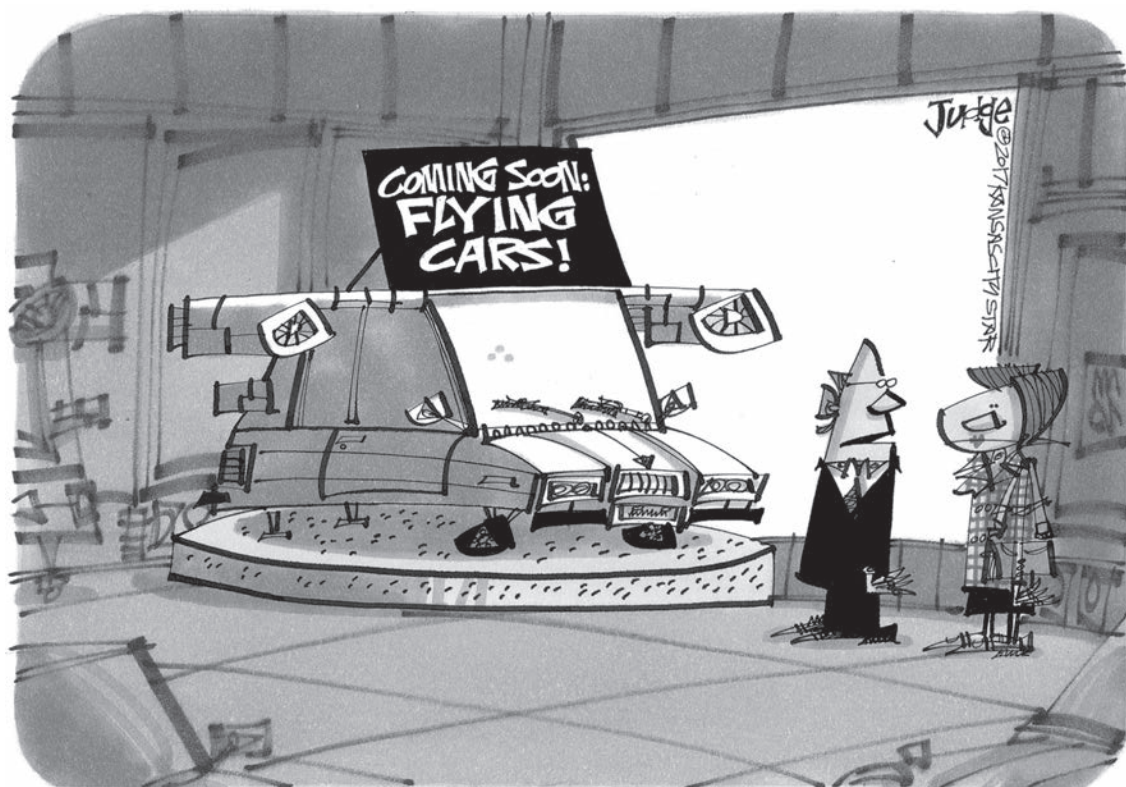
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"HAS IT OCCURRED TO ANYBODY THAT WE CAN'T EVEN HANDLE CARS THAT JUST GO BACK AND FORTH?"

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What has changed in 34 years

Entering the 34th year of writing this column, I was asked by a reader to name the major change. The answer is easy: the distrust of the media due to the Trump presidency and the rise of online "news" reports.

Along the way, our divided nation has also let to a decreased civility ("If you don't agree with me, you're a traitor"), and politicians have not helped out by disenfranchising voters through gerrymandering districts to ensure that Republicans or Democrats have easy wins.

The worry about "fake news" on the Internet has drawn the attention of online pioneers as well as corporate CEOs. Vincent Cerf, a 73-year old who worked with another electrical engineer to design the Internet (sorry, Al Gore!), is concerned that his invention has "attracted people who do not have other people's interests at heart, running scams and doing all kinds of things that are harmful. We really have to accept responsibility in this online environment to think critically about what we are seeing and reading, and deliberately pay attention to the other side of the argument."

Tim Cook, the chief executive at Apple, puts it more bluntly: "(Fake news) is killing people's minds."

Instead of reading newspapers and news magazines, Americans are relying on partisan websites and talk radio hosts to "explain" the news. This is how "Obamacare" became a swear word even though a majority of Americans agree with some of its major provisions. This is why some radical liberals still believe that

the Russians hacked the polling sites and swung the election to Trump. In contrast, this is why a significant portion of U.S. conservatives still believe that Trump won the total number of votes since millions of illegal aliens cast phony ballots.

Trump's bellowing about "fake news"



Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY
 Columnist

Thirty-four years ago we didn't base our political views on the rantings of TV and radio performers

and ousting major news outlets from his press conferences has certainly ramped up the mistrust of media even though the majority of Americans only snicker at his idea of "alternative facts." His abuse of the media stirs cheers from his most loyal supporters; the problem is that according to a CBS survey, his "true believers" only

account for 22 percent of the electorate (compared to 35 percent who "strongly resist" him). A slim majority of Americans are taking a "wait and see" attitude, but a mid-February Gallup poll found that Trump is not seeing the traditional "honeymoon" presidents feel in their first 60 days, with 53 percent disapproving of his job performance.

Lampooning the news media won't boost his presidency; that will only come when he begins acting like an adult instead of a vaudeville performer. And blaming CNN for his problems will take a backseat to Saturday Night Live's satirical spin. (The widely-seen Melissa McCarthy impersonation of press secretary Sean "Spicey" Spicer was the show's most-watched episode in six years – and among the 18-49 age group, it scored higher ratings than any prime-time programming that week.) That is not good news for a Trump re-election in 2020.

Thirty-four years ago when this column first appeared, Americans had a greater sense of humor and presidents regularly joked about themselves. Thirty-four years ago we didn't refuse to watch the Academy Awards because a talented actress might make a comment we didn't agree with. Thirty-four years ago we didn't base our political views on the rantings of TV and radio performers.

Thirty-four years ago, we were a more decent people.

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CHOKING GAME

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"There is no way a child should ever see the disturbing images and information we had seen, frankly, it was too much for even most adults to take," Bronson said. "However, it was after law enforcement presented, that then Judy introduced herself, and presented her training tool to the group."

Rogg created a child-friendly, anti-choking game prevention tool that specifically was the antidote to any "shock and awe" tools that could try and scare kids into not playing, Bronson said.

"What is brilliant and beautiful about Judy's anti-choking game prevention tool is it does not teach a child how to play the game, while teaching in a grade-level appropriate way what happens to our brain and body when we play the game, why the game is dangerous, and some easy ways to handle the situation when someone's playing the game, or wants them to play the game," she said. "The training tool then ends with the regular school pictures, sports pictures, happy, hanging out with friends pictures, of dozens of children that died from playing it, so that our students can realize it's kids just like them who did something they thought was no big deal too, but ended up dying from it."

The data clearly shows how effective this tool has been to reduce the number of how many of our students play the choking game, she said.

"What happened to Judy with the death of her son playing it just one time, I would imagine most parents could hardly fathom anything worse than what she has been through," Bronson said. "But born out of the worst pain a parent could imagine, Judy has been and continues to be a tireless force for good in choking game education and prevention, which has protected hundreds and thousands of our own children, all over the world."

Bronson called her a great hero on earth and said she is proud to be a part of helping with the tool being implemented in the school district and have Rogg as an ally.

Additional information about the choking game tool and Erik's Cause can be found at erikscause.org.



KELSEY KEENER

ALLIES ON CAMPUS FOCUSES ON HELPING LGBTQA MEMBERS feel more acceptance in the community.

Allies working to create a safe environment

by Kelsey **KEENER**
Iron County Today

SUU students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to become members of Allies on Campus, an organization committed to creating safe places for members of the LGBTQA community at SUU, last Wednesday.

Jayci Bash, an Ally and associate director of the SUU Honors Program, led this particular training. Bash covered a variety of topics as well as skills Allies need to have, such as coming out, policies that provide protection, listening and asking non-judgmental questions.

Bash explained policies that are in place to protect against discrimination, including the Title IX policy as well as the SUU Anti-Discrimination Policy.

"What we really want is for our students, faculty and staff to know that they have protection," she said. "And our job as Allies is to make sure that they're receiving the appropriate protections."

Melissa Palmer, an SUU student, attended the training because she wants to help people and wanted to become an Ally.

"A lot of it is knowing things like terminology and how to help people, and this teaches the skills to do that," Palmer

said. "I hope to always be an Ally."

Bash said her goals for those who participated in this training are for them to understand that there are different identities and ways of engaging in the world, as well as to empower them.

"What I really want is just to have them feel more knowledgeable about people who are maybe different than them and have a basis which they can operate on as an Ally and as an overall good person," she said. "The goal of the training is to empower people to stand up for what they feel is right."

Bash added that the growing number Allies on Campus stickers and shirts being seen on campus are an important aspect of providing safe places for the SUU community.

"It's really important that we have representation that's visible on our campus that show students, faculty and staff that we are an inclusive and a welcoming environment for all people," she said.

The "Becoming an Ally" training that Bash led March 1 was the second part of a two-part process. The first part is "Understanding Our LGBTQ Community," which covers basic understanding of the LGBTQ population at SUU. Both are required for anyone interested to become an Ally, and will be offered periodically.

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. 27

Brandon S. Ferguson, Cedar City
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Dakota R. Hazelwood, Cedar City
Burglary, Theft

Dana S. Schlitter, Cedar City
Theft

William Tait, Cedar City
Burglary, Theft

Feb. 28

Salvatore Locascio, Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Possession, Controlled Substance, Speeding

Travis L. McBride, Cedar City
Stalking

Mark A. Hillstead, Cedar City
Drug Paraphernalia, Theft less than \$500

March 1

Aldon L. Franklin, Sanders, Ariz.
False Written Statement, Intoxication

Ngoc L. Lunog, Overland, Mo.
DUI

Justin W. Nelson, Cedar City
Drug court violation

Jose A. Quinones, Jr., Morano Valley, CA
Assault, DV-Presence of Child

March 2

Kenneth B. Edwards, Cedar City
FTA Warrant

Richard L. Kalles, Cedar City
Assault

Shon Edwards, Summit
Unlawful sex conduct w/16-17

Kathryn A. Long, Cedar City
Driving w/o insurance, Driving on Suspension, FTA-Warrant

March 4

Alecsis Carrillo, Cedar City
Driving on suspended license, no insurance

Anthony D. Meacham, Cedar City
Possession, Drug Paraphernalia

March 5

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Ross opens doors in Cedar

Retailer supports community with donation to local School District

by Holly COOMBS
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The grand opening for Cedar City's own Ross Dress For Less Store at 990 S. Main St. last Saturday means 60 jobs will open to the community.

District Manager Marc Mochamps said associates from Las Vegas and Salt Lake City came to assist in getting the new store open.

"This is what it is all about," Mochamps said. "Creating opportunities for others and bringing more business."

Rhonda Draper, former Durrant Sporting Goods owner and Cedar City resident, is the manager of the Cedar City Ross store.

"I'm excited to be here," Draper said. "I want to thank all the dedicated associates from Las Vegas and Salt Lake City who came to help. They've put in a lot of hard work."

Draper also mentioned how she hopes to receive support from

the community for the new store. Cedar City councilmember Terri Hartley spoke and cut the ribbon with Draper on behalf of the city.

"This is a great place to shop and have opportunities for the community," Hartley said. "The money spent will stay here and this is what makes Cedar City successful." She said that she's grateful Draper, a community member, will be overseeing the store.

Draper said Ross is all about more.

"More stores, more brands and more savings for the entire family and home," she said. "Today we are the nation's largest half-price retailers with more than 1,300 stores across the country."

In honor of Ross's commitment to the community, a check of \$2,500 was presented to the Iron County School District Foundation in support of the teachers and students.

"This a great place to shop and have opportunities for the community"

— Terri Hartley



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ROSS DRESS FOR LESS MANAGER RHONDA DRAPER and Cedar City councilmember Terri Hartley cut the ribbon at Ross's grand opening last Saturday.



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Zions' trails closing temporarily

SPRINGDALE — Climbing routes on cliffs used by nesting Peregrine Falcons in Zion National Park were temporarily closed beginning March 1 in order to protect these birds which are in recovery from “endangered species” status.

The following cliffs are currently closed: Angels Landing, Cable Mountain, The Great White Throne (beyond single and double-pitched climbs), Isaac (in Court of the Patriarchs), The Sentinel, Mountain of the Sun, North Twin Brother, Tunnel Wall, The East Temple, Mount Spry, The Streaked Wall, Mount Kinesava, and the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek. All other cliffs will remain open to climbing.

Park wildlife biologists will monitor the nesting activity of Peregrine Falcons throughout the 2017 breeding season. Cliffs that have been closed but are not being used for nest sites this year, will be reopened when nest locations have been determined, typically by late April or early May. Those cliffs being used for nest sites this year will be monitored until the chicks fledge, usually in late July, and then will be reopened to climbing.

Zion National Park is home to a high concentration of breeding Peregrine Falcons each spring and summer. These magnificent birds of prey were listed as an “endangered species” in 1970 under the Endangered Species Act. Their decline was primarily due to the effects of DDT, an insecticide which caused the birds to produce thin-shelled eggs that were easily broken, killing the developing embryo inside. Thanks to the U.S. ban on DDT in 1972, as well as the success of captive breeding programs, peregrine populations have recovered across North America and the species was delisted in 1999. Zion National Park has been and continues to be an important sanctuary for peregrines and many other wildlife species.

For up-to-date information on the status and maps of the closed climbing cliffs, please check the Zion National Park website at www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/climbing.htm. Climbers are responsible for checking the specific maps of the closed areas. The website will be continuously updated as cliffs are reopened.

PLANE CRASH

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“We don’t know if it was a cause from bad weather or something else,” Gower said.

The Wells family leave behind their wife and mother and a gofundme page is setup to assist her at www.gofundme.com/donation-fund-for-kristin-wells. According to the page, Kristin Wells, Randy’s wife is the only surviving member of the family and has recently found out she is 20 weeks pregnant with a little girl. As of Wednesday evening \$122,640 of \$150,000 had been donated.

Gower said the situation is tough on all involved including the crews and family.

“It’s tough on all involved and the recovering victims and crews who worked on the search effort,” he said. “Our hearts go out to the family.”

CVHS group prepares for National Science Fair with live dragon exploration, creation

by Holly COOMBS
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Dragons existing in life isn’t impossible to a group of Canyon View High students, who created their science project, which they are taking to the National Science Fair at Southern Utah University on March 31.

Sophomore Eric Spencer, junior Shawnte Mitchell and Senior Augustus Sean Villanueva are among the leaders of the group in the project that took third at the High School Science Fair earlier this year.

Spencer said their group was the only at Canyon View High School doing a science fair project.

Adult advisor Amanda Harward encouraged the group to take their project to the National Science Fair because she believes it is nothing like any other science project.

“It is completely out-of-the-box project and not one of those cookie cutter projects that are often seen,” Harward said. “They came up with it on their own and have done really well.”

Among the things the group has considered is the aspect of genetic engineering — the science of making changes to the genes of a plant or animal to produce a desired result.

Spencer and Mitchell said they hope to make the project possible when they get their college degrees in genetic engineering and herpetology and get permission from the government and some point to make the project possible. Majority of the project is the research of aspects of various

animals can create the best dragon. Among these, they said the dragon would be made up of a four-chamber human heart, canine teeth and the speed of a peregrine falcon.

“We are proving that it possible to people,” Spencer said. “We are taking this information with the proper degree and use it to convince

Mitchell said she knows that the project will do well at the National Science Fair.

“Isn’t that was science is all about?” she said. “It’s researching, experimenting and creating and this is a perfect science project. It’s the right presentation of that kind of science.”

Mitchell said with so many things that are already



HOLLY COOMBS

ERIC SPENCER AND SHAWNTE MITCHELL stand by their project for the National Science Fair.

the government to do it.”

Mitchell said they started the project from scratch to create an animal from different animals..

“It is kind of like a Frankenstein-type creature and we’re not really getting off other people we are doing different things and putting them all together,” she said.

happening in the science world including cloning sheep she said she believes that anything can be possible including the creation of a dragon.

Spencer said the first prize at the fair is a full-ride scholarship and \$1,500. The fair will be at 8 a.m. in the Centrum Arena on March 31.

Family practitioner joins clinic



MORI SPEAKMAN, MD

Mori Speakman, MD, is now practicing family medicine at Intermountain Cedar City Clinic located at 1303 N Main, Suite C, in Cedar City.

A Utah native, Dr. Speakman earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah. He received a medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine followed by a family medicine residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Following residency, he practiced for two and-a-half years at a clinic in

Schweinfurt, Germany, briefly interrupted by a six-month tour as a supervising physician at an Army base in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.

For the past two and-a-half years, Dr. Speakman has been practicing in a clinic and hospital setting in upstate New York. Married with seven children, he spends his free time biking, running, golfing, weight lifting and enjoying time with his family.

To learn more about Dr. Speakman or to schedule an appointment, call (435) 868-5500.

BLM extends comment period on proposed leases

CEDAR CITY — At the request of the National Park Service and interest from other parties, the Bureau of Land Management will extend the public comment period to March 9, 2017, for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed oil and gas lease parcels in the St. George Field Office.

As a result of this extension, the BLM will consider offering the St. George parcels at the Sept. 14 oil and gas lease sale rather than the June sale as previously proposed. The parcels in the Richfield Field Office jurisdiction are still being considered for the June 2017 oil and gas lease sale.

There are three parcels, totaling 4,730 acres, nominated for leasing in Washington County. Two parcels are approximately two miles south and west of Zion National Park, the third is located approximately 5 miles west of the park. The BLM is working with the National Park Service and other agencies and is soliciting public comments to ensure a careful environmental analysis is conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Additional information about the proposed parcels is included in the EA, which is available for public review and comment. Electronic copies of the EA can be found online at the project webpage: <http://bit.ly/2kio6pF> in the "Documents" page. Hard copies of the EA can be obtained in person at the St. George Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George.

The public review and comment period closes at 4:30 p.m. on March 9, 2017. Please note that the most useful comments are those that identify substantive issues relevant to the proposed action or contain new technical or scientific information. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response, but may be considered in the BLM decision-making process.

Written comments should be mailed or emailed to:

**Bureau of Land Management
St. George Field Office
345 East Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790
Attn: Dave Corry
Email: utsgmail@blm.gov**

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

For further sale-specific information, contact Robin Naeve at 801-539-4039. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

To learn more about BLM-Utah oil and gas lease sales visit: <http://on.doi.gov/2fQdXkY>.

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COURTESY OF SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

SUU students assist in bid for campus project

CEDAR CITY — A group of Southern Utah University communication students recently assisted Layton Construction in presenting its successful bid for construction of the new business building on campus, and remodel of the existing structure.

Working as interns at the SUU Speech and Presentation Center (SAPC), the group of students was tasked with designing a presentation to best communicate Layton Construction's project bid to the Utah State Building Board. After completing multiple rounds of reviews and competing against other companies, Layton Construction was granted the contract with groundbreaking scheduled for April 27.

The opportunity allowed the group of SUU students to go

beyond the walls of the classroom to experience how learning applies in the workplace. "Experiential learning takes concepts and lessons and turns them into hands-on tasks with real results," said Sage Platt, SAPC director. "This will not only enhance their resumes but also fast-track them for successful careers."

Two group members, Sierra Bonner and Ben Lund, have been offered extended opportunities at Layton Construction as a result of their efforts.

According to Bonner, an SUU Master of Professional Communication graduate student from Heber City, Utah, "I didn't realize how much time and effort this project would require, and I was just as nervous to hear the results of the decision as Layton

was."

A communication studies major from Ephraim, Utah, Lund said, "I look forward to working as an intern for them this summer on the SUU business building project. This opportunity will allow me to grow in many different ways, apply my communication knowledge, and develop new skills in construction management."

Layton Construction is consistently ranked among the top contractors in the country by multiple industry publications and has offices in nine locations, coast to coast. Layton Construction was selected as the 2016 Intermountain Contractor of the year and ranks 57 on the Engineering News-Record's 2016 list of top 400 general contractors in the U.S.

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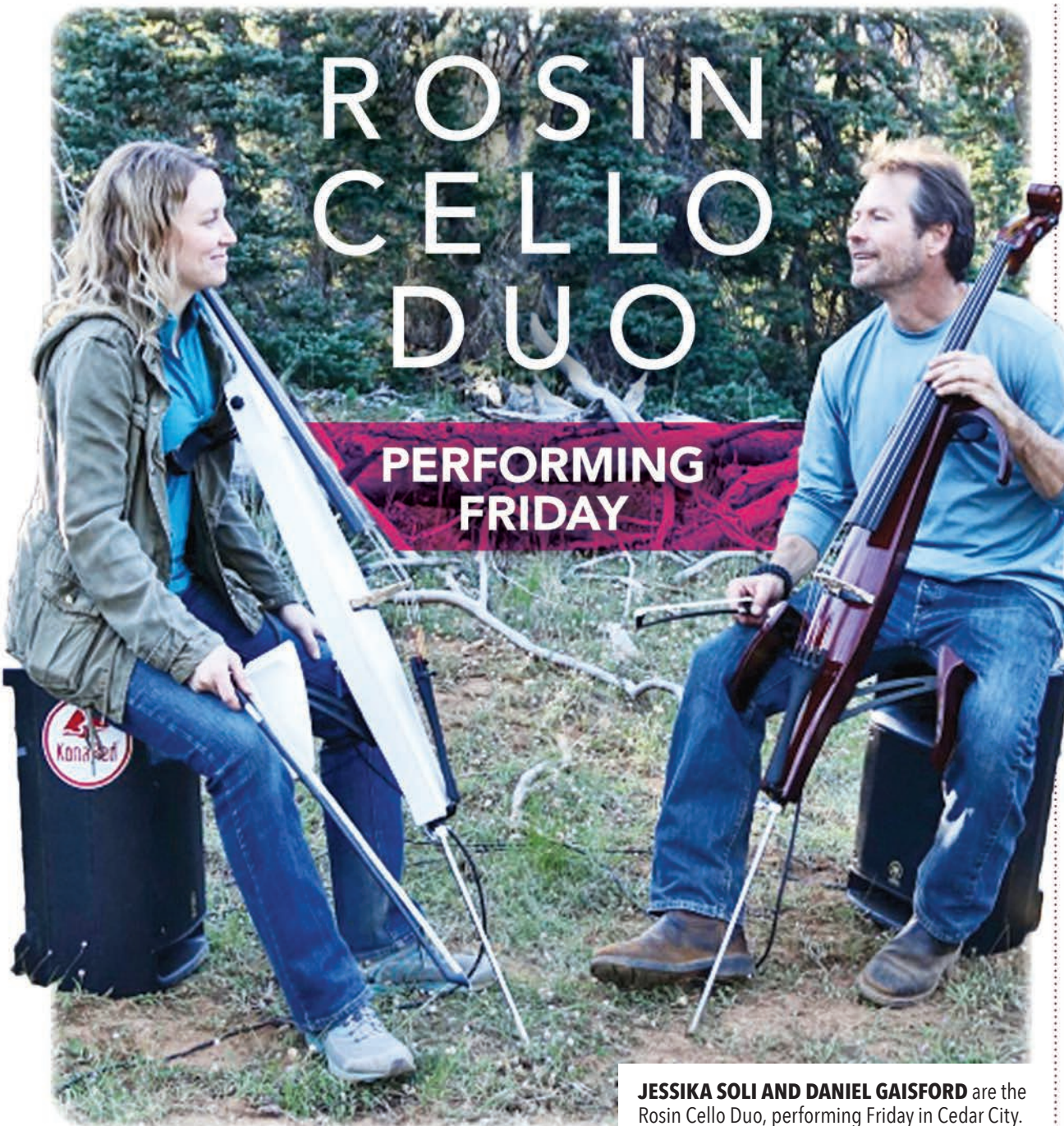
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ROSIN CELLO DUO

PERFORMING FRIDAY



JESSIKA SOLI AND DANIEL GAISFORD are the Rosin Cello Duo, performing Friday in Cedar City.

Iron County Acoustic Music Association (ICAMA) presents the Rosin Cello Duo for its third monthly music gathering Friday, March 10, 7 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City. The Rosin Cello Duo performs an exciting mix of popular and classical music. They have extensive concert and touring experience and just returned from a performance on a Lincoln Center stage.

The duo are Daniel Gaisford and Jessika Soli. Daniel studied cello at USC and the Julliard School and performs as a guest soloist with orchestras across the country. Jessika studied cello at the University of Utah and UNLV. She has been principal cellist for the Southwest Symphony and teaches a large group of talented cellists at her studio in St George.

The opening act is the Griffin Family, four talented young Cedar City musicians ranging in age from 7 to 17. All started playing violin when very young and have played together for several years. They have tight vocal harmonies and violin skills.

Community Presbyterian Church is located at 2279 N Wedgewood Lane, on the corner of Nichols Canyon Road and Wedgewood Lane. Doors open at 6:30p.m. Suggested donation is \$5.



PHOTOS COURTESY IRON COUNTY ACOUSTIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

THE GRIFFIN FAMILY WILL OPEN THE CONCERT at the Community Presbyterian Church.

A pitch for music arts

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

One of the things that make this area of southern Utah such a great place to live and raise a family is the high number of quality cultural events available to us. The Utah Shakespeare Festival is reason alone to move here— those great plays, just seven minutes away! And lest you think that is hyperbole, that is exactly the reason my husband and I moved here 17 years ago.

But much to our delight, we learned that the USF isn't the only show in town. We found real opportunities at SUU and in the large number of amateur organizations that could use our particular talents. The biggest surprise, however, was the quality concerts we were able to see courtesy of the Cedar City Music Arts organization. We have enjoyed ballet, jazz, symphony orchestras, chamber music, world-famous soloists on violin and piano, great solo or group vocalists. And here is the thing: the price per concert is unbelievably low: \$15 per concert when purchased as a season. People have been known to drive up from Las Vegas to see one of our concerts for that price.

A real bonus to our young people is the matinee performances that most of the groups give while here. This year, five of six performers will make daytime appearances for school groups, reaching students that have never seen a live jazz singer or watched a world-class cellist up close. Some of these students bring their families back for the evening concert; they are that excited.

Here comes the pitch. Don't stop reading. Every year the groups coming through are a little more expensive. This year, the cost of the concerts ranged from \$7,200 for a trio up to \$20,000 for larger groups.

And that doesn't always count the extra costs for motel rooms, transportation, equipment rental, and snacks in the green room that are riders to many contracts. The true cost could be half again as much as the figure on the booking contract.

If these performers are going to continue stopping in Cedar City on their way from the east to the west coast, Music Arts must raise some money. The board is committed to providing only the finest artists and would love to continue offering six concerts for such reasonable prices.

To do this, Music Arts needs corporate sponsors. We need the businesses and professional organizations, (or generous individuals, for that matter), in this town to contribute to the high quality life style here by becoming supporters who want to encourage the availability of fine artistic experiences for their employees, clients, and families. For a few hundred dollars, corporate names could appear on our programs, showing the population that a business wants to be an active supporter of a great cultural environment for everyone.

If you have a sense of the value of what is offered through this organization, won't you take the initiative and ask how you can help? I will gladly let you know how.



Frontier Folk Festival dates announced

by Holly COOMBS
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CEDAR CITY — The Frontier Homestead State Park Museum and the Frontier Homestead Museum Foundation have announced dates for the second annual Frontier Folk Festival. It will run June 16-17 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

Original art and live music combine to celebrate the diverse heritage of southern Utah. The Frontier Folk Festival promises to be filled with remarkable talent, according to a press release.

"We've been talking about this idea for years," Todd Prince, Frontier Homestead State Park Manager, said. "Last year we introduced the festival, not knowing what the response would be. Overall, it was a good event. This year we hope to expand on our success, and offer an exceptional experience to the community and all our patrons."

Applications are now being accepted. All interested artists and food vendors must submit an electronic application, available at frontierhomestead.org/arts-festival.

Thanks to the generous support of the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism & Convention Bureau, marketing and advertising will



COURTESY PHOTO

STILLHOUSE ROAD will be part of the Frontier Folk Festival this June.

be extended to market areas in Las Vegas and the Wasatch Front, increasing the Folk Festival's reach to a broad audience.

The Frontier Homestead Museum Foundation is looking forward to a diverse, quality show, and wish to thank its exhibiting

artists and musicians in advance for helping to bring the arts in all of their forms to the residents of Iron County and beyond.

Questions can be directed to Festival Coordinator Todd Prince at (435) 586-9290, or via email at frontierhomestead@utah.gov.

Fundraiser planned on March 10-11

The Ignite Dance Workshop and Competition is holding a Mohey Tawa fundraiser in Parowan on March 10 and 11. Solo competition will be on March 10, followed by a dance workshop on March 11.

Dancers ages 5-14 can learn yoga, ballet, jazz, modern hiphop and contemporary. There will be a Mohey Craft Fair held during the events.

To register or get more details, go to www.ignitedance.company

Grants available for community arts programs

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Division of Arts & Museums is pleased to announce that the first round of Arts Project Grants are now available. The application deadline for the grants is Friday, March 24. Last year, Utah Arts & Museums granted over \$65,000 across the state in Arts Project funding.

Arts Project Grants enable organizations and groups, whose primary mission may or may not be arts-based, to provide unique arts programs and opportunities to their community. Examples of fundable projects include festivals, exhibitions, concerts, creative place-making endeavors tied to community revitalization, or other innovative public presentations that advance the arts. Requests can range from \$500 to \$2,000 for groups with an equivalent cash match.

For questions or assistance with the application process, please contact the Community Arts Coordinator at 801.236.7541. Grant guidelines are available at heritage.utah.gov/utah-division-of-arts-museums/grants. Applications are online and may be accessed through uamgrants.utah.gov.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

SUU's new Athletic

HALL of FAME

connects past with present

by Corey BAUMGARTNER
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — The Southern Utah University Athletic Department unveiled its newly completed Kent B. "Red" Dover Athletic Hall of Fame at the Centrum Arena on Saturday, March 4. Placed prominently in the lobby at the west entrance of the Centrum Arena, the Hall of Fame is a display dedicated to SUU's athletic achievements. It contains trophies, plaques, medals and other proud paraphernalia achieved through the hard work and devotion of athletes throughout SUU's historic past and present.

Dr. Art Challis welcomed the great turnout of community and university members as well as the guests of honor, Kent B. "Red" Dover and his wife Bessie. "Today is a very special day and we'd like to thank Red and his family for all they've done for SUU Athletics," he said.

Southern Utah University President Scott L. Wyatt also shared a few remarks.

"What an impact you've had on the lives of our family and the lives of so many people," he said gratefully to the Dovers. "You are an example of service, life-long dedication and optimism. The kind of thing that fits perfectly with this Hall of Fame. It's about making good people great and great people awesome."

Following President Wyatt, Jason Butikofer, Director

of SUU Athletics, spoke about the progress of the past and present successes of T-Bird Athletes. He spoke highly of the pride and perseverance that Southern Utah University student athletes have exemplified.

"We want to develop leaders of character in the classroom, on the field and on the court. We have 370 student athletes and they are some of the best and brightest that this nation has to offer," he said proudly.

Butikofer also recognized and thanked the Hall of Fame members in attendance and the donors who made the Hall of Fame possible. He then shared a brief background of the Dovers, who have been instrumental in impacting the lives of student athletes, and introduced Kent as the concluding speaker. "It's with great honor that I stand in front of you to introduce, quite frankly, a man that encapsulates what it means to be a T-Bird."

Dover spoke gratefully and humbly to all in attendance. He expressed heartfelt thanks to everyone for coming and for their support over the years. He spoke fondly of his good wife and the good life they've shared and the influence they've been in the lives of SUU students, but also the pleasure and joy those students have brought into their own lives. "It's just been a great, great experience," he expressed. His lovely wife of 73 years, who proudly accompanied her heroic husband, summed up the day, "I sure am proud of that man."

Not bad for a young man and heroic WWII Vet, who began his athletic legacy as a water-boy. A legacy that will continue to inspire future athletes on and off the field and from the classroom to an entire community and beyond.



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

BESSIE AND KENT DOVER WERE HONORED during dedication of SUU's new Athletic Hall of Fame on March 4. Below, Dover addresses those at the ceremony.



Calendar

Wed, Mar 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"JUDGMENT VS REALITY" ADVYASHANTI, Let go of saying that life should or shouldn't be this way. A 25 minute video then casual discussion at 7 p.m. Cedar City Library in the Park (Rare Books room). The Literary Club. For more info., call 435-559-7777.

Thurs, Mar 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE COLOR COUNTY CHAPTER MEETING, 7:30 p.m., Grifols. No dues

CEDAR CITY LIBRARY CLUB, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park. This month we discuss The Men That United the States by Simon Winchester. Our selection for April (we meet on April 13) is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot.

Fri, Mar 10

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

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

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

Sat, Mar 11

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

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

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

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 1315 MONTHLY MEETING, 9:30 a.m., Marriott Springhill Suites, 1477 S. Old Hwy. 91. Veterans of all services welcome.

SOUTHERN UTAH WOODTURNERS, 9 a.m., Cedar High woodshop, 703 W. 600 South.

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

Sun, Mar 12

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

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

Mon, Mar 13

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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.

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

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

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IRON COUNTY COMMISSION, 9 a.m., county commission chambers in Parowan.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 74 IN CEDAR CITY, 6 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

Tues, Mar 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DINING FOR WOMEN, Cedar City chapter meets at noon for a delicious potluck and short presentation. We meet once a month. All are welcome. The 400 Chapters fund grassroots programs helping women and girls in education, health, business and self-worth. We join the community in being agents for change. For questions or if you need a ride, email bethjgaines54@gmail.com or call/text Beth at 435-201-3529. The nonprofit's website is www.DiningForWomen.org or on Facebook.

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

Wed, Mar 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ENOCH CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., city offices.
UNDERSTANDING LIFE, James Swartz Put life's puzzle together. Acquire the knowledge that dispels ignorance-Vedanta. 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.

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People

Birth

Lincoln Davis Wakan

Hey, this is Grandma Deanna Groke in New Harmony. This is my newest grandson, Lincoln Davis Wakan. He was born on Dec. 29 in Farmington, New Mexico to his parents, Duane and Anngela Wakan. He has three brothers: Zach, Blake, and Quentin, as well as his two proud sisters, Gabi and Eva. His southern Utah grandparents are Bob and Deanna Groke (that be me), as well as his Grandma Carter in Spokane, Wash., and his



Grandpa Issac in Colorado. Lincoln also has a Great Grandma, Virginia McHarg in Ivins. I can't wait to meet him, and give him all the grandma kisses I have been saving for my little man.

Andi Marie Danklef

Andi Marie Danklef, daughter of Trent and Ronnie Danklef of Cedar City, was born on Feb. 2, 2017 at 7:03 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Matt and Jo Bullough, Gary Danklef and Chad and Jennifer Anderson.

Wedding



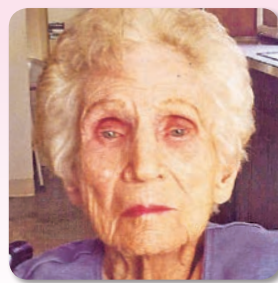
Tripp-Johnson

Megan Danielle Tripp and Ronald McCoy Johnson will be sealed for time and all eternity in the St. George Temple on March 11, 2017. Please celebrate this exciting event with them at a reception held at the Canyon View Stake Center that evening from 6-8 pm. Parents of the bride are John Emron Tripp and Brynn Tripp-Moody and parents of the groom are Scott and Rosie Johnson.

100th Birthday

Maytha Mitchell Boardman

Maytha Mitchell Boardman of Parowan will turn 100 on March 13, 2017. The family of Maytha Mitchell Boardman is happy to celebrate her birthday with an open house on Sunday, March 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. for family and friends. She was born in Parowan and has lived in Parowan most of her life. The open house is at 56 E. 100 South. No gifts please.



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 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.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



Life & LAUGHTER

by Peri KINDER
Columnist

After God created Adam and Eve, he plunked them down in the middle of a garden and told them to start naming dinosaurs.

Adam dove headfirst into the task and went to work giving names to the millions of creatures walking around his backyard. They lived in ignorance and innocence, walking around naked and coming up with funny names like "chicken turtle" and "spiny lumpsucker."

After a time, Eve thought there had to be more to life than mind-numbing sameness every. single. day.

She'd walk to the forbidden Tree of Knowledge and stare into its branches, wondering how bad knowledge could be. Then along came a snake and blah, blah, blah—knowledge entered the Garden of Eden.

Adam came home from work that afternoon to find Eve wearing strategically placed fig leaves. Before he could comment, Eve enthusiastically told him all the amazing things she had learned. Knowledge was awesome!!

Adam was furious. He didn't need no smart woman telling him what to do. He turned to reprimand Eve, but she was writing books, doing math and creating crafts to put on her Pinterest board.

Not to be upstaged by a lowly rib-woman, Adam stormed off through the jungle, getting his nether-regions caught on brambles, until he came to the Tree of Knowledge. And the rest is history.

Or is it?

Fast forward to 2017 and male/female relationships haven't improved much. It wasn't until the last 100 years that women decided things had to change. They ate from their own trees of knowledge and became proactive in voicing opinions.

What was the overall reaction from men? "These women are crazy. To the institutions!" "Why can't women just be happy?" "Don't they know they have

inferior minds?" "Where's my dinner?!?!"

Nevertheless, we persisted.

Our mothers and grandmothers and great-grandmothers fought against the stereotypical bra burning, hairy armpitted, unsmiling, Birkenstock-wearing feminists. They tussled with men who found them shrill, incompetent and wholly ungrateful; men who were possibly afraid of what a smart woman could do.

We've quietly listened to blonde jokes, put up with mansplaining bosses and held our tongues for hundreds of sexist and/or patronizing comments.

But maybe we can find common ground.

I'm sure many young men feel the pressure to become muscular like Thor, brave like G.I. Joe and wealthy like that Monopoly guy. I'm sure many men battle with confidence issues, body image and are always trying to look smarter than the women in the room. So, see! Common ground.

Feminism is the promotion of women's rights based on equality, meaning anyone who believes women are (at least) equal to men is a feminist. And, come on, really? We're at least equal to men.

Here's my vision for the next 100 years (assuming we survive the next four).

» **Women take an equal role** in leadership, possibly creating an effective education system. Because knowledge.

» **Men embrace a woman's ability** to communicate with emotion and passion as a strength, not a weakness.

» **Girls around the world are educated,** respected and live in peace.

» **Someone creates a gluten-free** cinnamon roll recipe that doesn't taste like cinnamon-flavored concrete.

(Okay, that last one has nothing to do with equal rights. But still. Get on that Pillsbury.)

Smart women shouldn't be scary to men. We still do the majority of child-rearing and you don't want a stupid person raising the next generation. Maybe, like Adam and Eve, we can work together to create a new world.

Maybe in 200 years, this could be a headline: "Is America Prepared for a Male President?"

We like to think that our pets 'get us' and that our hugs are always okay. But the next time you try to 'bear hug' your dog, you might want to consider a pat, a kind word, or a treat instead. Recent research says a full body embrace to a dog, sometimes feels more like a 'hold' that can easily increase their stress level and even cause the urge to run.

It's true that most of us humans can't resist the floppy little ears and the fluffy head – I mean they're just too cute. But their survival instinct may tell them otherwise. According to Stanley Cohen, a psychology professor who studies dog behavior is convinced that while humans can be well-meaning, a full body embrace in a dog's world may not be okay at all.

Cohen's study was based on observing how dogs react to a human hug and the subtle signs of distress. In short, they noted that if a dog turns his head, winces, or bears his teeth you may be getting some negative cues. On the other hand, if the owner has built a solid foundation of trust and familiarity, a dog might literally 'bend their rules.'

Basically, hug acceptance must be earned. Apparently, newly adopted dogs or pups can sometimes

The Pet Corner: To hug or not to hug?



DAWN AERTS
Contributor

develop an aversion to big hugs – along with tail pulling and uncomfortable tugs by humans. In fact, the reaction of a dog is mostly based on their personal history with people. Gentle good. Controlling hug maybe not so much.

As a lifelong dog owner, I happen to know that my dog fully enjoys a light hug now and then – but it goes without saying that a kind word, a gentle pat, or treat are likewise welcome.

In Support of the Enoch Animal Control office, Cedar City Shelter Office, or the Iron County animal control and rescue shelter. For pet adoptions call, 435-586-8791 or, 435-586-2960.

Schools

NEWS Nuggets from Iron County School District

by LeAnn WOOLSTENHULME

Enoch Elementary

This past week was STEAM Week at Enoch Elementary. A group of teachers from our school are soon to complete the STEM endorsement. These teachers spearheaded a week celebrating science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. In every classroom students participated in hands-on activities based on the principles of STEAM education. With visiting guests, special assemblies, and fun rotations centered around these concepts; you could feel the energy in the air all week long. We appreciate the time and effort that our entire faculty and staff put toward making this giant endeavor a successful one. Enoch faculty members are concerned and mindful of constantly seeking innovative teaching methods. As end of level assessments near, this was a great way to loosen up and take the time to get hands dirty, create new projects, and explore side by side with students. We look forward to making this celebration an annual tradition.

Fiddlers Elementary



Students at Fiddlers Elementary participated in "Kids College" on Feb. 17. Various presenters came to share their knowledge and experiences from their careers with the students at Fiddlers. This experience was both fun and educational. Each student had the opportunity to end three sessions. Presenters included a pediatrician, an optometrist, an author, a Professor from SUU, a pharmacist, a business owner, a homemaker, a pilot, a correctional officer, a mining engineer, a physical therapist, a government recruiter, a basketball coach, and a college adviser. A special thanks to all those who shared their professions with our students and to Mr. Thorley and the PTA for making the event possible.

Iron Springs Elementary

Our 5th graders from Iron Springs had the amazing opportunity to attend a field trip to Salt Lake City! While there they enjoyed a tour of the State Capitol. While they were there they got to witness bills being passed and being voted on. During that same session they were recognized by the senate. While touring they ran into the governor, which rarely happens!! They were all a little star struck. The kids had an amazing experience that they will never forget.



North Elementary

North Elementary is thrilled to be seeing our new building progressing so nicely. It looks like our move to the new school will be on schedule. Parents are reminded that North Elementary students' last day of the school year will be on Wednesday, May 17--that's one week earlier than the other schools in the district. The very next day the teachers and staff (with lots of help from the community) will begin the move over to our new classrooms, etc. We really appreciate the district office and the contractors for their hard work at making this happen!

All families and friends of North Elementary are also invited to a "farewell" open house on May 1, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Alumni are welcome to walk through the old building and revisit fond memories of North. There will be refreshments, entertainment, and fun times for all! Please come!

Parowan Elementary

Students at Parowan Elementary have been focusing on Habit 6 of the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. Habit 6 is Synergize. Students learned that synergize means teamwork, and they engaged in teamwork activities during their classroom guidance lessons throughout the month of February. Some classes constructed towers using a limited amount of spaghetti, string, tape, and one large marshmallow. The students realized that it is not always easy to work together.

Other classes colored pictures as a team, and their final products were excellent. All the students were able to participate as a class in the hula-hoop challenge and Mr. Burton's class was the fastest with a time of 43 seconds! Students realized that teamwork can be lots of fun, but it can also be challenging.

South Elementary

Congratulations to Andrew Eves and Sojung Bok from South Elementary for winning the District Spelling Bee! Andrew won 1st Place and Sojung won 2nd Place. We want to thank all of our students who worked so hard at becoming great spellers.

This week the students had a big treat in an assembly celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Matt Nickerson, from SUU's Gerald R. Sherratt Library, conducted an enthusiastic program using Dr. Seuss stories and songs. He played the guitar, piano, and read stories encouraging the students to use their imaginations!



DISTRICT SPELLING BEE WINNERS LEFT TO RIGHT- Kyle Westwood - North Elementary, 3rd Place - Sojung Bok - South Elementary - 2nd Place, Andrew Eves - South Elementary - 1st Place

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary was thrilled to have Ryan Dalebout from SUU, educate our PE classes about disc golf. The students were taught basic rules, how to properly hold and throw the disc, and how to play several types of disc golf games. Each student was given a brochure containing maps of the local disc golf cages in our area and the basic rules. We would like to thank Cedar City/ Brian Head Tourism for providing the brochures and Enoch City for lending us the disc golf cages. A big thanks goes to Jolene Lee, Enoch City Council, for arranging this fun event.

Just a reminder that school will not be held on March 9 and 10.



Canyon View Middle

On Friday, Feb. 17, 7th and 8th grade students with P.E. or weights during 2nd semester attended the ski trip up at Brian Head. Students were given the opportunity to attend the trip with rental equipment and a full day pass for \$30. Students worked with an instructor for 1 1/2 hours to help them learn better ski/snowboarding skills. Students were then given the afternoon to ski/snowboard on their own. For some students, this was the first time on skis or a snowboard. The experience was a memorable one for all who attended.

On Friday, March 3, 8th grade students had the opportunity to watch the play Diary of Anne Frank performed at Canyon View High School. As they have been learning about WWII, the holocaust and Anne Frank, this is a great way for them to connect with the text they have been studying.

Cedar Middle

Mrs. Candace Rowley's classes had an open mic day where students shared poetry they wrote themselves. Parents and other family came to support, and it was a lot of fun. Honors Society is going on a ski trip Tuesday, March 7th. All of our remarkable CMS bands had their annual pops concert last week. The halls are still echoing with their rockin' renditions of everyone's favorite oldies and movie themes. Congratulations on your superb performances. We look forward to hearing your spring band concerts.



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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 the last issues, Iron County Today has run photos of the Sterling Scholar candidates from local high schools.

HURRICANE HIGH STERLING SCHOLARS

Back row from left, Crystal Fowler, Science; Kassidy Howard, Agricultural Science; and Tessa Thompson, Family & Consumer Sciences. Center row from left, Emily Mildenhall, English; Morgan Penrod, World Languages; and Jaxton Winder, Skilled & Technical Sciences Education. Front row from left, Dylan Pearson, General Scholarship; Kayla Stewart, Social Science; Melissa Ferguson, Visual Arts; Joshua Hall, Mathematics; and Tess Bergquist, Music. Not pictured: Natalia Lance, Dance.



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MILFORD HIGH STERLING SCHOLARS

From left, Daniel Esplin, Social Science; Alyssa Thomas, General Scholarship; Luis Perez, Music; Alison Pectol, World Languages; Zackery Acklin, Computer Science; Emily Barnes (not participating); Evan Young, Visual Arts; Morgan Pierce (not participating); Jake Rollins, Science; and MahLee Livingston, Business & Marketing. (Not pictured: Preston Robinson, Agricultural Science; Braxton Rose, English; Fernanda Madrigal, Mathematics; and Conner Cox, Skilled & Technical Sciences Education).

USTAR grant applications underway

The Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) initiative has opened the second round of their Technology Acceleration Program (TAP) for applications. Letters of intent, which are not required, are due March 13, and submissions close March 29. TAP is a competitive research grant program, designed for start-ups and early stage companies. Mature companies can apply to TAP for development of a new technology or product.

Applications must be submitted at <http://www.TAPUtah.com>. For information on rules and regulations, as well as forthcoming details, visit ustar.org/our-programs and select TAP.

USTAR's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer

(STTR) Assistance Center (SSAC) will be offering three webinars to assist applicants on the application process. To get notified when dates are available, sign up for the USTAR newsletter on the TAP webpage.

"The TAP grants address the risk capital gap that exists for Utah based start-up companies," said Ivy Estabrooke, USTAR executive director. "TAP address that gap through a competitive grant process for early stage start-ups"

Companies applying for TAP should be at a technology readiness level (TRL) 3-5. For FY17 USTAR is focused on five technology sectors: Automation and robotics, aerospace, advanced materials, big data, energy and clean technology and life sciences.

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Permission to fail



The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

Dictionary.com defines 'Failure' as: A lack of success, or inefficiency. Success according to who? We've all been familiar with failure at some point in our lives, but usually it's when we fall from our own high standards that we feel we've failed, right? This includes, tests in school, ruined relationships, botched business deals, and New Year's goals, etc. Most of us could probably list a myriad of mess-ups we wish we could make-up. But, is that really all life is about? Wrestling with regrets and trying to make-up for all the mess-ups instead of doing our best, no matter the score?

Thinking about all our mistakes conjures up shadows and ghosts we're trying to hide from. If left unchecked and unchallenged they can create an inner darkness that drains our desires to keep moving forward. Perhaps that's why some of us spend so much time trying to drown our sorrows, or distract our minds from remembering those things we wish could take back, or do-over. Those hidden hurts keep resurfacing and interfering with our attempts to believe in and live a better life. We feel helpless, hopeless and taken prisoner by our own painful pasts.

What are we to do then? Simply give in, give up and let our mistakes and failures paralyze us, or trust our predicaments to be predictors of a future of failure? No! While we should attempt to make-up for our failures through restitution, or recompense, there are times we need to stop apologizing and agonizing and accept the fact that we messed up and move on. I'm not trying to lessen the lesson or remove the responsibility of trying to fix failures, but oft times the most important part of failing is learning the lesson and being wiser for the next challenge. Find the message in the mess, then keep moving forward.

If you've ever been in a pillow fight with a down pillow and one of the pillows was ripped open, you know what a big mess a million tiny feathers make! It seems impossible to clean up. Some people feel this way when they make a mistake. They waste precious time and joy trying to pick up every single feather rather than picking up what they can and moving on. They feel that until every feather is found, every mistake corrected, every failure accounted for, they cannot be happy, or enjoy life. Does an apple tree stop bearing fruit because a few apples become rotten? No. Instead of focusing on the foul fruit it keeps going and growing, knowing that failure is part of life. So is success!

This week, give yourself permission to fail and remember that failing doesn't make you a failure. More importantly, give yourself the permission to succeed and to be a success. Focus on the ups more than the downs. If you do fall or fail, get back up! Keep going, growing and showing the world you are still here!

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Find the message in the mess, then keep moving forward

Obituaries

Madalyn Eyre Gale



On Sunday, February 26, 2017, our wife, sweetheart, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend Madalyn Eyre Gale, 68, returned home to her Heavenly Father. Madalyn was born March 14, 1948 and raised in Minersville, Utah, by her loving parents Thurman & Irma Eyre. She attended Beaver High School and graduated from Montebello High School in Montebello, CA after marrying her high school sweetheart, David Gale from Beaver, UT in the St. George Temple. They spent the first six years of their marriage in southern California, then moved to Cedar City where they raised their family. They are the parents of four sons,

have 14 grandchildren, and are looking forward to the birth of their first great-grandchild this spring.

Her true joy was being a loving, supportive wife to Dave and mother to her boys and being involved in all their activities. She supported Dave in all his many endeavors and she took pride in helping all four of her sons achieve their Eagle Scout awards. She loved the outdoors, was an avid hunter, and loved fishing and camping with her family. She loved reading, was a wonderful cook, and when her boys were young she enjoyed playing on a city league softball team.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed serving in many callings. She served as both a Relief Society President and Primary President. Her favorite callings were in the Young Women program where she made many great memories and friendships. She was always giving of herself and was all about loving and serving others.

Madalyn is survived by her sweetheart, David Gale of Cedar City; her children, Todd (Sandra) Gale of Parowan; Kurt (Gaylynn) Gale of Draper; Wade (Melanie) Gale of Summit; and Kyle Gale of Minersville; her brothers Gordon (Sheri) Eyre of Beaver; Calvin (Diane) Eyre and Gayle (Sheila) Eyre of Richfield. She was preceded in death by her parents Thurman & Irma Eyre, her brother and sister-in-law Dale & Carla Eyre, sister-in-laws Anne (Gordon) Eyre and Carolyn (Calvin) Eyre, daughter-in-law Retta Judd (Todd) Gale, and grand-daughter Karah Lynn Gale (daughter of Wade & Melanie).

Viewings were held on Friday, March 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Cedar City 15th Ward, 500 W 400 North. Funeral services followed at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

Becky Robinson Crosby



Becky Robinson Crosby passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on March 1, 2017. Becky was born November 2, 1971 to Mitch and Yvonne Robinson of Cedar City, Utah.

Becky grew up in Cedar City. She loved dancing, cross stitching, scrap booking, card making, baking, and quilting. She graduated from Cedar High School in 1990. She served an LDS mission to Russia and the Baltic States and loved the people. She graduated from Southern Utah University with a BA in Psychology and minor in Biology. She spent many years as an EMT for Iron and Kane county ambulance. She

also worked as a medical transcriptionist and most recently as an office manager for DCFS. She was married in the temple and later divorced.

Becky was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has served in many positions including nursery, young women's, Relief Society, and as Primary President. She was always serving others and gave 110 percent in everything she did.

Becky is an amazing sister, daughter, and aunt. She secured her place as everyone's favorite aunt. She loved all of her nieces and nephews. She enjoyed exchanging letters with them and sending fun cards for every occasion. She enjoyed visits from her nieces and nephews, especially the past few weeks.

Becky is survived by her parents Mitchell and Yvonne Robinson of Cedar City, brother Tony (Kayleen) Robinson of Cedar City, sister Brenda (Dale) Prince of New Harmony, brother Jason (Amy) Robinson of Central Valley, sister Amber (Andy) Fabrizio of Tooele and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents Hunter and Lela Gibson and Hugh and Itha Robinson. Becky's amazing personality and smile will be missed. Her positive attitude lifted all who visited her the past few weeks. Becky had a way of making everyone feel special, loved, and like you were family. Becky reminded all of us that, "It will be OK." We appreciate all of the love and support given to our family during this time. The family would like to thank Alliance Hospice, Dr. Heather Gilbert and all of the nursing staff at St. George Intermountain Healthcare Cancer Center.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at the Cedar View Chapel (1925 W. 320 South, Cedar City). A viewing will be held Thursday, March 9, from 5-7 p.m. in Kanab at 604 S. 100 East and Friday, March 10, from 5-7 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 200 West, Cedar City) and Saturday, March 11, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Cedar View Chapel. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com

Marguerite Teller



Marguerite Pikyavit Teller, 62, passed away February 25, 2017, in Cedar City, Utah. She was born December 1, 1954 in Fillmore, Utah to McKay and Mildred Pikyavit. She married Terry Lane and they had two daughters, Christen and Mackenzie Lane. They later divorced. She later remarried Alex Teller, also divorced.

Marguerite was raised in Meadow, Utah. She attended and graduated Millard High School. She also attended Dixie College and Southern Utah University, where she obtained her teaching degree. She was a teacher for the SUU Headstart program for many years. She was the first tribal

chairwoman for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah after being federally recognized in 1980.

Marguerite followed in her father's footsteps and dedicated her life to serving the Paiute people in various positions until December 2016. She enjoyed sewing, scrapbooking, gardening, going to powwows, spending time with her family, shopping, & she loved finding bargains. Her greatest joy was being with her two grandsons.

Marguerite is survived by her mother Mildred Pikyavit; her daughters: Christen and Mackenzie Lane; grandsons Jacek Halona and Xavier Lane; sisters: Marlene Pikyavit, Gari Lafferty and Yolanda Rogers; brothers: Benedict and Benjamin Pikyavit and Melvin Jackson; also many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father McKay Pikyavit, her brothers and sisters: Dwayne, Davina, McKay Ladd, Geri, Maylon, & Constance; Her grandparents Joseph and Emily Pikyavit and Nober & Viola Zuniga; also many aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Kanosh Ward Chapel at 2 p.m. A viewing was held prior to the funeral at the chapel. Paiute Services started with a dinner at 5 p.m. on the Kanosh Indian Reservation, followed by an all-night sing and graveside service at sunrise on Thursday. Interment was at the Kanosh Indian Cemetery under the care of Olpin Stevens Funeral Home. Online condolences can be offered at www.olpinstevensfuneralhome.com.

Robyn Andrus



Robyn Andrus, age 64, passed away of natural causes at her home in Cedar City, Utah, on February 25, 2017.

Robyn was born on October 8, 1952, in Logan, Utah, to DeVon Franklin Andrus and Mary Esther McAdam Andrus. She was the second oldest of 11 children. Robyn's mother died when she was seven years old, and she was raised by her father and her second mother, Joanne G. Andrus. Robyn lived in Keosauqua, Onawa, Greenville, and Ames, Iowa; East Lansing, Michigan; DeForest and Madison, Wisconsin; and Draper, Fruit Heights, and Cedar City, Utah.

Robyn graduated from Okemos High School in Okemos, Michigan. She was an avid reader, she loved animals, especially her parakeet, Patrick, and she enjoyed knitting; she knitted over a hundred and fifty hats for charity. She worked in the fast food industry and as a housekeeper for businesses. Robyn enjoyed watching and supporting her favorite sports teams, especially the Wisconsin Badgers. Robyn was an avid letter writer, sending and receiving hundreds of letters and cards, and faithfully corresponding with many friends and family over the years. She had a good sense of humor, and liked to tease and be teased. She and her sister, Dawn, were twins, and Robyn loved to remind everyone that she was the oldest twin.

Robyn was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Esther McAdam Andrus, her father, DeVon Franklin Andrus, and her brother, Jay Franklin Andrus (Mami). She is survived by her second mother, Joanne G. Andrus, her sisters, Marie Lenore Scott (Dan), Dawn Andrus, Sylvia J. Andrus (Tom Breu), and Joy Anne Yang (Mike), and her brothers, Kyle DeVon Andrus (Marian), John Mark Andrus (Bonnie), Ford Gano Andrus (Kim), Paul Brooks Andrus (Nancy), and Sherman Gano Andrus (Victoria). She was also adored by her many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10 a.m. A viewing was held prior to the service on Saturday from 9:00-9:45 a.m., both at the LDS Sunbow Ward, 2015 Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah. Interment was in the Orem City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

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Robert David Pishnak



Robert David Pishnak, 66, returned to his Father in Heaven on Saturday, February 25, 2017. He was born on May 25, 1950 in Gary Indiana to Andrew Michael and Irene Romanov Pishnak. Robert (Bob) married Sheila Smith Pishnak on June 24, 1972 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Robert and Sheila were high school sweethearts and had a wonderful life together. Robert worked for the City of Las Vegas Street Department from 7-20-70 to 11-25-96, and medically retired due to an on-the-job injury. He loved working on old cars and playing with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

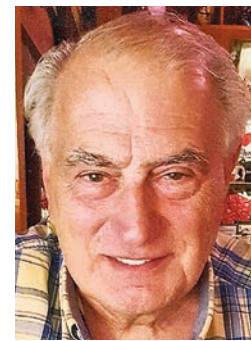
Robert is survived by his wife, Sheila; daughter, Shonna Shepherd; grandchildren: Zachary Wood and Emily Wood; brothers, Jack Pishnak and Michael Pishnak.

I have a place in Heaven. Please don't sing sad songs for me, forget your grief and fears, For I am in a perfect place, away from pain and tears... I'm far away from hunger, and hurt and want and pride. I have a place in heaven, with the Master at my side. My life on earth was very good. As earth lives can go. But Paradise is so much more than anyone can know.... My heart is filled with happiness. And sweet rejoicing, too. To walk with God is perfect peace. A joy forever new.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

The family would like to extend special thanks to all the ICU nursing staff and doctors at the Cedar City Hospital.

Anthony (Tony) Joseph Salso



Anthony Joseph Salso was Tony to all who knew and loved him. Jesus called Tony home on March 2, 2017. Tony, an Italian, was raised in Brooklyn, NY by his parents, John and Angela Salso. Tony was devoted to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and served at First Baptist Church Cedar City, and deeply devoted to his wife Marty and his daughter Angela.

He served two years in the Navy and was assigned to America's first nuclear ship. Following his discharge from the Navy, he went to Los Angeles where he completed his education getting a Master's Degree in Counseling and Administration. He retired from LA Unified Schools and moved to Cedar City in 2004 where he became testing

coordinator for SUU in 2006. Tony loved encouraging college students and helping them in any way possible. He was very proud of his wife's music ability and encouraged her constantly. Tony had such a great attitude about life and encouraged others by his enthusiasm. Tony will be greatly missed!

Tony is survived by his sister, Joan Salso Boby, his daughter Angela Renee Salso, and his loving wife, Marty and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Angela Salso.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 6, at the Red Hills Southern Baptist Church (4277 North Wagon Wheel Drive, Enoch). A viewing was held on Monday, March 6, at the Red Hills Southern Baptist Church. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

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REBELS RETIRE RAMS

Parowan rallies to sixth place finish

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

RICHFIELD — The Parowan Rams played on fairly even terms with the Rich Rebels in the opening round of the 1A state playoffs March 1 at the Sevier Valley Center.

That was only the case in the second half.

Payson Willis led three players in double figures with 20 points as Rich turned up the defensive heat in the opening half and cruised to a 60-40 victory over Parowan. The Rebels held the Rams to just two points in the second quarter and led 22-7 at the half.

“Scoring the basketball has been our Achilles heel all year,” Parowan head coach Lance Stubbs said.

“Usually our defense is where it needs to be, and we most definitely struggled on the offensive end in the first half.”

While the Rams shot the ball much better in the second half (46 percent), it wouldn’t be nearly enough to counter the Rebels, who came in as the No. 2 seed from Region 17. Rich would

lead by as many as 25 points in the second half and they hit 19 of 20 from the free-throw line.

“We came out and the kids were a little looser in the second half,” Stubbs said. “Maybe I gave them a bad pregame (speech) to start out. I don’t know.”

Trey Stubbs led Parowan with 12 points, all coming in the second half. Nick Jarman backed up Willis with 16 points for Rich and Aaron Smith added 12.

The Rams shook of the blowout by the Rebels and did the same to Green River in a 60-29 victory in a consolation bracket game Thursday. Ethan Guymon led the way with 14 points and Trevor Bassett added 12 as Parowan held the Pirates to single digits in the first three quarters.

The momentum continued and the Rams kept their season



Rich
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Parowan
40

Parowan 5 2 13 20 -- 40
Rich 11 11 19 19 -- 60

Parowan - Goodman 8, Church 2, Bassett 8, Stubbs 12, Guymon 5, Jense 2, Wood 3. Totals 13 12-21 40. 3-pointers - Stubbs 2.

Rich - Willis 18, Trenery 3, Smith 12, Jarman 16, Wallentine 4, Calder 3, Downing 2, Ostler 2. Totals 19 19-20 60. 3-pointers - Smith 2, Calder 1.

Thursday's Game -
Parowan 60, Green River 29

Friday's Game -
Parowan 48, Monticello 43

Saturday's Game -
Piute 52, Parowan 34

Buckaroos rally down the stretch.

Bassett led the way with 14 points and Jarrin Church chipped in with 13, including three 3-pointers.

Parowan closed out its 1A tenure with a fourth meeting of the season against Region 20 foe Piute. The Thunderbirds started fast and didn't let up in a

52-34 victory over the Rams, who finished the season with an 18-11 overall record.

Piute never trailed in the game and led 23-11 at the half.

“Scoring the basketball has been our Achilles heel all year”

— Lance Stubbs, Parowan head coach

alive Friday with a 48-43 victory over Monticello. Parowan built an 11-point halftime lead despite scoring only five points in the second quarter, then held off a

52-34 victory over the Rams, who finished the season with an 18-11 overall record.

Piute never trailed in the game and led 23-11 at the half.

JARRIN CHURCH AND HIS PAROWAN TEAMMATES finished sixth in state 1A basketball this year.

DAVID MINEER

SUU Flippin' Birds break 197 for first time

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

Stacie Yee had a feeling as early as the season opener her Southern Utah gymnastics teammates had the capability to produce a 197 team score. Her coach, Scott Bauman, was waiting for the moment for 26 years.

On Friday night, with the help of three straight 9.90 scores from Madyson Blake-Howard, Autumn Jorgensen and Tyly Bozzuto, the Thunderbirds made history March 3 with a 197.025-191.625 victory over North Carolina State before an appreciative crowd of 3,964 at the Centrum on Senior Night.

“That was amazing. I’m so proud of the girls,” Bauman said. “We went 24-for-24, and I think it was the first time we did that all year. They continue to build their momentum, and that crowd really pushed

us over the top.

“I’ve waited 26 years to go 197, and it was one of the coolest feelings ever.”

With a chance to push the school record to a new high for the third time this season following a 49.175

197.025

rotation score on the balance beam, Bauman said moving Bozzuto and Webb to the anchor positions made all the difference with the magic milestone in sight.

“We knew Tyly and Stacie are two of the best anchors in the country,” Bauman said. “We’ve used Tyly earlier in

the lineups through most of the year because she can pull up the scores of everyone behind her. Autumn Jorgensen has that punch, the dance, the leaps.”

Although the 197 was secured following Bozzuto’s routine, Webb had to take a slight one-tenth point deduction when she stepped out of bounds following a tumbling pass.

“We stacked it just to give Stacie that special thing. She was following three 9.9s, but you knew it was going to happen. That was a shame,” Bauman said.

Adding to the experience, Bozzuto said being among seven graduating seniors made the success of the achievement that much more special.

“In the beginning, I knew I just had to focus on the gymnastics and my team,” she said. “Knowing it was the

T-Birds go cold in second half, fall to Eagles

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

Facing a team that still had designs on the No. 1 seed for the Big Sky postseason tournament, Southern Utah was playing on even terms with the Eastern Washington Eagles through the first half March 2.

When the T-Birds couldn't buy a basket in the second half, the Eagles took advantage and left town with title hope still intact.

Bogdan Bliznyuk scored 25 of his game-high 32 points in the final 20 minutes, and Eastern Washington pulled away to a 91-75 victory over Southern Utah before a crowd of 2,159 at the Centrum. It was the T-Birds' third straight loss and 14th in the last 15 games.

Southern Utah shot just 28 percent from the floor in the second half and saw Eastern Washington use two late runs to break the game open.

"We had great looks," SUU head coach Todd Simon said. "We have to take those shots. A bunch of them just rattled in and out, and we can't argue with the looks we had."

The Eagles helped their own cause by hitting 23 of 24 from the free-throw line, all in the second half. Head coach Jim Hayford said every make was welcome.

"Southern Utah was really hard to guard," Hayford said. "We buckled down in the last 10 minutes, and it

was a well-earned win. We're a good free-throw shooting team, and the better you shoot your free throws, the better you are in close games.

"Southern Utah's a good free-throw shooting team, too, but our guys weren't going to be denied. They knew they were playing for a championship."

Randy Onwuasor led the T-Birds in scoring with 28 points, and James McGee was the only other player in double figures with 11. Felix Von Hofe backed up Bliznyuk with 20 points, including six 3-pointers, and Jacob Wiley added 18 for the Eagles.

For the game, Eastern Washington shot 57 percent from the floor to SUU's 38 percent. The Eagles enjoyed a 37-29 rebounding edge despite the T-Birds' 11 offensive boards. SUU also committed just five turnovers, two in the second half, and was 13-of-16 from the free-throw line.

SUU finished the regular season Saturday afternoon with an 84-75 loss to Idaho at the Centrum, its fourth straight, and wrapped up the year with a 5-26 overall record, 3-15 in Big Sky play. Onwuasor led the T-Birds with 17 points and won the league scoring title by two over Montana State's Tyler Hall.

Seniors Race Parsons and John

Marshall backed up Onwuasor with 15 and 13 points, respectively, in their final home games. Will Joyce, the third senior honored on Senior Day, added five points and played 23 minutes.



E. Washington

91



Southern Utah

75

EWU	43	48	--	91
SUU	41	34	--	75

E. Washington - Gibson 9, Washington 9, Benzel 3, Wiley 18, Bliznyuk 32, Van Hofe 20. Totals 28-49 23-24 91. 3-pointers - Gibson 3, Washington 1, Benzel 1, Bliznyuk 1, Van Hofe 6.

Southern Utah - Onwuasor 28, Marshall 9, Calloway 9, Joyce 9, Parsons 3, McGee 11, Madunic 6. Totals 25-66 13-16 75. 3-pointers - Onwuasor 3, Marshall 1, Calloway 2, Parsons 1, McGee 3, Madunic 2.

Saturday's Game - Idaho 84, Southern Utah 75



SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

SENIOR WILL JOYCE played his final game in an SUU uniform in a losing effort at home against Idaho on March 4.

Idaho got 22 points from Victor Sanders and 21 from Arkady Mrktychyan as they clinched a first-round bye and earned the No. 4 seed (12-6) for the Big Sky tournament in Reno, Nevada.

The T-Birds qualified 11th for the tournament and played the Bobcats, who were the No. 6 seed, on Tuesday night. The result wasn't available at press deadline.

Reed finishes sixth at XC championships



SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

AIDEN REED'S STRONG SIXTH PLACE FINISH helped the U.S. take first in an international Florida race.

SUU freshman Aidan Reed finished in sixth place on Saturday at the 2017 NACAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday morning, helping lead the United States to a first place finish as a team.

"It was a great experience," Reed said. "To have won overall as a team is a privilege and a good step heading into worlds later this month."

Reed ran the 6,500-meter course at South County Regional Park in 19:25.59, which put him second for the USA and sixth overall in the field. The race was run in Boca Raton, Florida.

The United States finished with the lowest amount of points (25), which gave them the victory. Mexico, Canada and Puerto Rico finished second, third and fourth respectively.

Reed was part of the Under 20 competition. His teammate Justin Janke was the top finisher for the USA, finishing the course in 19:22.36. Isaac Harding and Nicholas Rink finished right behind Reed for the United States.

SUU head coach Eric Houle said he is really proud of what Reed was able to accomplish this weekend.

"This was an outstanding performance by Aidan and speaks volumes to his desire to be the very best, and speaks to the program and what we've been able to produce year in and year out," he said.

Reed is also eligible to compete in the 2017 IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Uganda on March 26th.

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UTAH'S CAPITOL

As a dual major in political science and economics at Southern Utah University, Miranda Jones found the perfect fit working at the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics & Public Service. Now, as a Financial Operations Specialist at the Utah State Governor's Office of Management and Budget, Miranda assists in oversight of state budget and finances. Miranda said it's because of SUU that she is able to pursue her dream of having a career in public service, and assist in creating educated, informed, and practical budgets.

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Honeymoon is over for SUU men's hoops

Another men's basketball season has finished at Southern Utah. Even though the Thunderbirds were getting ready to participate in the everyone-has-a-chance Big Sky tournament at the time of this writing, it's reasonably safe to say the season will officially be over by the time you read these words.

Sure, there's a tiny chance SUU can beat Montana State, its first-round opponent in Reno, Nevada. There always is. Considering this team won a grand total of five regular-season games for the second year in a row, only those who live in a dream world of alternative facts believe the T-Birds will get by the Bobcats.

The most obvious reason SUU won't: The team has no momentum whatsoever. Saturday's 84-75 loss to Idaho was the T-Birds' fourth straight and 15th in the last 16 games.

SUU also hit a bit of a milestone with the end of the regular season, and it's not a good one. It's been 10 years since former coach Bill Evans was shown the door, and the program has played exactly 300 games with three different head coaches since. SUU has a record in the span of 87-213.

Winning percentage: .290.

You read that right. Since the 2007-08 season, SUU men's basketball wins less than 30 percent of the time and still hasn't won 100 games.

This year's players have remained upbeat through all the losing, cheering and supporting teammates while on the bench and standing to do so more often than not.

With the first year under Todd Simon, it's certainly a good sight to see. All the positivity won't mean a hill of beans if it doesn't translate into a lot more winning next season.

Simon has a three-year contract, and athletic director Jason Butikofer has wasted no time during his short tenure removing coaches whose teams haven't performed. Nick Robinson, Simon's predecessor, felt the wrath. Former women's soccer coach Becky Hogan did, too. It's a broken record for men's basketball, but it's time once again to turn the positivity speeches around into winning results.

-Another NASCAR weekend is fast approaching at Las Vegas. The XFINITY Series Boyd Gaming 300 happens Saturday and the Monster

Energy NASCAR Cup Series Kobalt 400 runs Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

One major highlight to the week involving the track comes from a story published in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on March 3. After all the years of big talking and little action, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority is working on a sponsorship agreement for seven years at \$2.5 million per year for "two NASCAR first-tier sanctioned races" at the 1.5-mile oval.

The story added the LVCVA board of directors would hold a meeting today on the sponsorship proposal, which would add the second race date starting with the 2018 season.

Nothing is final on a second Cup race Las Vegas, but it will be a beautiful thing when it happens. Watch this space next week for a few more thoughts and further updates



RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Sports Writer

All the positivity won't mean a hill of beans if it doesn't translate into a lot more winning next season

on the matter. I'll be at the speedway covering both races for the 13th consecutive year.

-As for NASCAR's new three-stage scoring system, it's been interesting to watch so far and has developed an early theme. Those who earn 10 points for winning the first two stages haven't been around at the end.

Kevin Harvick should have won Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, but a pit-road speeding penalty with 12 laps to go was the mistake that hurt. Brad Keselowski took full advantage and rallied late, passing Kyle Larson with six laps to go and earning his first win since last July at Kentucky Speedway.

BK is also the defending Kobalt 400 champ at Las Vegas, so he'll come to town with serious momentum that'll only add to the story lines.

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



BECCA CARDENAS AND THE LADY T-BIRDS split their final two regular season games last week.

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

SUU women split their final games, finish 12th in Big Sky

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

When Southern Utah faced Eastern Washington at the Centrum back in January, they had to rally from a 15-point third-quarter deficit and fell short by a point at the end.

On March 1, the T-Birds didn't have to worry about a big comeback and had enough left to return the favor to the Eagles.

Kiana Johnson scored a career-high 20 points, including four 3-pointers, to lead four players in double figures, and Southern Utah held on for a 64-63 win over Eastern Washington at Reese Court in Cheney for its second Big Sky win of the season.

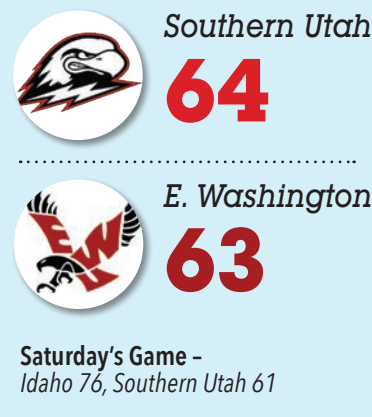
Jamie Smith hit four treys of her own and added 15 points for the T-Birds, while Darri Frandsen had another

double-double of 13 points with 12 rebounds and Jessica Richardson finished with 10.

SUU enjoyed a nearly 2-to-1 edge in rebounds over Eastern (46-25) and made more 3-pointers than the opposition for just the second time all season (8-4).

The T-Birds wrapped up the regular season with a 76-61 loss at Idaho on Friday to finish with a 2-16 Big Sky record, 7-22 overall. SUU led by as many as eight points in the first quarter, but Idaho went on a 3-point barrage, hitting 12 to come away with the convincing win.

When the remaining games played out, the seeding left SUU and Idaho to face each other again in the opening round of the Big Sky tournament in Reno, Nev., on Monday. The result was too late for press deadline.



SUU GYMNASTICS

Continued from page 17

last time in the Centrum with everyone, our crowd and our families, it was really emotional and made it a really fun meet."

When the 197 finally became reality, Bozzuto let the tears come out.

"We've been working towards that all four years," she said. "To finally get it on senior night, it was special."

Webb, who visited with Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson for a few minutes after the meet, admitted she didn't have an idea about the mark until it was announced.

"I got a text from a friend who said I looked confused while they were announcing the scores," Webb said. "I was waiting

to see if we actually scored the 197 because I didn't believe it, but I'm so happy. All the hard work we've put in has finally paid off, and now that we've broken that mark, there's nowhere else to go but up."

Even as the team celebrated the milestone, Webb kept the emotion under wraps.

"At the end of my floor routine, I ran away from the team because I didn't want to be in the tear-fest," she said. "To me, this was just another meet. We have three in a row after this, and conference is the one we really want to win."

SUU will close the regular season with a pair of road meets starting Friday at Utah State, then March 13 at BYU. The Mountain Rim Conference championship will be held at USU in Logan on March 18.

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