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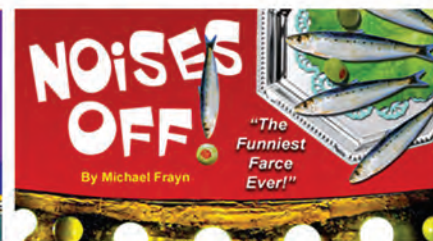
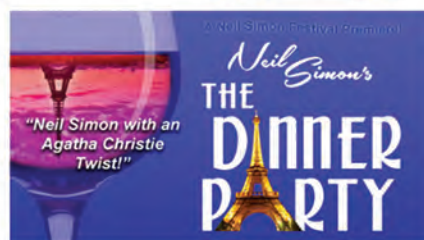
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ACTIVE ARBOR DAY

Elementary school students celebrate Arbor Day in Cedar City

by Holly COOMBS
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Iron County elementary school students spent last Thursday afternoon learning about and planting trees and flowers in the Main Street Park as part of Arbor Day celebration presented by Cedar City Leisure Services.

Fifth grader Mia Hatch from Iron Springs Elementary School, third grader Wyatt Fawson and second grader Denver Whicker from Fiddlers Elementary School won the Southern Region Arbor Day Poster Contest. The three winners had submitted posters that had a tree photo representing the theme "Trees Tell Stories of the Past." The students were awarded a certificate and a shirt for their prizes.

Daniel Allen, forester with Division of Natural Resources, spoke to more than 50 students who attended the Arbor Day celebration about trees and what they do. The students then had the opportunity to plant three trees in the Cedar City Main Street Park as well as flowers in planter buckets.

"This is our 18th year of being Tree City USA and we have to have so many trees and plant so many trees per year to keep that status," said Ruth Sessions, Leisure Services executive assistant. "I've been doing this for 11 years now and it's been so fun to see the kids come every year. Some years there are more than others. We've had some years with tons of support and others not so much."

Sessions said the attendance and poster contest participants are all dependent on the interest and attention of the teachers.

"I love to see the kids outside planting and caring about learning and having the right answers about trees," she said. "It's cute when you really look at it, three poster winners and they didn't have two school that sent anything in. I don't know why they don't make it a big deal."

Sessions said she hopes for more participation because the students get excited about the day each year.

Leisure Services Director Bryan

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ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS WYATT DAWSON AND DENVER WHICKER PLANT a tree at Cedar City Main Street Park.



HOLLY COOMBS

ENOCH RESIDENTS PITCH IN TO PLANT TREES as part of the Arbor Day celebration in Cottonwood Park.

Enoch residents plant trees in Cottonwood Park

ENOCH — Take 35 tons of mulch, 150 trees and shrubs, and over 300 hours of volunteer labor, and what do you have? The citizens of Enoch City have a much improved park in the Cottonwood Subdivision on the west side of town.

The improvements were spearheaded by the Enoch City Tree Committee as part of the Arbor Day celebration April 29, although much of the groundwork for the project began three weeks earlier and continued for a week after. But on Arbor Day, it was easy to see the fruits of this cooperative effort between Enoch City, the area's residents, and the Utah Community

Forestry Partnership which provided a grant of \$7000 which had to be matched with labor and materials.

The trees and shrubs of many varieties provide a much-needed re-conditioning of the park, as well as a windbreak, shade, and natural beauty. The project involved removing 10,000 square feet of sod, planting the trees and shrubs, and putting down mulch. In addition, Eagle Scout candidate Asher Ross put in a drip system to all the new plants. The trees were chosen by Urban Forester Daniel Allen who lives in Enoch. He also provided instruction on the planting and care of plants to the volunteers.

"We hope that this part will inspire Enoch residents to plant more trees," said Katherine Ross, chair of the city tree committee. "We feel this project is an investment in the beautification of our great community."

"As a member of the city council, one of my efforts has been beautification," said council member Jolene Lee. "I believe it is important for people to come together (with the city's support) to make the community a better place for all of us to live."

Enoch City's efforts to encourage the planting of trees have been going on for some time. This is the 13th year the city has been recognized as a Tree City, USA.

Cedar Middle School presents spring band concert, supports band member with cancer



MARA LAMBERT, WHO IS BATTLING CANCER, plays French horn in the band.



CEDAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR DAVID PARKER has his head shaved in support of band member Mara Lambert



FROM LEFT, BAND DIRECTORS ALLAN LEE AND DAVID PARKER WITH ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TRENT NIELSEN pose after having their head shaved

PHOTOS BY HOLLY COOMBS

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The Cedar Middle School Warrior Band put on its spring concert last Thursday with supportive hearts, money and a few staff willing to shave their heads in support of one seventh grade student and band member with cancer.

Mara Lambert found out a month ago that she had a form of Lymphoma cancer, Trent Nielsen, Cedar Middle School Assistant Principal said. Nielsen said there is an 80 percent chance of remission with her cancer type.

“We are happy to do this for her,” Nielsen said. “Mara is a great girl and no one her age should have to suffer like that.”

Cedar Middle School Principal Bylynda Murray said the band students made pledges by collecting a penny per minute of practice they did. That Thursday night the band had collected \$6,800 to raise and support Lambert.

Lambert plays the French horn in the band. Nielsen said Lambert’s white blood cells had been low,

which had been keeping her from being in crowds of people.

“Her white blood cell count has come up enough that she’s able to be here and play tonight,” he said.

At intermission Nielsen, band directors Allan Lee and David Palmer had their head shaved by Holmes Barber Shop in support of Lambert.

“(Shaving my head) was something we could do to help and motivate the band and Mara especially,” Palmer said.

Palmer said he didn’t expect to raise as much money as the band did with their pledges.

“I didn’t think we’d get \$3,000,” he said. “And there is still more rolling in.”

Lee said he was pleased to shave his head for Lambert.

Lambert said it was crazy to see her band directors and assistant principal shave their heads in support of her. She said she was also excited that she was able to come play with the band.

“The support has been awesome,” Lambert said. “It was kind of crazy to see them shave their heads.”

“Mara is a great girl and no one her age should have to suffer like that”

— Trent Nielsen, Cedar Middle Assistant Principal

Crowds walk through North Elementary, reminisce before demolition

by Holly **COOMBS**
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CEDAR CITY — A crowd of hundreds — parents, students, former students and teachers — gathered for an evening of remembrance and appreciation of the current North Elementary School building at an Open House last Monday, before building demolition begins later this month.

The evening included performances by all grades, bake sales, art displays and the opportunity to walk through the building one last time. All proceeds for the bake sale will support the student art program.

“We’ve had a huge turnout,” said Ray Whittier, North Elementary School principal. “There are lots more than I expected with parents, people who came back to reminisce and look around. It’s been great, it really has.”

Whittier said some are sad to see the building go while others are excited for the new school.

“There are a lot of people walking down memory lane here tonight and having a fun time,” he said.

Resident Carren Jensen said her children went to North Elementary School

and she currently has a granddaughter in 4th grade at the school.

“I think tonight is awesome,” Jensen said. “I think the new building is great because there are a lot of new things to help in teaching the students. There will be new science equipment to help with teaching the subject. I think it will be great.”

Resident Anthony Anderson said he has a lot of history from North Elementary as he has moved back to Cedar City with his family.

“I was put in foster care when I was here,” Anderson said. “So, it’s kind of sentimental. It sucks to have to see it knocked down, but the new building seems cool and fun.”

The school here will be ending a few days earlier than the others in town, as the North Elementary faculty and staff have to be moved into the new building by May 17, as the current building will be torn down and moved out for a new playground and parking lot to be added in its spot.

North Elementary School 2nd Grade Teacher Holly Wilden, who is in her fourth-year teaching at the school, said the faculty is excited.

“We are kind of excited,” Wilden



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PARENTS AND STUDENTS TOOK TIME TO WALK THE HALLWAYS of the old North Elementary, which will close at the end of this school year.

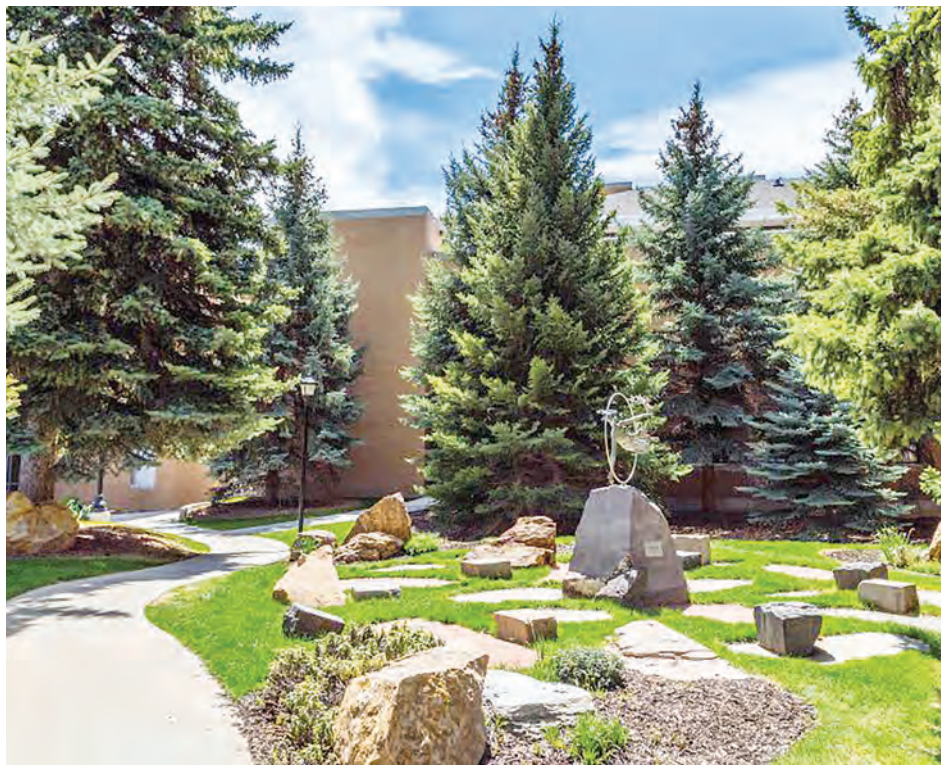
said. “It will be great to be moving into the new school and all the technology it will bring. It’s the newness of the school that will be wonderful. I think the kids are excited, the parents are excited and the teachers are excited. It’s going to be nice.”

She said the Open House was great to see the buzz of excitement.

“It’s fun to talk to people that went to school 30 to 40 years ago here and see

them walk through the school again,” Wilden said. “I’m sure they are a little bit sad. That has got to be a hard for them.”

It’s really exciting. (the new building) we went for a little tour through it and it is just beautiful. It will be nice. May 17th will have us moving in. It’s exciting and its fun, you can feel the buzz with the kids and parents to see this building go down and the new one go up. It’s just fun.



COURTESY OF SUU

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY has earned Tree Campus USA recognition.

Arbor Day Foundation Honors SUU with 2016 Tree Campus USA® Recognition

by Holly **COOMBS**
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Southern Utah University was recently awarded the 2016 Tree Campus USA® recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

With more than 2,100 trees, and plan to add 136 more this year, SUU's campus is more than worthy of the Arbor Day Foundation's recognition, according to a press release.

Tree Campus USA is a national program created in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor colleges and universities, for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals, according to the release.

Southern Utah University has been recognized two consecutive years for meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards: maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project.

"We take a lot of pride in all our work to beautify campus, but especially in our trees," Chris Gale, SUU's director for grounds and gardens, said. "They make our campus a more welcoming and an environmentally friendly place."

"The Arbor Day Foundation's recognition of SUU's efforts has validated the fact that our grounds department has been doing the right thing by investing in our trees on campus and managing them in

a manner that is recognized as the industry's best practices," Tiger Funk, SUU's executive director for facilities management, said.

Funk's team established a tree care plan, which lays out how decisions related to the tree inventory will be made, including tree care standards and future goals.

As a way to track and maintain SUU's tree inventory, a campus service-learning project was created. About 20 volunteers used a GIS based smartphone application to collect data on size, species, location and condition of all campus trees. This in-depth tree analysis is a powerful tool in managing a population of trees making it easier to locate sick or hazardous trees and prioritize maintenance efforts, according to the release.

Andrew Lloyd, an aviation student from Cottonwood, Ariz., heard about the service project and wanted to help.

"The project was well organized and everything was clearly explained," Lloyd said. "I know it'll benefit the campus because now the grounds crew knows where every tree is and what work they need to do."

Trees benefit the university campus in many ways including erosion prevention, windbreak, noise mitigation, CO2 consumption, filter pollutants, shade for personal comfort and energy saving. They also offer historical perspective.

"Campus trees are the result of those who came before is with a vision for the future," Funk said. "Next time you see an old photograph of campus, notice the small trees then go outside and look at how they've grown."

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Opinion



Credit cards not the problem

If you are a young adult (Millennial or even the new Generation Z), changes are you have heard much advice concerning your finances. “Pay yourself first” (socking away money for the future)...“Invest long-term” (don’t worry about the market and economic swings)...“Don’t throw money at things that depreciate” (buy a home rather than a fancy truck)...“Don’t spend more than you earn” (not always possible, but attempt to avoid debt).

You might have also heard this piece of “wisdom”: Avoid credit cards.

This is true in some cases – and total hogwash in others! In fact, a smart person can make credit cards into a financial savings plan.

In the first place, it’s difficult in today’s society to travel without a credit card. Hotels usually demand them upon registration to cover incidentals as an example.

Of course, if you can’t handle credit, you shouldn’t use one. A credit card is not “free money” and it can be dangerous for those who seek instant gratification.

But the majority of people can control their spending. They are not going to buy a \$500 purse simply because it’s on sale for \$450. For this large group of responsible adults, the credit card is a valuable tool – an interest-free loan for as much as 30 days. Put another way, you can use someone else’s money at no cost as long as you pay it back in three or four weeks.

And now for the added bonus: most financial institutions offer “rewards cards” allowing you free airline travel, complimentary hotel stays, or “on the house” restaurant meals. How simple... Use someone else’s money, pay it back in a relatively short time, and eat a free King Crab dinner at the Red Lobster, or fly free on Delta airlines for a New York City adventure.

Who pays for these rewards? The banks and credit unions pay for some of it, but they also have a partner in giving you these perks – the people who don’t use rewards cards.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported U.S. households that don’t pay with these credit cards lose an average of \$50 a year while households who do gain an average of \$240. I assume each of you would stop and pick up \$240 if you saw it on the sidewalk, so it’s silly to think the savings is not worth your time or effort.

Some economists say the merchants pass on the extra costs of paying credit card fees to the customer. But even if that is true, costs will then go up for everyone – but only those collecting rewards will receive the benefits.

Again, this scenario doesn’t work for those who spend too much and cannot pay off their credit card bill in fully every month. A free dinner pales in comparison to the high interest rate



Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY
Columnist

attached to credit card bills that carry over from month to month.

In the worst case scenario, between 2% and 5% of credit card borrowers declare bankruptcy. They shouldn’t have a credit card and neither should the millions more who are wallowing in credit card debt.

But that’s not the reason to avoid credit cards any more than you avoid driving because some idiotic drivers are on the same freeway. Credit cards are not the problem, and in many cases you are tossing money away by ignoring them.

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

To the Editor

League of Cities and Towns

Last night (Wednesday) before City Council began, I had a conversation with a friend who had been away for the winter. Last year, he had been in an accident in which he was unhurt, but his brand-new 2016 Toyota pickup had been totaled. He told me he’d replaced it with a 2017 Toyota pickup.

He said with a grin that the only difference between the 2016 and 2017 model is that the little sliding window in the back was now motorized and could be opened with the push of a button. We both had a good laugh — a motor for a window that may be opened once a year, if ever!

Something like a motorized back window might be nice, but is it necessary?

Shortly after this conversation occurred, the Cedar City Council had a discussion about continuing our membership with the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT).

As we talked, the same question that I asked about the little window came to my mind: Our membership is nice, but is it necessary?

Last year some serious charges were leveled at the ULCT from the Utah State Auditor, John Dougall. He showed evidence of a long string of financial improprieties at the hands of the ULCT director and his chief financial officer, both of whom have now resigned. I saw signs in his audit that the ULCT system of checks and balances was seriously lacking. We have been told by current leadership that all of those problems have been corrected.

I would like our city to suspend our annual payments to ULCT for at least two years to ensure that their statement is accurate. Others in the city leadership tell me that we need to maintain our membership with ULCT because of the benefits we receive from them.

Our annual dues to the League run about \$16,000. Registration for their conferences run about another \$3,500 each year. Membership in the League provides us with at least

Opinion

Every day should be a Mother's Day

This Sunday is Mother's Day, the one time each year when we tell our mothers how much we love them, thank them for all they've done for us, treat them extra special, perhaps offer to cook a meal, or shower them with gifts and cards (some homemade when we were kids). I know mothers love and appreciate the recognition, but I feel a bit badly that it's often condensed into a single day. Motherhood is the hardest job imaginable, and Moms deserve to be honored EVERY day.

My mother passed in 1985, at the age of 59. She raised me for most of my childhood years as a single parent, work-

homework. I guess I assumed it was just "part of the job" as a mother. We had our spats, like all children do with parents, but she never, ever made me feel like I was anything less than her number one priority.

When I was in high school, Mom always wondered if I was envious of some of my friends. I lived in an interesting part of the school district where I was bussed over 12 miles a day to an affluent high school, even though we as a family were not affluent. During those years before I could drive myself, Mom often dropped me off at friends' homes that seemed like mini-mansions compared to the relatively simple home we lived in. I could tell sometimes she felt a bit sad or embarrassed that we didn't have that lifestyle, but I honestly didn't care--because at the end of every day, I had something more important than a lavish bedroom or a hot tub or a swimming pool. I had her as my mother.

Eventually, I left home for college, and it was the first time in nearly two decades that I hadn't been part of her daily life. There were the trips home for the holidays and summer of course, but from the moment I packed by little Toyota and drove out of Redwood City, I was headed out on my own. It made her sad.

I moved to Utah years later and never lived in California again. When she was first diagnosed, I spent some time staying with her and my stepfather while I had a temporary job there. Though she was ill from the cancer treatments, those days gave us a chance to reminisce. She told




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me how much she loved being a Mom, being MY Mom. I told her how lucky I was to be her son. A few months later, she was gone.

I reflect back on those years when I'd hear her voice on the phone, or get those "Care" packages in the mail with homemade cookies or other special surprises she'd made for me. I try to remember if I did anything particularly special for her on Mother's Day, or for her birthday (she was born on St. Patrick's Day in Pasadena). My children have fond

memories of Grandma, though they were quite young when she passed, but they've learned about her through me. I hope that she somehow knows now how much I appreciate all she did for me, and how much I love and miss her.

If you have a chance to tell your Mom how much she means to you this weekend, please do. I've been blessed to be able to write my feelings with a chance for this publication, but I'd give anything to be able to tell her these things in person. Happy Mother's Day, Mom.



TOM'S Tomes
by Tom HARALDSEN
Managing Editor

ing full-time as a switchboard operator, when that position existed, for about \$85 a week take home pay. She drove us everywhere in a baby blue '54 Ford, finding ways to keep food on our table, a roof over our heads, and balancing her work life with our home life.

Like any child, I had no idea how hard that was, or still is, for mothers. Though my grandparents lived close by us in the San Francisco Bay Area, it was Mom who had to do all the household and motherhood chores. I took for granted the hours she spent, after her workday ended, cooking and cleaning and doing wash and helping me with



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National Day of Prayer inspires gratitude, unity



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by Corey **BAUMGARTNER**
Iron County Today

Friends, family and members of various faiths throughout the community, joined hands and hearts during this year's National Day of Prayer, held on May 4 at the Gilbert Great Hall on the beautiful campus of Southern Utah University.

Cedar Area Interfaith Alliance (CAIFA) President, Patti Lund, welcomed those in attendance and shared a quote about the significance of the day of prayer. "The National Day of Prayer has great significance to us as a nation. It enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call to humbly come before God, seeking his guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people." (www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

During the morning of prayers, breakfast and special musical praise from the Village Voices, themes of thankfulness, humility and unity were expressed and emphasized for our community and our nation to be guided by God in all we and our leaders face each day. There were tearful and heartfelt prayers offered both aloud and silent for each of us to be and to live better with love and guidance for each other on our particular paths in life.

Guest speaker, Senator Evan Vickers, spoke on the importance of being united as "one nation under God." He pointed out that it often takes war, tragedy, disaster or disease to unite us as a country. However, he expressed other ways we can become more united beyond the bedlam. He spoke of the uniting and healing benefits of ego-less service; of associating with good people and treating each other with respect. He encouraged everyone to study history and to learn from it and to listen to good music that uplifts and improves

our lives.

He also shared an inspiring quote. "There is a debt of service due from every man to his country, proportioned to the bounties which nature and fortune have measured to him." Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

He encouraged everyone to pray and to worship God on a regular basis in their own way and to do something spiritually uplifting every day. "I would encourage you to move forward, move those around you, be kind and gracious and above all, keep God in your life," he shared.

Following Sen. Vickers, four special prayers were offered for Faith, Family, Community in Unity and the Nation and Freedom.

Gen Phelps, from the Community Presbyterian Church, prayed for strengthened faith against the challenges of life and that we would learn to lean upon God and stay in faith, especially during trials and tragedies.

Anne Leavitt, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, prayed for the families in our community and throughout the world; that husbands, wives and grandparents will help create homes of harmony and happiness and to teach their children discernment between right and wrong and provide secure and safe homes.

Speaking of having more unity in belief and action, Mark McCormack, from Grace & Truth: A Church of Christ, prayed that we would share both our monetary blessings and our time to better serve God and our community.

Elder Steven R. Bangerter, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, then expressed gratitude for our land, liberty and freedom, and for the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in the minds of the founding fathers.

Concluding the prayers, Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson gave the closing benediction, thanking everyone for their attendance and for enriching the community and gave gratitude for the hand of God in our lives.

Parowan community celebrates National Day of Prayer

PAROWAN — County Commissioner Mike Bleak welcomed a group of about 20 people to the National Day of Prayer celebration at Parowan City Library on a warm afternoon last Thursday.

"It is my honor to be invited here today," Bleak said. "The National Day of Prayer is something that I think is just the coolest thing. It goes back to the history of our country when our founding fathers founded our country on a belief of religious freedom and the ability to worship God the father in the way we see fit."

Nancy Dalton with the Interfaith Council gave the opening prayer followed by the American Legion with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Parowan Elementary School students singing the National Anthem.

Parowan City Mayor Don Landes it has been a part of this community since when the pioneers came as lead by Brigham Young. Landes said they start city council meetings with prayer

"We need that guidance, we need it as a community and we certainly need it as a city government," Landes said.

He then read the proclamation from U.S. President Donald J. Trump on the National Day of Prayer.

"A prayerful spirit has always been an important part of our national character," Landes read. "It is a force that has guided the American people, given us strength,

and sustained us in moments of joy and in times of challenge. On this National Day of Prayer, we acknowledge God's grace and ask for His continued guidance in the life of our Nation."

The prayer proclamation was then given by United Methodist Rev. Jeri Lee Harrell Leeper.

"When we pledge our allegiance, it's as one nation under You. Every time we use American money to buy or sell, we make the statement that in You we have placed our trust," Leeper read. "We acknowledge that You are the One who has set us high above all the nations on the earth. You have made us the head and not the tail. We have led the free world. The whole world has known that we are identified with You, and they have respected us."

Resident Collin Shurtleff was the keynote speaker, spoke about prayer being an essential part of a nation that will succeed.

"The fact that so many of us are here today tells me a few important facts," Shurtleff said. "One, that our nation is great; two, that we believe in prayer; and three, that we believe in an objective moral standard."

He said having an objective moral standard is important to participate in the National Day of Prayer.

Gail Harris of the Interfaith Council then paid tribute to the Jose Garcia Family, whom was honored with a plaque,



HOLLY COOMBS

PAROWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM at the National Day of Prayer Celebration in Parowan.

cupcakes, historic rock church mugs and t-shirts.

The family, who moved to Parowan more than 10 years ago from Mexico has always had prayer as an essential part of their lives.

Harris read the tribute written by the Garcia's oldest daughter, Gabby, who said that because of prayer the family came to Parowan and opened their restaurant, La Villa Mexican Restaurant.

The family is now leaving Parowan to move to Cedar City.

"Without prayer, I don't think we can move on to the next step," Gabby Garcia said. "I don't think my parents would be able to sell their restaurant or make every single step to get through this life."

She spoke to the crowd for her family and thanked them for their support and love in the community all the years her family has lived there.



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OPENING DAY FOR CEDAR CITY LITTLE LEAGUE served as a fundraiser for a local resident who is battling cancer.

Little League has opening day, supports resident, volunteer with cancer

by Holly **COOMBS**
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The Little League Baseball season began its 78th year with an International Opening Day Celebration at the Field at the Hills last Saturday afternoon, and honored a member of the community battling cancer.

Brent Anderson, who has served 30 years in the military and a current full-bird colonel and the G3 for the Utah Army National Guard, is battling cancer.

"His military service has taken him all over the world, to places and people whose lives have been touched, and even saved, by BA," Cedar American League President Amanda Giles said. "His 15-month deployment to Afghanistan earned him a Bronze Star for valor."

Giles said that Anderson is very humble about his service and that he would rather talk about those he served than brag about himself.

Anderson had the opportunity to throw the first pitch at the beginning of the afternoon games last Saturday.

With the theme "ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT," the community pitched in with shirts and much support for Anderson

and his family.

"This year half of our proceeds will be going to upgrade the equipment in each league," Giles said. "The other half we are honored to donate to Anderson, who is battling cancer. The Little League Organization to us is as much about friends and family as it is about baseball."

Anderson has been a huge part of serving and supporting the baseball community, National League President Colby Millet said.

With the opening day and with the sponsorship of Wilson & Whetten Orthodontics, the Cedar Little League will combine the proceeds from the event to give to Anderson.

"We are very grateful to have the support of so many local businesses," Giles said. "Their generosity makes it possible for all of our kids to have a wonderful Little League experience. Our sponsors and volunteers provide funds for such expenses as equipment, uniforms, umpires, and upkeep of the facilities. Without them the Little League memories and dreams of many children would not be possible."

Those interested in donating can e-mail Giles at aekgiles@gmail.com.

ARBOR DAY

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Dangerfield said "it's cool" to see kids and how much knowledge they have about trees.

"Councilmember Fred Rowley made the comment that when the students graduate from high school they can come sit under the tree and kiss their sweetheart on that bench," Dangerfield said.

He said the best time to plant a

tree is 20 years ago and then today. The students will remember they planted trees and will come back and remember they planted it and it makes the park a part of them.

"We are trying to show them that they can come back and see the tree they planted," Dangerfield said. "It is something that is theirs now. It makes them feel like this park is theirs and they want to take better care of it. When they see, someone abusing or vandalizing it, they will stand up for it and protect it."



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Cedar Council questions continual partnership with League of Cities and Towns

by Holly COOMBS
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A discussion concerning further participation with the League of Cities and Towns took place at last Wednesday's Cedar City Council meeting after an audit conducted by the Utah State Auditor's Office led to the resignation of the League's executive director Ken Bullock, when accusations surfaced that he had charged about \$57,000 from a league credit card over a four-year period.

According to the audit by State Auditor John Dougall, the money was used for various travel expenses while Bullock was traveling around the country watching his son play basketball.

Bullock has paid back all except \$11,000, but the report questions another \$130,000 of charges that lacked documentation showing they were for business purposes. A criminal investigation has been called for by the State Auditor's Office. ULCT is a taxpayer-funded group paid for by municipalities. Last year, Cedar City paid

ULCT \$18,500 in dues. Dougall blames the misspending on the ULCT board for not having proper oversight.

City councilmember Paul Cozzens brought the concern into question at the meeting and explained the many charges which were personal purchases including spa charges, dining charges, floral shop charges and personal travel charges. Cozzens said he couldn't really understand the oversight of the board as he serves on three different boards within Cedar City.

"I serve on the Happy Factory Board, I serve on the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board and I serve on the Waste Water Treatment Board and on all these boards, at the very first of the meeting, we go through expenses that are paid and we go through the financial statements and things as a board and we look at it," he said. "... I can't imagine how a board member would

miss these charges. I just can't imagine how for four years a board member can look at these charges and this stuff that is going on."

Cozzens said that in another audit in April, a secret fund was found that was being withheld from the Board of Directors knowledge.

"As elected officials, we have a duty to protect the taxpayer's dollars," he said. "I would like to see us bow out of this organization for at least a year, maybe two."

Cozzens continued to say that there was a letter that said all had been corrected within the league, but he said he didn't believe that trust had not been lost after four years of gross maleficence and fix it in a month or two.

City councilmember Fred Rowley wrote his thoughts on the matter in a letter to the editor to local newspapers, and agreed at the council meeting with Cozzens that Cedar City should take a break from

working with the ULCT.

Other city councilmembers also voiced their concerns. Terri Hartley said she felt that the league's responsibilities needed to be provided to further bring knowledge to them about if the city needs the organization. Craig Isom said had the concern on if it was necessary to judge an organization by one individual's actions.

Sen. Evan Vickers (R-Utah), and Rep. John Westwood (R-Utah) spoke about the league as well and its help to make funding possible for Cedar City during the legislative session.

"I spoke with Dougall and he said he has no concern with the league going forward," Vickers said. Westwood agreed with Vickers. Cozzens said whatever the city chooses, the public has a right to know.

Resident Brad Green spoke during the public comments part of the meeting.

"The public puts trust in you, you're the city representatives," Green said. "Where's the accountability?"

The council will vote on the matter at its next meeting.

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL

Funding considered at Leisure Services master plan meeting

by Holly COOMBS
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CEDAR CITY — The Cedar City Leisure Services master plan continued with the organization's most recent meeting last Wednesday in the City Council Chambers.

The main concern the organization is working on is funding. Jay Bollwinkel of MGB+A said, who has been aiding the plan with the best interest in for the city development.

"It's one thing to fund, it's another to fund and keep it going," Bollwinkel said. "We need resources to find the funding of operations. It might be beneficial to ask Washington County what they do."

He said they are working to find what will most benefit Cedar City and bring a plan with funding to request from the City Council by May 17.

Bryan Dangerfield said that all the surveys and letters are being taken into consideration to assist with the consideration of the plan for the next 20

years. One of the main concerns was the amount of little league fields available. Little League President Colby Millet spoke saying 700 teams participate each year and scheduling can conflict with the various baseball teams ranging from kid to adult.

Dangerfield suggested that lights on the field might be a solution.

"It definitely would be helpful," Millet said. "Anything done to get more space is helpful."

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.

May 1

Michael R. Messersmith, Salt Lake City
Assault

Lindsay S. Bulloch, Cedar City
Possession

Ronna J. Bulloch, Cedar City
Possession

Brandon J. Norris, Cedar City
Possession of Burglary Tools, Probation/Parole violation

Cecilia Orozco-Murillo, Cedar City
Retail Theft

May 2

Justin D. Anderson, Cedar City
Controlled Substance

Kelsey A. Sanders, Cedar City
Retail Theft, Drug Court Violation

Alex S. Flores, Cedar City
Possession

May 3

Daniel R. Hall, Cedar City
Intoxication

Brandon J. Heap, Cedar City
Drug Court Violation

Patrick R. Ward, Cedar City
Possession, Child Endangerment

May 4

Jake M. Jorgensen, Enoch
Controlled Substance

Kyle S. Williams, Cedar City
DUI, Driving on Denied License, FTA-Warrant

May 5

Jonathon A. Ciocho, Cedar City
DUI, Possession

Anthonee J. Derosier, West Jordan
Unsafe Lane Change

Rick L. Huber, West Jordan
Probation Violation

Travis J. Jackson, Cedar City
Criminal Mischief

John H. Tingey, Enoch
Probation/Parole Violation

Gerald M. Vanloan, Cedar City
Probation/Parole Violation

Kyle C. Wilson, Tooele
Unlawful Sale Tobacco to Minor, Possession

John B. Gehrich, Cedar City
Forcible Sex Abuse

May 6

Lameka S. Lee, Aurora, Colo.
Fugitive from Justice

May 7

Hailey K. Russell, Enoch
Retail Theft
Haley J. Gardner, Las Vegas
Retail Theft



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Archaeological site reviews streamlined on agricultural projects

SALT LAKE CITY — Three state agencies have signed an agreement that will improve the efficiency of archaeological site reviews without compromising important protections.

The new program created by the agreement, signed April 27, will allow for para-archaeologists to work within the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food. The para-archaeologists will provide immediate on-site feedback when archaeological materials are discovered on UDAF projects.

The innovative program, which also involves the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office and Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), will assist UDAF

in complying with state cultural resource laws. These laws benefit Utahns by mandating that state agencies consider the effect of state expenditures or undertakings on historic properties, such as archaeological sites or historic buildings.

Traditionally, the Utah SHPO office consults with agencies to support development projects while safeguarding Utah's history. Through this program, the SHPO office will develop a para-archaeologist training program that includes online modules and in-field workshops.

"This program empowers UDAF to speedily complete their projects, such as agricultural infra-

"This program empowers UDAF to speedily complete their projects..."

— Brad Westwood

structure improvements, while safeguarding archaeological sites," Utah State Historic Preservation Officer Brad Westwood said. "We hope to develop a similar innovative approach with other state agencies."



FILE PHOTO

Veterans Coalition program to begin May 29

On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war and entered "The Great War."

The Iron County Veterans Coalition (American Legion, Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars) in conjunction with the Cedar City Armory Army National Guard, will be commemorating the centennial of "The Great War" with programs and activities starting with Decoration Day (Memorial Day) May 29 and going through Armistice Day (Veterans Day) Nov. 11, 2018.

There is a memorial in the Rotary Veterans Park in Cedar City for those who served, and died, from Iron County and it contains 294 names.

The Iron County Veterans Coalition would like to have families of those men participate with us throughout the months. If you are a relative, or know someone who is, please contact Keith Robison of the American Legion (keithrobison97@hotmail.com) or Sgt. Bulloch of the UNG (shelley.s.bulloch.mil@mail.mil) for participation in the 2017 Memorial Day ceremony at the Cedar City Cemetery.

A member of American Legion Post 74 has worked with the Cedar City Library to collect information and military documents for those names and it is available in the Special Collection, along with the book "Utah in the Great War" which contains about 24,000 names of men and women from Utah that served in the USN, USMC, and USA 1917-1919.

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Water Resources announces new reporting tool

The Utah Division of Water Resources (DWRe) has announced a new weapon in Utah's water efficiency arsenal. The Utah Water Use: Hall of Fame or Shame. The division is hopeful this online tool will increase excitement about water-wise behavior, and act as an accountability tool simultaneously. It can be found at Water.Utah.Gov/FameOrShame.

The fame option allows citizens to report their own or another's great water-wise behavior, which the division and local entities will use to praise those making good choices. The division will award one water-wise winner each month between April and October for "Fame" submissions. The monthly winners will receive a \$50 gift card. They will also be entered as finalists to win a \$500 grand prize gift card this fall.

When waste is reported, the division will forward the individual report to the local water provider (water districts or cities) to make them aware of the issue within one business day of the report's submission. None of the individual complaints will be released to the general public. The division will track reporting trends, and use data gathered

to improve current and future water conservation programs and campaigns.

"This tool is not being released now by accident. There is plenty of moisture in the soil from snow and rain that most Utahns are weeks away from needing to turn on their sprinklers and timers. The earliest recommended date to turn your water in most of Utah is May 15," said Faye Rutishauser, Water Conservation Coordinator for the Utah Division of Water Resources, in a release. "We are excited to see great examples of water efficiency. We also believe it provides a layer of accountability throughout the state. Whether it is for fame or for shame, anybody can report it from their cell phone or computer, and that information will be used to improve our programs and campaigns."

The division anticipates that there will be some people who don't like that this tool is available; however, there has been a clear request from many for more water use accountability. The easiest way not to worry about a complaint is to use water wisely. The division encourages people, government and businesses to take H2Oath: Utah's Water-Wise Pledge, and follow the

principles found at SlowTheFlow.org. There are also rebates and other water conservation programs throughout the state for people to take advantage of. The division publishes a Weekly Lawn Watering Guide to help people know how many times per week they should be watering based on actual plant needs. The lawn watering guide can be found on slowtheflow.org, conservewater.utah.gov or on the division's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Again, due to the abundant moisture from snow and rain, watering is not needed in most of the state at this time.

The Utah Division of Water Resources' goal is to plan, conserve, protect and develop Utah's water resources. The division is trying to help the state reach the Governor's Water Conservation Goal: 25 percent less statewide per capita water use by 2025. The division anticipates that goal will be achieved earlier than 2025. Once that goal is reached, new regional water conservation goals, as well as a new state goal, will be established to take water efficiency to the next level.

ULCT

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three benefits: Training for new mayors, council members, and planning-commission members; lobbying for Utah's cities at the state Legislature; and the opportunity to meet and talk to officials from other cities when we gather at conferences.

Those are all nice things, but are they necessary?

On one occasion, we appointed some new members to our planning commission. They needed some training on the complexities of zoning laws. Instead of waiting for ULCT to come down and provide the training, Paul Bittmenn, our city attorney at the time (and now our city manager) conducted a workshop for them. I had previously been to a ULCT training on the topic, and Paul's workshop was just as good if not better than theirs because he focused solely on matters pertinent to Cedar City.

On the second matter of lobbying, we have two very active, engaged and responsive legislators working for us — Sen. Evan Vickers and Rep. John Westwood. These gentlemen, teamed with input from Mayor (Maile) Wilson, have twice now been able to pass legislation that we as a council asked for specifically. This process is the correct, direct conduit for legislative action. Injecting a lobbying group like ULCT, (paid with taxpayers' money) into the mix is one of the things that we as Americans most disdain.

Finally, meeting and making friends with other city official is nice, but is it necessary?

four years. I am a personal friend with the current mayor and several of the longer-serving council members. Not once have I called them to talk about any city-government questions. Why? Because our city's needs are so much different from theirs.

If we say to someone in another city: How do you solve your water problems? They say, "Oh, we have a large reservoir in the mountains above our town." Another may say, "Oh, we have a large spring bubbling out of the ground that provides us with pure, clean water 365 days a year." And a third may say, "We're going to spend a billion dollars to bring our water from far away."

None of these solutions mesh with our water concerns in Cedar City!

So, although it's nice to have new friends, is it necessary? Do those friendships benefit our citizens in a direct and meaningful way? I am doubtful.

In conclusion, we pay almost \$20,000 a year to the Utah League of Cities and Towns for some things that may be nice, but they are not necessary. In the meantime, many small, inexpensive projects that would benefit our city go undone due to the lack of funding.

Fred C. Rowley, Cedar City Council
This idea of sending so much money to someone for so little benefit seems a lot like going to a steakhouse every night and paying \$60 — not for a meal, but just for the after-dinner mints because we like the taste of them.

These are my thoughts. Alas, this coming Wednesday night when this topic comes up on the agenda, I believe Councilman Cozzens and I will be outvoted.

Fred C. Rowley Cedar City Council
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Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award Presented to Southern Utah University

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"We see the arts as being critical to the development of individuals and communities"

— Scott L. Wyatt, SUU President

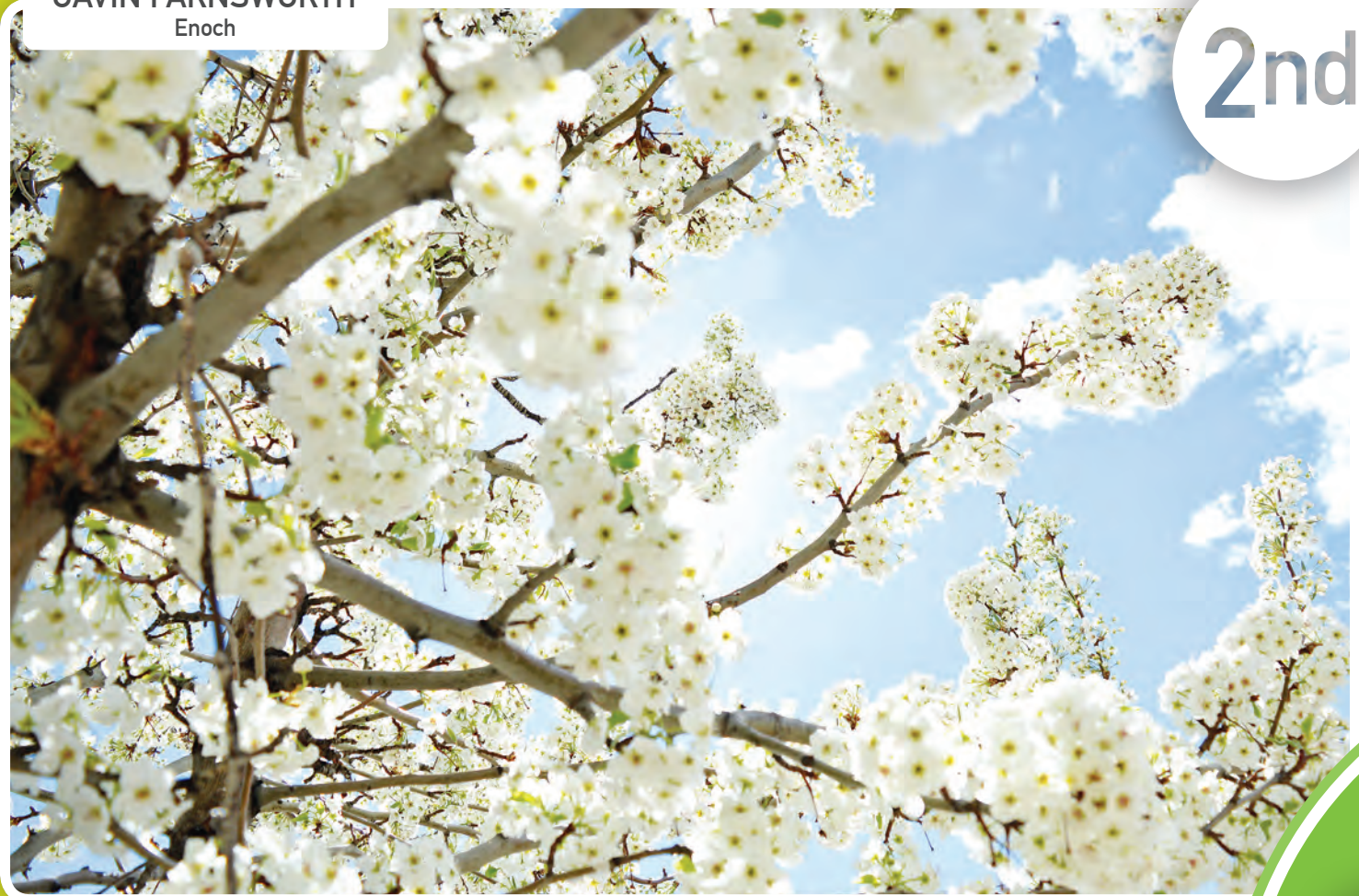
Gov. Gary Herbert and the Utah Division of Arts and Museums have awarded Southern Utah University with the Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award for organization of the year. This award recognizes an organization that has made significant contributions to sustain and enhance the arts through education, leadership, creativity, and partnership building, according to a press release. The arts, in all its forms, have always been a critical element in the academic and community culture at Southern Utah University. SUU plays an important role in creating, nurturing, and presenting high-caliber artistic expression in a rural part of Utah and, in doing so, influences

communities throughout the region and, indeed, the country. This recognition is Utah's highest honor in the arts. "We are very honored to be received this prestigious award," SUU President Scott L. Wyatt said. "SUU works hard to integrate the arts and sciences, and all disciplines in between. We see the arts as being critical to the development of individuals and communities." In July 2016, under Wyatt's leadership, SUU opened the Beverly Taylor

Sorenson Center for the Arts. The center incorporates visual arts, live theatre, and dynamic arts education on the campus of SUU. The center is home to the Southern Utah Museum of Art, also known as SUMA, and new state-of-the-art facilities for the Utah Shakespeare Festival. In addition to being home to the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival, the university has a vibrant College of Performing and Visual Arts, according to the release.

Under the leadership of Dean Shauna Mendini, the College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring nearly 600 students in the College of Performing and Visual Arts. Students participate in over 195 arts-related classes and more than 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions on campus each year. Alumni of the various arts programs are employed as artists and administrators from art galleries in Chicago to Broadway to Los Angeles.

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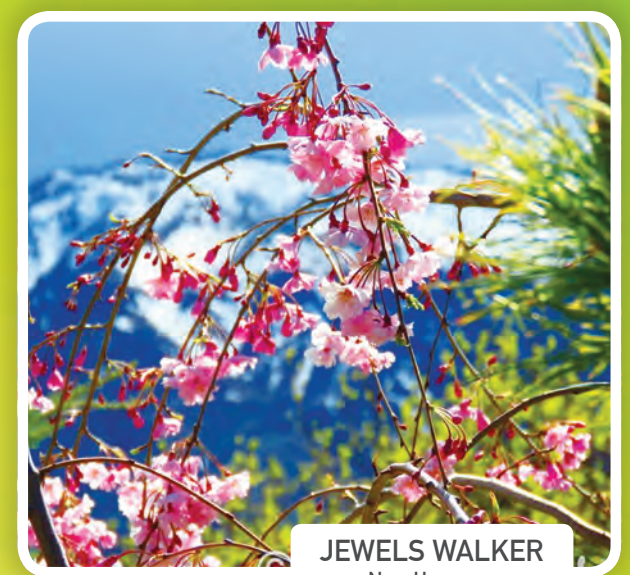


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Bluegrass Super Jam this Friday

The Iron County Acoustic Music Association (ICAMA) is pleased to present a BLUEGRASS SUPER JAM with a star-studded lineup of bluegrass musicians at 7 p.m. Friday, May 12 at Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2279 Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City.

The lineup features Marty Warburton on guitar and banjo, Paul Washburn on mandolin; Ryan Tilby on mandolin, dobro, and banjo and Nic Chamberlain on guitar and mandolin; Drew Williams on fiddle, guitar, and mandolin, Salt Lake musician Craig Miner on mandolin, guitar and banjo, and John Landon on bass.

The musicians' accomplishments are almost too numerous to mention.

» **Marty Warburton** is a two-time Utah State banjo champion, a Pine Creek records recording artist, a sought-after emcee for music festivals nationwide and the front man for Marty Warburton and Home Girls.

» **Ryan Tilby** is a first-call sideman and session musician playing with bands all over the U.S. as well as working as a recording engineer with St George's Spiral Studios.

» **Nic Chamberlain** is a multi-instrumental threat playing with many musical projects. He released a solo CD, Watch for the Wolves, in December 2016.

» **Drew Williams** has toured nationally and internationally and is currently the principal at Tuachan High School for the Performing Arts.

» **John Landon** has long experience playing bass and is currently the bass player in Home Girls.

» **Craig Miner** is a member of Cold Creek Bluegrass band and builds his own instruments. He and Ryan Tilby have both played with Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band.

» **Paul Washburn** has played with well-known bluegrass artist Frank Sollivan and currently leads the Washburn Family Bluegrass Band.

Together, these bluegrass pickers have decades of performing experience. They have played together in various combinations over the years. This is a unique combination of talents for the May 12 gathering. Expect to hear bluegrass classics and some original arrangements of bluegrass and Americana music. This event promises to be a toe-tapping, hand clapping, family-friendly good time.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will support live acoustic music in Iron County.

For information on this and other upcoming live music events, check out our Facebook page, ICAMA Iron County Acoustic Music Association.



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by Mary Anne ANDERSEN
Cedar City Arts Council

Last week I talked about the contrast between the way a child learns to read language and the way he learns to play music. Every school day from pre-school through grade school, he is under the tutelage of a teacher who instructs, coaches, and provides new material every day. Contrast that with the piano student who receives instruction for less than an hour a week. If he practices for four other days—which doesn't always happen—he is on his own, replaying the same music and, in many cases, the same mistakes. It is no wonder that so many hopeful beginners are music-lesson drop-outs.

I said I had some solutions that, if they could be implemented, would insure that every student could be as musically literate as he is language literate. Not professional, just literate.

The child needs the same daily instruction and support in his music practice as he receives in his language development. My dream is a school where, beginning in kindergarten, the child spends twenty to thirty minutes in a piano lab with a small number of other students and a skilled teacher every day, just as surely as he had reading time. New skills would be reinforced correctly, there would be new music to explore every day, and he would be part of a group where sharing and collaboration would abound. Then he would go home, and proudly play his latest achievement on the family piano.

I know. Good luck with that. Our school systems can't provide that for even a select number of students—who would choose which students got to participate?—let alone the whole student body.

Another solution involves a parent who is willing to sit on the piano bench with her child every day and insure that the practicing is done diligently and correctly. The parent would need to understand exactly what the assignment was and see that nothing interfered with the scheduled practice hour. I know from experience that this works, as I spent ten or twelve years of my life sitting next to three little girls at the keyboard, individually, monitoring reading, counting, and technic until



I trusted them to work on their own. (Then I listened and yelled instructions from the other room; you don't want to sit on a piano bench with a 14-year-old girl.)

I have another dream where, say, five or six families

would commit to six years of daily piano instruction. The little ones would begin at age five, as soon as they knew their numbers and letters. The parents would drop them off at my home 45 minutes before school began every day. They would work together, learning, sharing, encouraging each other as they took mini-steps to interpret and implement the music page. After 30 minutes, off they would go to school, that vital part of their education accomplished for the day. Six years later, reading and playing music would be as easy as reading the printed page. Any takers?

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Festival Artistic Director David Ivers leaving

CEDAR CITY — David Ivers, Utah Shakespeare Festival artistic director since 2011, has announced he will be leaving the Festival later this month to accept the role of artistic director at another regional theatre.

Ivers described his departure as bittersweet.

"I have so many memories and inspiring events associated with the Utah Shakespeare Festival that I'll remain forever grateful to the artists, staff, and guests that make the Festival what it is," he said in a release. "Everything I know about cultural literacy, everything I know about challenges and rising above them, everything I know about incredible work on incredible stages, I learned at the Utah Shakespeare Festival."

Ivers is not announcing at this time which theatre he is headed to, but explains that this new opportunity is right for him professionally as well as for his family. "This new position is a thrilling professional opportunity, and it dovetails with the needs of my family," he said. "I am eager to embark on this next adventure, even as I say goodbye to this amazing theatre and company of gifted and dedicated artists and staff."

Ivers will help to welcome the 2017 company to Cedar City and then take a bow on May 16. He will return to Cedar City to direct the world premiere production of "How to Fight Loneliness," opening on Aug. 26.

"David has significantly influenced the development, growth and progress of the Festival as an actor, artistic director and innovator," said Festival Board President Jeffery R. Nelson. "We will always be grateful for his energy, passion, and many contributions; and we wish him and his family nothing but success

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— David Ivers

in his new role."

Ivers has acted and directed at the Festival since 1992. He was hired as co-artistic director along with Brian Vaughn in January of 2011. Festival Founder Fred C. Adams has worked with Ivers through all that time.

"David has been a much-loved talent here at the Utah Shakespeare Festival," Adams said. "Under his co-leadership with Brian Vaughn, the Festival has accomplished remarkable things. Of course, we will miss him and hope to get him back to act or direct Festival



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DAVID IVERS

productions when his schedule allows. We will always consider him a valued member of the Festival family."

Co-artistic leader Brian Vaughn has worked with Ivers at the Festival on a nearly daily basis for over six years, and was quick to point out the many changes

in that time. "David and I started our leadership tenure at this organization over six years ago," he said. It is amazing to think of the things that have happened in that time: a new brand, a new logo, the fifty-year anniversary celebration, building new theatres, the Complete the Canon initiative, and the new play program Words Cubed. I will cherish our shared artistic learning and growth. He is a dear friend and will be greatly missed."

"While we will miss David, we are grateful for his passion for great theatre, his dedication to our art, and the artistic leadership he and Brian have given over the past years," added Zachary Murray, interim executive director. "I am grateful for his work, and know any organization will be lucky to have him."

Tickets are now on sale for the Festival's 56th season, which will run from June 29 to October 21. In addition to How to Fight Loneliness, this year's plays are Romeo and Juliet, As You Like It, Shakespeare in Love, Guys and Dolls, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Treasure Island, The Tavern, and William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play (abridged). For more information and tickets, visit www.bard.org or call 1-800-PLAYTIX. The Utah Shakespeare Festival is part of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts at Southern Utah University, which also includes the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA).

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ARCHEOLOGY DAY

Annual event is well attended; visitors learn native, pioneer ways

by Holly COOMBS
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With attendance doubled from last year's Archeology Day, the Frontier Homestead State Park put on the event for its sixth year.

"We've already had 230 and it's only half way done, and that was our total from last year," Park Manager Todd Prince said.

The event included pioneer cooking in an outdoor brick oven, Fremont Indian clay figurine making, rope making, pictograph painting, pioneer games and Native American fry bread.

Samantha Kirkley, representative of the Utah Project Archaeology, said that Archeology day is not just about digging up and finding history in the ground, but remembering history.

Kirkley said a Fremont Indian pit house that was excavated in Paragonah was rebuilt at the park.

"The Parowan and Paragonah area would have looked like a Fremont village a hundred years ago with farm land like it does today just with different types of houses," she said. "Some were made with adobe brick. The adobe houses were built above the ground and made to store food while they lived in the underground pit houses."



PHOTOS BY HOLLY COOMBS

THIS YEAR'S ARCHEOLOGY DAY OFFERED ACTIVITIES FOR ALL.

Above (top) Steve Olsen teaches children how to make rope, while children play Game of Frisbee, a pioneer game. At far right, Miss Lindsay makes whole wheat biscuits from a brick oven



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The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

Do you remember the classic children's story, "Are You My Mother?" (P.D. Eastman) It's the adventures of a baby bird that falls out of its nest and goes in search of its mother, who has gone to find food. Along the way, it encounters several potential parents; a dog, a cow and even an airplane. The baby bird asks each of them, "Are you my mother?" Through a series of sincere and comical encounters, the baby bird realizes that not just anyone or anything can be its mother. With a slew of psychology packed within the pages, one message rings true for all of us blessed to have had and who still have our mothers. It's a message that goes beyond the question of "Are you my mother?," by seeking a more meaningful message and comforting confirmation, "Are you still there for me, mother?"

No matter where or when you were born; whether you knew your mother or not, you have been given life through her. If the only sacrifice she ever gave you was in choosing to have you, then that single decision is enough to make your life worth it. Don't label yourself with negative names. You are not a product of promiscuity, a mistake, regret or an accident. You are a miracle! Never forget that. And to any mother who has doubted if you were good enough, or perhaps had to give up a child because you weren't ready for those responsibilities; don't beat yourself up, or give up on your own life. Motherhood is not about the perfection of your actions, but the directions of your heart. It's not what's in your bank account, the fridge, or the laundry room; it's what's in your heart that makes you a mother. Remember that you are a miracle, too!

Wherever your mother is today, love her for the gift she is and has given to you. Love doesn't have to have the same address, or same last name to be real and to be felt. I know there are so many different and difficult situations out there and I wish I could speak to each of you and remind you how precious you are. I have hope that these words will reach those of you who need to be reminded and uplifted in your motherly sacrifices. Whether you are a single mother, married mother, thinking about becoming a mother, or wish you could have a child, but cannot; my heart goes out to each of you.

And like the baby bird, each of us falls out of, or must leave, our "nests" in life to go out into the world and discover who we are. Often, we learn who we are by learning who are parents are. We not only try to follow in their footsteps, but learn to say what they say and go where they go. When we make mistakes, we can usually return to the nest for advice...and a snack.

I know some of us may not have those types of nests, but I hope you can find other people willing to share theirs with you when you feel lost and discouraged. Some of us also have many other 'mothers' out there watching over us. And the best part about having a mother is not the nest, or the worms, but rather her listening ears, her encouraging words, hugs and a heart that will always answer the question: "Are you my mother," or "Are you still there for me, Mother?" with a resounding and open armed, "Yes!"

Stuck in a rut? Email me at coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com

Swim academy provides opportunity to all ages

by Holly COOMBS
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Little Sharks Swim Academy provides swimming lessons and opportunities for kids to reach goals such as the Olympic team.

In 2015, after moving to Cedar City, Michael and Kirsten McCoy had the idea to create the swim school, but never anticipated the growth that it has become.

"Since October 2015, we have grown to over 200 swimmers enrolled in Little Sharks Swim Academy," Michael McCoy said. "Additionally, we have expanded into a USA Swimming sanctioned swim team called Cedar City Swim Club also known as Cedar Sharks. Our goal for the next few years is to put Cedar City on the swimming map by training local kids to become better people through physical challenge and mental toughness. Champions will come from this area."

The swim school is listed throughout the nation and overseas and operates at the Southern Utah University pool, Michael McCoy said.

"I have worked with some pretty accomplished people when I was in the military so I think I can make the following statement based on tangible experience," he said. "The people in Iron County are some of the best that Kirstin and I have encountered anywhere. We could never have succeeded without the support that we have garnered from parents, our wonderful coaches, Southern Utah University and the kids who come to us to develop their skills."

Michael McCoy said people in Iron County work hard and are not timid about seeing their kids challenged.

"They rise to the occasion each and every time," he said. "We are grateful for (their) patronage and unyielding support over the last two years. Once again, we truly believe that we can cultivate a championship program in the Iron County area."

With the potential of Iron County, Michael McCoy said the next Olympian could be in any unanticipated home and he encourages parents to get their kids to the pool.

"You never know what may happen," he said.

As the school year comes to an end, the swim school's summer activity schedule will turn to a swim camp.

"These camps are two weeks in duration and go four times per week," Michael McCoy said. "It is a perfect way to develop new skills or fine tune things that were learned in the past."

The remaining summer schedule is as follows: May 15-26, June 5-16, June 19-29, July 31-Aug. 10. For registration, go to www.littlesharkswimacademy.com, the Summer Shark Camp Registration tab.

Summer Shark Camp classes are for preschool age, 3-5 years and school age 6 and up. The year round program offers classes for parent with their infants ages six to 36 months, preschool and school age. There are 10 station levels in both the preschool and proper dives and turns, Michael McCoy said.

"Little Sharks Swim Academy teaches children the same drills and technique the Olympic swimmers' use, expect on the novice level," he said.

Regular, year round swim school programs will run concurrently as well during the summer months. Registration for the year round, summer shark camps, or both are available. Tryouts for Cedar Swim Club are available anytime.

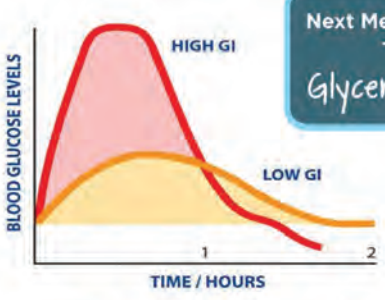
"We welcome all who feel that they are ready for the swim team experience," Michael McCoy said. "If a future swimmer needs a little fine tuning in order to get the swim team level, we can take care of that through Little Sharks Swim Academy. They will be ready to go in a very short time. We are willing to help anyone live up to their potential via the USA Swim team or the Swim America program that we have for basic instruction."

"Since October 2015, we have grown to over 200 swimmers"

— Michael McCoy

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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.
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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.
FREE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASS, 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday on the SUU campus. For more information, call 435-238-3417 or email to peiliteng@gmail.com
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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 offices.
BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE COLOR COUNTRY CHAPTER MEETING, 7:30 p.m., Grifols.
CEDAR CITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park. This month we will discuss "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult. Our selection for June is "Entwined" by Heather Dixon.

Fri, May 12

FREE DANCE AEROBICS CLASS, 9 a.m., class is medium to high impact, but can be adapted to any fitness level. Easy, fun dance moves. Moms can bring young children. People of all ages welcome. For information call Allison at 327-2091 (no texts please).
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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS LIVE AND LET LIVE, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.
CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 865-1387 for an appointment, accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and all private insurances, with a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients.
IWA, Informed Women for America, 11 a.m. to noon, Cedar City Library in the Park west room. If you are working, bring your own lunch and ideas. Go to IWA Cedar City on Facebook.

Sat, May 13

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 Highway 91, Cedar City
SOUTHERN UTAH WOODTURNERS, 9 a.m., Cedar High wood shop, 703 W. 600 South, Cedar City
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR MONTHLY MEETING, 11 a.m. For more info., call Kim Fiero, 435-867-6222.

Thurs, May 11

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.

Sun, May 14

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.

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RED ROAD TO SOBRIETY/AA MEETING, open meeting, 6 p.m., Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, 440 N. Paiute Drive, Cedar City. For more information call Chris at 586-1112 ext. 307.
BOOK BABIES, 10 and 10:30 a.m., Cedar City Library at the Park. Story time designed for babies and toddlers up to age 2.
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Tues, May 16

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.
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AL-ANON "EASY DOES IT," 7 to 8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, 2279 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, for more information call (435) 531-1045.
AL-ANON, 7 to 8 p.m., Parowan United Methodist Church social hall, 190 N. Main St.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS LUNCH BUNCH GROUP, noon, Cedar Bowling Center, 421 E. Highway 91, Cedar City.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6 p.m. AA Misfits and 8 p.m. AA Cedar Group, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.
CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., call 865-1387 for an appointment, accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and all private insurances, with a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients.

SUU DISCOVER STORY TIME, 6:30 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.
FREE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASS, 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday on the SUU campus. For more information, call 435-238-3417 or email to peiliteng@gmail.com

Wed, May 17

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., council chambers
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 RALLY STOP AND THE TRAVELODGE. RIDES AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE, leaving the Main Street Pavilion by the library at 11:30 a.m. and returning to same location after the meal. Look for the Sunrise Christian Fellowship van.
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.
FREE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASS, 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday on the SUU campus. For more information, call 435-238-3417 or email to peiliteng@gmail.com
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Enoch city offices
BELLY DANCE CLASS AT THE POINTE DANCE STUDIO, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome. Enjoy a group of supportive ladies in fun and fitness and love of belly dance. Just \$15 a month. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/bellydancesarifa/>
"UNDERSTANDING LIFE" JAMES SWARTZ, 'Learn who you REALLY are. This is knowledge that removes doubt-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 information, call 435-559-7777.



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Schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT News Nuggets

compiled by LeAnn **WOOLSTENHULME**
Iron County School District

East Elementary

Spring's in full swing at East. It's spring, and that means celebrating! We are celebrating the ending of our SAGE testing. Great job 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and teachers! Many of our classes also celebrated Shakespeare's birthday with field trips to SUU for the Bard's Birthday Bash.

On Friday, we had a special assembly celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Our very own Senora Bryant, along with her dance group, shared traditional Mexican dances with us. In addition, the first and second grades have been celebrating spring and the hatching of 21 chicks in their hall! Peeping and excited students have been heard throughout the week. Many of the other students have stopped in daily on their way to the buses to see how the chicks are doing. Thanks, 4-H, for the great opportunity for East students!



Enoch Elementary

Enoch Elementary students participated in the Enoch Tiger track and field meet this week. This meet is an annual tradition and it helps build the spirit of sportsmanship, teamwork and athletic ability. All of the many helpers with this event make it possible. It was wonderful to see the stands filled with parent support as the students gave everything they had to excel.

Next week, Enoch students will participate in our annual Fun Run. This fundraiser helps our school with so many projects. Students will be asking their friends and family to sponsor them as they run as fast as they can. Next week, third, fourth, and fifth grades will be traveling to the Cedar City Aquatic Center to swim and celebrate all of their hard work this year. Swimming and splashing in the water is a great way to wrap up the end of the school year fast approaching.

North Elementary

North Elementary's STEAM Night and Farewell Open House was a HUGE success. From our count, over 500 people attended- some were students here now, some were parents and grandparents, and some were just coming to say "good-bye" to an old friend. We'd like to thank Chelsea Robinson, Kristin Woolsey, and Lynae Puckett and their committee for making the night so enjoyable. MANY teachers also gave freely of their time for this event. Thank you so much!

Also, parents are reminded that our last day of school at North (only) is May 17. Moving day for teachers and staff will be on May 18. Within days after that, good, old North Elementary, a wonderful friend since 1955, will start to come down!

South Elementary

Let's read! Students participated in the annual Reading Celebration in South's gym, which was converted into a reading

paradise, compliments of our awesome PTA. Ricki Williams headed the committee providing stations representing great children's books. The stations represented the following books by Roald Dahl: Matilda, The Witches, Fantastic Mr. Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and James and the Giant Peach. The students also participated in a craft booth with art teacher, Mrs. Debra Davis. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this celebration a huge success!



BRITTANIE PARRY HELPS STUDENTS at the South Elementary Reading Celebration

Three Peaks Elementary

Fourth grade students had the opportunity to have a school visit from the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum. They learned about pioneer games, the meaning of quilt patterns, the how and why of pioneer clothing, and many other things about Utah's history. Thank you for providing this educational experience to our students.

The PTA is planning an end of school bash at the Cedar City Aquatics Center on Saturday, May 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Three Peaks Elementary students and their families are invited to attend this event. Please check in at the table in the Aquatic Center foyer before swimming. At least one parent/guardian must be present at all times. Concessions will not be available for purchase. Hope to see you there!!



Canyon View Middle

Last Friday, April 28, Canyon View students attended a presentation from author Ellie Terry. She has just had her first novel, *Forget Me Not*, published and shared her writing experiences with the students. After the presentation students were able to have her sign copies of her book. Not only did we have one author visit last Friday but two- author Elaine Vickers. Elaine hosted a luncheon for some students who are interested in becoming authors and shared her experiences as a writer and getting published. It was a very eye opening process for many students. Never give up!



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Schools

Middle school student receives state win

Angel Hillier receives international recognition for Lions Club poster contest

by Holly COOMBS
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CEDAR CITY — A Cedar Middle School student was honored by the Cedar City Lions Club for her participation and International recognition on a Peace Poster contest.

Angel Hillier, 12, participated in the international Lions Club Peace Poster contest, which she won the district and state competitions and placed in the top 100 within the international competition.

"We are so proud of her and she gets to do it again next year," Lions Club President Vivian Boyle said, as she announced the honor to the Cedar Middle School student body last Monday. "It is so cool for your school to have the opportunity to support someone who is working so hard at this."

Boyle encouraged the student body to talk to Hillier about her poster and her message of peace in the world.

Hillier was awarded two plaques, one for winning the district level and one for the state level. She also received \$100 from the state competition and as well as a t-shirt.

The Lions Club also presented a bouquet of flowers to her teacher for encouraging the competition.

"We do it every year. They change the theme every year," Megan Nelson, Cedar Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teacher, said. "Those who are not 14 (years old) can participate in it next year."



HOLLY COOMBS

LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT VIVIAN BOYLE HANDS A T-SHIRT AND PLAQUE TO ANGEL HILLIER for her winning state and district completion and receiving International recognition for the Peace Poster Contest.

"We are so proud of her and she gets to do it again next year"

— Vivian Boyle, Lions Club President

Skin Deep



Life & LAUGHTER

by Peri KINDER
Columnist

My husband likes to say, "We're not getting any younger." Well, no @\$&#, Sherlock. Every time I open a magazine or watch a hairspray commercial, I'm reminded that I'm quickly approaching my "Best if used by" date. If I was milk, you'd be sniffing me before pouring me on your cereal.

Like billions of women throughout history, I'm always looking for ways to keep my wrinkles at bay and my sagging to a minimum. I know it's a losing battle, but my bathroom continues to look like a mad scientist's laboratory with creams (crèmes if you're pretentious), serums, oils and lotions all guaranteed to create the illusion of youth.

Everywhere I turn, there's a new fix for what ails me, like the treatment to tighten elbow skin. I could have gone the rest of my life without worrying about sagging elbow skin. Now I keep my elbows perpetually bent so they look youthful.

After doing extensive research by Googling "How to look 45 years younger," I found some good advice--- and a list of things I will never, ever try, even when my age spots have age spots.

Good advice includes drinking lots of water (I like my water in the form of ice. Mixed with Coke.), getting enough sleep (3 hours is good sleep, right?) and splurging on facials (it kills me to pay someone \$50 to wash my face).

And there's always a trendy ingredient that shows up in beauty products. Bee venom was a thing last year, promising to plump up skin and reduce fine lines. Maybe that's why the bumble bees are disappearing. Beautiful people are kidnapping swarms and stealing their venom. Seems plausible.

This year's list of potentially deadly anti-aging treatments doesn't disappoint. For less than \$1,000, physicians will take plasma from your

blood and inject it into your face. If you're not into vampire facials, your dermatologist can permanently place ceramic crystals under your skin for a natural glow. The downside: your body might reject the crystals as foreign objects. Probably because they're foreign objects.

Placenta powder, sterilized nightingale poop treatments and urine facials have hit the cosmetology industry this year, giving a new meaning to "flushing out toxins."

Along with bees, other lifeforms are helping us look radiant. And by "helping" I mean creeping us out. Leeching is a thing again. This medieval treatment for everything from PMS to cancer has found its way onto our bodies. Leeches are supposed to purify blood and promote a feeling of vitality. Nope. Nope. And . . . nope.

Can't do blood-sucking leeches? How about slimy snails? A doctor with too much time on his hands says snail slime contains wrinkle fighting ingredients. I'm not sure how he tested his theory, but I hope there's a YouTube video.

If you like to play with lighters, fire facials come with a cloth soaked in alcohol that is ignited and placed against the skin for a few seconds to, not only decrease sagging skin, but to decrease your skin completely.

And there's always the tried-and-true products like fillers and Botox, but the list of side effects make me wonder if wrinkles are really that bad. Yes, I've got a murder of crows stamping around the corners of my eyes but I'm not experiencing pain, redness, shortness of breath, bruising, infection or bleeding.

All those wacky treatments make my skin crawl. For non-celebrities like myself, I'll continue with my drugstore products and hope that nobody decides to toss me out with the spoiled yogurt.

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Obituaries

Mark Bybee



Our kind, loving, hardworking and very handsome Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and Great Great Grandfather, Mark Bybee, 82, passed peacefully away in his sleep in the early morning hours of May 3, 2017. Mark along with his twin sister Mary (deceased) was born July 6, 1934 in Tropic, Utah to Levi Marion and Ella Riding Bybee. Mark is the 12th child of 14 children which included 2 sets of twins. Mark married his eternal companion Chloeen Callister November 7, 1957 in the Manti LDS Temple.



Mark was born and raised in Tropic, Utah, where he was taught the value of hard work in the family orchard and gardens. Later in his life when he lived in Monroe, Utah, he and Chloeen had a large orchard and gardens that they shared with family and friends. He graduated from Tropic High School in 1952 and worked in the saw mill, then worked at Bryce Canyon Lodge as a bell hop and in the cafeteria. Mark later served an LDS mission in the Great Lakes Mission. After returning from his mission he served in the Army at Fort Mammoth, New

Jersey for 2 years as a crypto security instructor from 1958-1960. He graduated BS from Utah State University, MS from University of Utah and MBA from BYU. Mark retired from the State of Utah as manager of Panquitch Office of Work Force Services.

Mark enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, coaching football and basketball, reading, dutch oven cooking, and growing the best apples in Monroe. He served in the Branch Presidency in Eatontown, New Jersey and enjoyed serving in scouting and young men's. While living in Monroe he served as President of the Monroe Lions Club.

Mark is survived by his loving wife Chloeen of Enoch, Utah; his children Stan (Kim) of Anchorage, Alaska, Shiree (Steve) Johnson of Elsinore, Utah, and Zane (LuKae) Bybee of Enoch, Utah; his siblings, Giovanna (Lyndon) Sudweeks of Panquitch and Sandra (Terry) Ward of Magna; along with 19 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his sons Eric Shane and Ashley Clair Bybee; his parents, Levi and Ella Bybee, and his siblings; June Bybee, Walden (Laura) Bybee, Jean (Carl) Syrett, Clive (Thelma) Bybee, Cyrel Bybee, Levi (Edith) Bybee, Ella Gast, Clyde (Della) Bybee, Erma (Michael) Clarke, Enra (William) Casebolt and Mary (Daryl) Shumway.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Tropic LDS Ward in Tropic, UT. A viewing was held prior to the services on Saturday at the Church from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Interment was in the Tropic City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

Special thanks for the loving service from The Meadows Assisted Living, Brookdale Assisted Living, BeeHive Homes, Zion's Way Hospice and Dr. Brett Robbins.

Joyce Baldwin Mellor



Joyce Baldwin Mellor passed away peacefully in Traverse City, Michigan on Jan. 25, 2017, at the age of 83 years old and went to be with her Lord.

Joyce was born in Gering, Nebraska, to Arthur and Marguerite (LeMaster). She was an only child and some of her fondest early memories and formative years were spent on her grandparent's farm during the summers.

She married her first husband Billy Eugene Baldwin and they spent their lives and raised four children in Cedar City, Utah. She is lovingly remembered by those children surviving her, Shelly

(Martin) Skougaard, David Baldwin and Ricky Baldwin, all of Cedar City. Joyce was also blessed with and helped raise many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son Billy Baldwin and her husband Bill.

She was married to Erwin Mellor and enjoyed her years being pampered by him until his passing. She loved reading the Bible and enjoyed sharing her faith with others. In addition to raising children and grandchildren, she was also a small business owner for many years and enjoyed helping others with her kind and generous nature.

Through her life her true love was gardening and caring for animals. She was a self-proclaimed "Dirt girl" and there was never a stray animal that went homeless or hungry for long. Joyce will be interred at Cedar City Cemetery. A service has been planned to celebrate her life on May 13, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Cedar City Cemetery.

Glenn Evans



Glenn A. Evans passed away on Sunday, April 23, 2017, in his home with family and loved ones nearby. He had battled complications from a lung transplant for over a year. He was born on October 14, 1943, in Blackfoot, Idaho to Henry and Eleanor Evans. He was the younger of two sons.

He met Joyce Christenson at Blackfoot High School and they became high school sweethearts. They were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on August 2, 1963. Glenn served his country in Vietnam in the U.S. Air Force and then served as an officer until he retired as a

major. He also served in many positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints including bishop in a family ward in Colorado Springs and a bishop in a college student ward in Cedar City. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in advertising and marketing. He later earned a master's in education from the University of Colorado. He had many talents and hobbies that he loved to share.

He loved to play the trumpet in high school and was always delighted when he heard the trumpets play. He enjoyed working with wood and many people enjoyed his craftsmanship in the form of cabinets, tables, and other masterpieces made in his workshop. He loved to build and fly model airplanes. His garage is loaded with many planes he built by hand. He also had a love for cars and every car he owned looked as new as the day he bought it.

Glenn was a soft-spoken, quiet man, but the example he set was second to none. His family and friends know him as a man who truly followed the Savior's example. His greatest love was his wife, Joyce, and his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife: Joyce Evans; his brother: Clair (Linda) Evans; his children: Mark (Suzy) Evans, Steve (Tara) Evans, and Teresa (Cody) Christensen; and his 11 grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at the Cedar City Cemetery after which a celebration of his life will be held at an open house at the home of Teresa and Cody Christensen (924 East Fiddlers Canyon Road, Cedar City). Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home.

Kline Irons



Our beloved father and grandfather, Elmo Kline Irons, age 88, passed away on May 3, 2017 in Cedar City after an extended illness. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 16, 1928. His parents are Elmo LeRoy Irons and Leona Blackham Irons of Moroni, Utah.

Kline enjoyed many activities in his life. He served as the Student Body President of Moroni High School. He competed on the basketball and swimming teams. He was also an active member of Future Farmers of America. He spent many years raising cattle, thinning sugar beets and taking care

of his father's farm. He married his high school sweetheart Lula Thomas of Wales, Utah, on January 20, 1948 in the Manti Temple. They moved to Cedar City in 1955 where they lived for over 60 years. He was always a very hard worker. He worked at the Iron Mountain Mine, Blackburn Construction and Bradshaw Chevrolet.

Kline will always be remembered for his generous heart, clear blue eyes and his wonderful Dutch oven cooking. One of the sweetest experiences of his life was to serve in the St. George Temple for more than 20 years with his dear wife. They considered it their Friday date night. Kline served in many church callings including Ward Clerk, Sunday School President, Elder's Quorum President and as a counselor in the Bishopric. Kline and Lula were called on a mission to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1995. Their assignment was to make microfilm copies of all the records in the Pittsburgh County Court House, which they did in record time because they made such a good team.

Kline is preceded in death by his wife Lula Thomas Irons, sister Marcella Livingston Zabriske, brother in laws, Norman Heaton and MacNeil Boyter. He is survived by his 3 children Paul (Terry) Irons, Jane (Curt) Neilson of Cedar City, Utah and Colleen (Gary) Nakken of Orem, Utah, and 11 Grandchildren, 28 Great Grandchildren, 7 Great Great Grandchild and 5 siblings Vaughn (Connie) Thomas, Rhea (Keith) Campbell, Richard (Ruth) Thomas, Alta Boyter, Betty (Roger) Jensen.

We would like to express our thanks to the medical staff at the Beehive Home, Marie Prince, Iron County Home Health, Ethan, Hannah, Donna and Erica Alliance Hospice for the caring and compassionate service.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday May 13, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the LDS Church located at 500 W 400 N Cedar City, Utah. Visitation will be held Friday May 12, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Southern Utah Mortuary 190 N 300 W Cedar City, Utah and from 11:30 to 12:30 PM at the LDS Church. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com

Arva Madsen Allred



Arva Madsen Allred, age 92, passed away on April 30, 2017 in Cedar City, Utah. She was born to Alonzo Franklin Madsen and Leona Gertrude Ferrell on November 27, 1924 in Magna, Utah.

Arva graduated from Pocatello High School and attended one semester at the University of Utah. She worked at Hill Air Force Base, Utah and at Gowan Field, Idaho in the machine shop during World War II.

She served as a missionary in the Southern States Mission in 1946. Arva married Harvey Bland Allred on March 8, 1951 in Manti, Utah. They were sealed one year later in 1952 in the Manti

Temple. She served in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her callings as a teacher to the youth and children were her favorite. Her testimony of the Book of Mormon and Jesus Christ was her most prized possession. She was a valiant defender of all the prophets of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will be remembered for the testimony she bore of these things.

Arva is survived by her children Rozale Allred Johnson of Salt Lake City, UT; Jeffery Lynn Allred (Cathlyn) of Cedar City, UT; Anne Allred of Cedar City, UT; Ferrell Scobey Allred (Marilyn) of Taylorsville, UT; brother Laurel Madsen (Floydene) of St. George, UT; sisters Janice Weinheimer (Gerald) and Venice Rogers of Salt Lake City, UT; 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son James Laurie Allred, sister Mona Jensen, brother Alonzo Franklin Madsen Jr and sister Ferrell Madsen Farnsworth.

Graveside service were held Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Cedar City Cemetery in Cedar City, Utah under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Carol Joseph Kesler



Carol Joseph Kesler, Beaver, Utah, age 80 passed away peacefully in her sleep May 6, 2017 in Salt Lake City. She was born May 14, 1936 to Ernest G. Joseph & Mary Ellen Farnsworth Joseph. She married Joseph Fredrick Kesler on April 22, 1955 in the St. George LDS Temple.

Carol was an active member of the LDS Church where she served in many callings especially those that involved music.

Carol learned to play the piano at an early age and used it to serve her church and community extensively. Carol accompanied numerous performers and provided the prelude and postlude

for infinite events. She enjoyed being a member of the band the Moon Lighters and played at numerous weddings and a variety of other community functions. Carol found service to be a joy and a privilege and tried to be available to provide it thru music for anyone and in any capacity.

Carol was an active member of the community. She dearly loved "all things Beaver!" She coordinated and wrote programs for countless community events. Particularly close to her heart where those that involved Patriotism. Her favorite was the Memorial Day Program for the Beaver Cemetery each year. Carol instilled a strong sense of patriotism into each of her children and grandchildren. Among her achievements was serving as the Utah Girls State Director. She and Joe were also very active and supportive members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Carol worked for the Beaver County School District for 30 years. She worked at Belknap Elementary and at Beaver High School as the secretary. She especially loved working at the high school and touched many young lives. Her fondest memories involved the hundreds of BHS students she loved and cared for. In her retirement years, it was a common and treasured moment to be somewhere and hear someone shout CAROL followed by a warm hug from one of her beloved students!

Carol is survived by her children; Janet Angell of Salt Lake City, Joan (Jim) Williams of Salt Lake City and Julie (Gale) Davis of Cedar City. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joe Kesler, son Jerod Joseph Kesler, brother Dan Joseph, sister Mary Yardley and Granddaughter Rachel Davis.

Carol was a friend to everyone. She had a strong testimony of the Savior and that he hears and answers prayers. Her daughters would like to thank her many nieces and nephews for all the love and happiness they have given her through the years. We would also like to thank the wonderful caregivers at Brookdale & Summit Hospice in Salt Lake City for the tenderness and compassion that they extended to our Mother. We love you mom, you are "our National Treasure!"

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the 3rd-4th Ward Church. A viewing will be held Wednesday evening, May 10, at the 3rd-4th Ward Church from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:30a.m. prior to services.

Interment will be in the Mountain View Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

REGION REIGN



JR ROBINSON

CANYON VIEW PLAYERS CELEBRATE AFTER WINNING their second straight Region 12 baseball championship.

Falcons close with win, earn second straight Region 12 title

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

The math wasn't all that complicated with tiebreakers or coin flips for the Canyon View Falcons. They knew as long as they won the three-game series against the Juab Wasps, they would clinch another Region 12 title.

It came down to the final game at home May 5, but the Falcons got it done and earned the right to stay home for the opening round of the 3A state playoffs.

Tyrel Robinson, McCrae Webster and Joey Mackelprang all belted home runs as the Falcons pulled away and beat the Wasps 8-1 to win the Region 12 crown for the second year in a row. CV finished with a 10-2 record in region and 14-8 overall.

After Juab stayed alive in the second game of a Tuesday doubleheader with a 5-1 victory at home, they grabbed the early lead in the finale with a run in the top of the first inning on an RBI single from Tucker Memmott.

The Falcons would take over from there, scoring in each of its last five innings while Trace Hardin and Josh MacInnis shut the Wasps down from the mound. Hardin worked the first five innings, allowing only a run and four hits.

CV would score twice in the second, third and fifth, and Robinson's leadoff

home run in the bottom of the sixth completed the scoring. Mackelprang hit his homer in the fifth to make it 7-1 after Cadyn Clark dodged a pickle on what would have been the third out of the inning.

Webster also hit a two-run shot in the third inning that helped the Falcons move in front at 4-1.

The Falcons began the final

3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two RBI.

Juab denied the Falcons a chance to celebrate on its field, winning the nightcap by scoring three times in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth to break up a pitchers' duel between Joey Lambeth and Dawson Ostler. CV scored its lone run in the top of the seventh on a sacrifice fly from

Robinson.

Canyon View will open play in the 3A state playoffs Saturday with a home game against Snow Canyon, the No. 4 team from Region 9, at 11 a.m. Juan Diego and Grantsville are also in the four-team pod and will play twice with the winner's bracket meeting at the Falcons' home field.

Cedar wrapped up its season by splitting a pair of games, including a 23-2 non-region rout at home over Delta on May 2. The Redmen scored 17 runs in the second inning, and the game was called after three.

In its season finale, Cedar dropped a 6-1 decision May 5 at Dixie as the Flyers clinched the outright Region 9 championship with their eighth straight win.

The Redmen scored first, but Dixie came back and broke a 1-1 tie with four runs in the fourth and one in the fifth. Cedar finished the year 1-9 in Region 9 play, 7-13 overall.

FINAL BASEBALL STANDINGS

REGION 9

Dixie	8-2
Desert Hills	7-3
Pine View	6-4
Snow Canyon	6-4
Hurricane	2-8
Cedar	1-9

REGION 12

Canyon View	10-2
Juab	8-4
Carbon	7-5
Richfield	5-7
North Sanpete	0-12

3A BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Saturday's Games

SnowCanyon
@ Canyon View

11AM

Juan Diego
vs Grantsville
(at Cedar)

11AM

Winners play each other
at 1 p.m., losers at 4 p.m.

regular-season series in strong fashion May 2 with a 6-2 win over the Wasps. Canyon View broke a 2-2 tie with a run in the sixth inning and three more in the seventh.

Robinson led the 13-hit CV attack in the opener of the doubleheader, going

Cedar, CV fare well at BYU Invitational

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

The Cedar Redmen and Canyon View Falcons had two opportunities remaining before the 3A state track and field meet to improve on their times and distances and get set for the big stage at BYU in two weeks.

On Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, the teams competed alongside 3A, 4A and 5A schools at the Mr. Mac/BYU Invitational in Provo. The Lady Reds were third overall in the final team standings with 42 points, trailing only 5A school Lone Peak and fellow Region 9 school Desert Hills.

For the boys, the Redmen were ninth overall with 20 points, third-best among 3A schools behind Richfield (sixth, 25.5 points) and Desert Hills (fourth, 38 points).

Canyon View's Seth Dabb finished second and set a new school record in the boys 400-meter dash, turning in a time of 49.16 seconds, behind only Mussa Mahitula of Olympus High.

Here are the notable top-10 finishers from Cedar and Canyon View at the BYU Invitational:

Girls 3,200-meter run: Mic Webster (Cedar), seventh, 11:09.95.

Girls 1,600: Webster, fifth, 5:01.21.

Girls 4x100 relay: Cedar (Jasie York, Kalee Brunson, Rachael Hunt, Julia Hunt), fourth, 49.94.

Girls sprint medley relay: Cedar (Alexia Byrd, Summer Bryson, Brinley Hess, Kaysie Klemic), sixth, 4:26.12.

Boys sprint medley relay: Cedar (Bailey Gray, Carvel Allen, Chet Higby, Danny Saunders), seventh, 3:42.09.

Girls 4x400 relay: Cedar (Julia Hunt, Alexia Byrd, Rachael Hunt, Jasie York), first, 3:57.57.

Boys 4x400 relay: Cedar (Chet Higby, Danny Saunders, Bryson Robertson, Derek Ball), fifth, 3:25.06.

Girls 400: Jasie York (Cedar), third, 57.82.

Boys 400: Seth Dabb (Canyon View), second, 49.16 (new school record).

Boys 300 hurdles: Dylan Clements (Cedar), seventh, 41.33.

Girls 200: Julia Hunt (Cedar), third, 25.35; Jasie York (Cedar), fourth, 26.03.

Girls long jump: Hannah Sobel (Cedar), eighth, 16 feet, 8.75 inches.

Boys long jump: Dylan Clements (Cedar), third, 22-8.5.

Boys javelin: Trenton Maurer (Cedar), third, 173-9; Jake Nelson (Canyon View), ninth, 158-7.5.

HIGH SCHOOL Softball

Lady Reds win Region 9 title

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

ST. GEORGE — The Cedar Lady Reds had been like a steamroller throughout the Region 9 softball season. Home runs flew over fences in abundance, and their games ended early more often than not.

With the region championship and the right to stay home for the first round of the 3A playoffs at stake, Cedar sealed the deal in dominating fashion.

Bryton Holyoak threw a four-hit shutout, and she reached on an error that started a three-run rally in the top of the fourth inning as the Lady Reds went on to beat the Desert Hills Thunder 10-0 in six innings to spoil Senior Day and earn its first Region 9 title since 2014.

“Bryton was lights out,” Cedar head coach Chris Weaver said of his junior pitcher. “Last year, she would have crumbled. It used to bug her when the kids made mistakes, but this team is awesome.”

For the first three innings, Holyoak made the pitches when she needed them to keep the host Thunder off the board. After two errors and a Riley Stookey single loaded the bases with nobody out in the third, the left-hander got Corinne Grantham to pop out to second, Kaitlyn Phillips to hit into a fielder's choice that she fielded to force Morgan Rosemeyer at the plate, and Stookey was called out for running into Dream Weaver as she tried to field a ball at shortstop.

Then Holyoak came to the plate with two runners in scoring position and two out in the fourth with the game still scoreless. She lofted a fly ball toward center fielder Megan Wiscombe that fell out of her glove. Pua Johnson and Denim Henkel scored on the play, and it was just the beginning.

“Getting our bunts down really helped us. If we didn't, I don't think we'd be where we're at,” Holyoak said.

Holyoak stole second and went to third on a throwing error, then scored on a Japrix Weaver double to make it 3-0.

The Thunder never fully recovered, and Cedar added on in the fifth with four more runs after two were out. Henkel and Amanda Cardon hit RBI singles, and Holyoak drove in two with a bloop single to left.

Holyoak and the Lady Reds escaped another two-on, one-out threat in the fifth, then they delivered the knockout with a three-run rally in the sixth



TOM ZULEWSKI

THE CEDAR HIGH LADY REDS COMPLETED AN UNBEATEN LEAGUE SEASON to capture the Region 9 softball title.

capped by a two-run homer from Pua Johnson – Cedar's ninth in its last four games.

“It was amazing,” Johnson said of the team's eighth run-rule win in 10 Region 9 games. “I was thinking base hit, but those two runs meant ballgame. ... We kept pushing each other and had each other's backs.”

Holyoak allowed only a base hit in the bottom of the sixth, and a final ground ball ended the game early to set off a happy celebration.

The Lady Reds finished the regular season with a 16-7 overall record.

They open the 3A playoffs at home against the Carbon Dinos on Saturday with first pitch at 10 a.m.

Canyon View suffered a pair of losses last week, including a 13-3 decision at Juab on May 4 in the Region 12 finale. The Falcons finished in a tie with North Sanpete for second place at 4-4, but lost the coin flip and will be the No. 3 seed.

The Falcons started the week with a 17-6 loss at home on Senior Day to 2A state title

favorite Enterprise. CV scored five runs in the bottom of the first to take an early 5-2 lead, but the Wolves roared back with seven runs in the top of the second and cruised from there.

Senior Kelsee Hyatt hit a solo home run for the Falcons in the loss.

Canyon View closed its regular season with a road game at Cedar on Tuesday and will face Desert Hills in its opening-round 3A playoff game at Grantsville on Saturday starting at 12 noon. Parowan starts its run in the 2A softball tournament against South Summit on Thursday at 1:15 p.m. at the Spanish Fork Softball Complex.

“We kept pushing each other and had each other's backs”

— Pua Johnson

FINAL SOFTBALL STANDINGS

REGION 9

Cedar	10-0
Desert Hills	8-2
Snow Canyon	5-5
Hurricane	4-6
Pine View	2-8
Dixie	1-9

REGION 12

Juab	8-0
North Sanpete	4-4
Canyon View	4-4
Carbon	3-5
Richfield	1-7

3A SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Saturday's Games

Carbon @ Cedar

10AM

Canyon View vs. Desert Hills (at Grantsville)

NOON

2A SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Thursday's Game

Parowan vs. South Summit (at Spanish Fork)

1:15PM

It's 2010 all over again for the Jazz



RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

When the NBA playoffs were about to begin, I documented in this space how this year's Utah Jazz had a bunch of similarities to the 2010 team that was the last to win a playoff series. After the first round played out, the Jazz found a way to advance to the second round for only the second time in seven seasons.

In 2010, the Los Angeles Lakers swept Utah out of the playoffs after the Jazz got by the Denver Nuggets. Following this year's series win over the Los Angeles Clippers in seven games, the Jazz may be heading toward a similar fate against the Golden State Warriors.

Oh, there were signs that Utah could play on the same competitive plane with the team that's been to the last two NBA Finals with one win. Once the Warriors found their way after falling behind by nine points early in the third quarter of Game 3 on Saturday night, it showed how much further the Jazz still have to go in their climb back up the ladder among the NBA's elite.

For starters, the lead Utah enjoyed in Game 3 was its first of the entire series. When you lead by nine in your own building with a quarter and a half remaining and lose by 11 (a 20-point swing in just over 18 minutes), there's much more work to do.

By the time these words reach your hands due to our press deadline, the series could easily be over. Game 4 was on the schedule for Monday night at Vivint SmartHome Arena and Game 5 did a quick turnaround for Oracle Arena in Oakland on Tuesday.

After the Lakers eliminated the Jazz, they went on to win the 2010 NBA title. Golden State won 67 games this season and could very easily win a second title in three seasons themselves should they do the same thing.

To be the best, you have to beat the best. It's going to take more than one playoff series win after seven seasons for the Jazz to get to that point in their rebuilding. With what went down this season, it's well on the way toward a fully finished product.

—One major stat should stand out as Cedar softball begins another run through the 3A state playoffs. With its impressive 10-0 rout in six innings at Desert Hills on Friday (story elsewhere on these pages), the Lady Reds finished a stretch where eight of the 10 Region 9 victories came by run rule.

And Cedar can mash the long ball with the best of them. They've belted nine home runs in the last four games and had one more before the playoffs start at home with Canyon View on Tuesday (weather permitting) that was too late for press deadline.

Despite the Thunder's gaudy 23-3 overall record, the Lady Reds weren't intimidated. They dodged multiple threats in the early innings with runners on base, then turned a two-out error in the fourth into a three-run rally that turned the title-winning tide firmly in their favor.

Stuff like that is a formula for teams to make a deep playoff run. After being the last Region 9 team standing last year – they made it to the last elimination game of Friday before falling to Juab – the Lady Reds have all the pieces in place to make sure they take the final step.

Don't be surprised if it happens.

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HIGH SCHOOL Soccer

Falcons eliminated in 3A quarterfinal

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

In this most special of seasons for the Canyon View boys soccer team, they entered the 3A state playoffs on a roll, but knew there were plenty of challenges ahead. Nothing would come easy, and the Falcons responded in their opener when it counted most.

Daniel Velasco scored in the late stages of the first half, and senior Trevan Wade tallied the winner in the 64th minute as Canyon View rallied to beat Union 2-1 on May 4 to advance to the quarterfinals for the second year in a row.

The Falcons won their 14th straight game and earned a rematch with Logan, who beat Dixie in St. George by the same 2-1 count, in the quarterfinals. The confidence was clearly aided with Velasco's goal that came in the 37th minute, three minutes after the visiting Cougars – the No. 4 seed from Region 10 – struck first.

"These boys had quite a bit of confidence going in," CV head coach Spencer Davis said. "Years ago, one goal would have destroyed us. Now it's just time to step up and work harder."

The hard work paid off with Wade's goal that came off a scramble in front off an assist from R.J. Batt.

"R.J. was taking the ball up and I was calling for it, hoping he'd pass it to me," Wade said. "I knew it was the only chance I'd have. I took the shot, lucked out, and it went in."

Canyon View's defense made sure it would hold up over the remaining minutes as they held on for the victory. Wade put the game-winner high among his personal favorites.

(9-6-1) beat the Falcons for the second year in a row to advance to the semifinals, but they brought a halt to the home team's 14-game winning streak.

Guadarrama, who scored both goals in the Grizzlies' win over the Flyers on Thursday, beat the defense by a step on a through ball, dribbled left and put the ball in the net past Canyon View keeper Matt Bench in the 31st minute for the

through. Batt hit a shot off the crossbar in the 47th minute and another Canyon View shot rang off the outside post in the 66th minute.

Bench had a chance off his own long-range free kick from the Falcon goal as well, but Godinez was able to handle the high, bouncing ball with no problems.

As the clock ticked to the 71st minute with the wind howling to as much as 40 mph, Mejia found himself in the right spot in close, taking a pass from Miguel Martinez and beating Bench for the marker that game the Grizzlies the cushion they needed.

"The soccer gods weren't in our favor," Canyon View head coach Spencer Davis said. "Things didn't fall our way."

The Falcons, who return to Region 9 next season, lost for the first time since March 9 and finished the year with a 14-3 overall record.

Cedar also qualified for the 3A playoffs as the No. 4 seed from Region 9, but dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker on the road to Region 11 champion Ridgeline in their opening-round playoff game. The Redmen built a 2-1 halftime lead and kept it until the closing minutes, but the Riverhawks scored a pair of late goals to secure the victory and advance.

Cedar finished the year 4-13-1, with 10 losses coming by a single goal.

	Logan
	
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	Cyn. View
	

"The soccer gods weren't in our favor ... things didn't fall our way"

— Spencer Davis, Canyon View Head Coach

"It'd be in my top one, so far," Wade said.

Against Logan, Jonny Guadarrama scored late in the first half and Fernando Mejia provided the insurance marker with less than 10 minutes remaining as the No. 3 seed from Region 11 beat Canyon View 2-0 on a windy Saturday afternoon. Not only did the Grizzlies

1-0 lead.

As the second half began, both teams had a quality scoring chance at each end of the pitch in the first minute, but Bench and Logan keeper E.J. Godinez kept the ball out of the net.

From that point, the Falcons controlled the ball through much of the final 40 minutes, but couldn't break



SUU golfer qualifies for NCAA tourney

"I was a little nervous watching the Golf Channel... and was very relieved when my name popped up"

— Fidel Concepcion

CEDAR CITY — Southern Utah University golfer Fidel Concepcion has qualified for NCAA Regional competition, and will be competing at the Stanford Golf Course in Stanford, California.

"I was a little nervous watching the Golf Channel as the names came out, and was very relieved when my name popped up," Concepcion said. "I'm really excited that I'm able to extend my season, the only thing that could have made it better is if we were going as a team, but either way I'm still representing SUU and I'm going to be prepared for the challenges ahead."

He is the first Thunderbird since 2009 to represent the university at NCAA Regional competition. The last was Nate Page, who competed in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and finished 21st on the leaderboard. He will also be the third Thunderbird regional competitor at the Division I level, with Kenny Eballo being the first to reach the feat.

Concepcion, a junior from Sydney, Australia, was 77th in Division I in scoring average, with

a mark of 71.42 through 31 rounds of golf played.

"We're proud of Fidel and the great career he's had so far," SUU head coach Richard Church said. "He had wins each of his first two years and has broken a lot of our scoring records, and this is another big step in his career. And I'm sure he's going to be content just being there, he will be competing for a Regional title and he has the skill set to do so."

Concepcion was named First Team All-Big Sky for his play, as well as being named Big Sky Men's Golfer of the Week four different times during the 2016-17 season. His best finish of the season came in the Bill Cullum Invitational, where he finished second. He also finished in a tie for second at the Del Walker Intercollegiate.

The announcement was made this morning on the Golf Channel as part of the 2017 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships Selections Announcement.

NCAA Regional competition will take place from May 15-17. The low individual in each Regional heads to the NCAA National Championships.

SOUTHERN UTAH'S FIDEL CONCEPCION WILL COMPETE in this year's NCAA Regional tournament at Stanford University.

COURTESY OF SUU

Three SUU teams receive NCAA academic honors

The NCAA honored over 1,200 Division I teams last Wednesday for their performances in the classroom, and three Thunderbird teams were amongst the honorees. The Southern Utah gymnastics, women's cross country, and men's tennis teams all received NCAA Public Recognition Awards for posting APR (Academic Progress Rate) scores in the top-10 percent of their respective sports.

"As we continue to elevate our level of academic excellence, the gymnastics, women's cross country, and men's tennis teams are leading from the front," director of athletics Jason Butikofer said in a release. "Congratulations to each of the student athletes associated with these programs for their commitment to this priority."

A team's APR score is based off of a couple different criteria. Eligibility, retention and graduation rates, and academic performance are all evaluated by the NCAA and then factored into a team's APR score. All teams must meet an academic threshold of 930 to qualify for postseason play and can face penalties for continued low academic performance.

This honor not only puts the three teams at the top of the nation in APR, but it also puts them in a select group from the state of Utah and their respective conferences. Just 12 Utah teams and 18 Big Sky teams placed in the top 10 percent in their respective sports. The Flippin' Birds are the only team from the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference to receive this award.

The most recent APR's are based on scores from the 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years.



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SUU'S WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM, GYMNASTICS PROGRAM AND MEN'S TENNIS PROGRAM all received accolades for academic excellence from the NCAA. At far right, SUU's Evgenia Marushko earned all conference honors.

Jordan Lyons joins T-Bird basketball team

The Thunderbird men's basketball program has announced the signing of Jordan Lyons, a 6' 7" wing from Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

Lyons will come to Cedar City after competing at Athlete Institute Prep in Orangeville, Ontario last season. Lyons is a skilled and athletic wing, with a high basketball IQ that has competed against some of the best players in both Canada and the United States. Lyons played club ball for CIA Bounce on the Nike EYBL circuit. While at the Athlete Institute he averaged 15.2 points a game and pulled down 9.4 rebounds and helped lead them to an impressive season as a team.

Athlete Institute reached the semifinals of the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) Playoffs in early April. The team's season ended in a 97-88 loss to The Rise Academy. The Bears, coached by Chris

Cobbina, completed the year with a 24-9 overall record and 17-3 in the OSBA.

"The addition of Jordan Lyons is significant for our program," SUU head coach Todd Simon said. "He has elite level athleticism that allows him to guard multiple positions, rebound, and play above the rim. His size, athleticism, and skill set will provide mismatch problems on the offensive end of the floor."

Lyons parents are James and Carol, and he has a strong interest in pursuing a degree in economics when he gets in the classrooms at Southern Utah University.

Southern Utah previously announced that Dre Marin, a point guard out of Arizona, Jamil Jackson, a junior college wing out of Minnesota, and Cameron Oluyitan, a transfer wing from Boise State have joined the program.

Oluyitan to play hoops for T-Birds

Simon also announced the signing of Cameron Oluyitan to

Southern Utah University.

Oluyitan is a 6' 7" wing player originally from Sugarland, Texas, where he played for Clements High School. After a successful high school career, Oluyitan went to Gillette College in Wyoming, where he helped lead the team to a 35-2 record and a trip to the NJCAA National Tournament. While competing for Gillette he averaged 14.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

Following one season in the junior college ranks, Oluyitan transferred to Boise State for the 2016-17 season. He appeared in 17 games for the Broncos.

"Cameron will be a great addition to the Thunderbird basketball family," Simon said about the signing. "He's a great young man that brings the ability to play multiple positions add has a skill set that we can utilize in many different ways in our system. We could not be more excited to have him join our program."

Oluyitan will come to Southern Utah with two years of eligibility remaining, and will have to sit out the 2017-18 campaign due to NCAA transfer rules.

Oluyitan has a strong interest in pursuing a degree in communications, and hopes to be a coach after his playing career has come to a close.

Marushko named All-Conference

The Big Sky conference released the results of the 2017 women's tennis All-Conference ballot Friday afternoon and senior Evgenia Marushko was voted onto the Big Sky All-Conference Second Team for singles play.

Marushko was a bright spot for the Thunderbirds throughout the entire 2017 season. The Russia native finished her senior campaign with a 12-9 overall record and a 7-2 record in conference play. Every single one of her matches this season came in the No. 1 position.

For her career, Marushko was 23-17 in Big Sky singles play. Her most successful season besides 2017 came during her freshman campaign in 2014, when she finished 8-2 in conference play.

Andrew Parrish elevated to Deputy Athletic Director

CEDAR CITY — Southern Utah University Director of Athletics Jason Butikofer has announced the elevation of Chief Operating Officer Andrew Parrish to the position of Deputy Athletic Director.

As Deputy Athletic Director, Parrish

is responsible for working in conjunction with the Director of Athletics on the day-to-day operations of the department. Parrish oversees athletics facilities, capital projects, athletics business office, equipment operations, event operations, strategic communications, and serve

as the liaison with Intermountain Healthcare. Parrish also provides sport supervision for men's basketball, football, and men's and women's golf.

"Andrew has served to be a top-notch addition to our executive team. His significant range of skill sets, work ethic

and accountability have been felt by both our coaches and student-athletes," Butikofer said. "Elevating Andrew to the title of Deputy Athletic Director accurately reflects the broad impact he will have on our day-to-day operations as we continue to elevate all aspects of our department."

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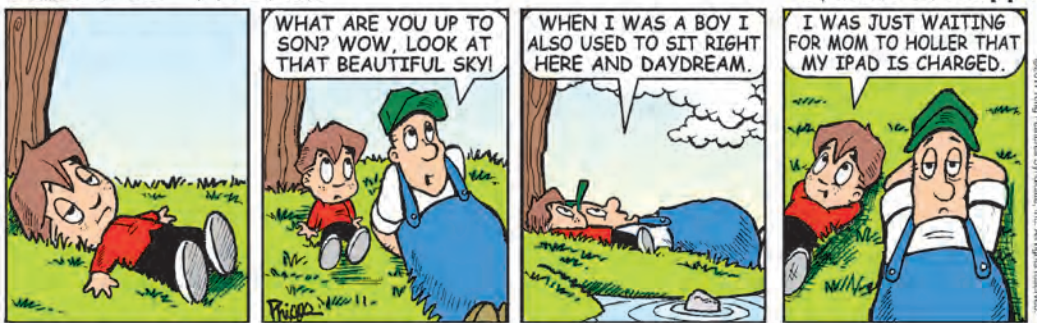
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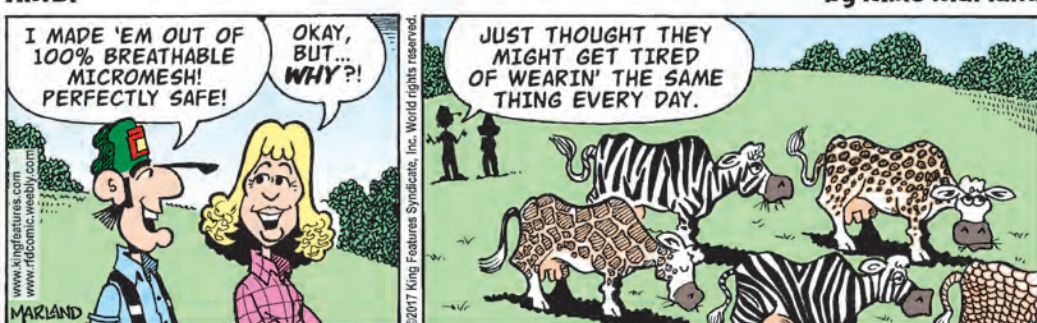
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fundamental
- 6 Land
- 12 Guru
- 13 Stated openly
- 14 Chant
- 15 Take away
- 16 Bambi, e.g.
- 17 Symbol of grace
- 19 Cod piece?
- 20 Arizona city
- 22 Hot tub
- 24 Be behind
- 27 Leftovers
- 29 Reverberate
- 32 Russian czar, 1682-1725
- 35 Goblet part
- 36 Missile shelter
- 37 Banned pesticide
- 38 Trench
- 40 Night light?
- 42 Junior
- 44 "Dukes of Hazzard" surname
- 46 Atmosphere
- 50 Alligator's kin
- 52 Eminem, e.g.
- 54 Bring into harmony
- 55 Vinegary
- 56 Lyricist's concerns

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- 57 Physics particle
- 11 Paradise
- 12 Central
- 18 Laundry
- 21 Mess up
- 23 Apiece
- 24 Chances, for short
- 25 Drench
- 26 Forever
- 28 Wire
- 30 Owned
- 31 Mel of baseball lore
- 33 Flightless bird
- 34 Moo — gai pan
- 39 Macbeth's title
- 41 Scruffs
- 42 Cicatrix
- 43 Solemn promise
- 45 Individuals
- 47 Doing
- 48 Check
- 49 Joan of —
- 51 Silent
- 53 Expert

DOWN

- 1 Nota follower
- 2 Initial stake
- 3 Rage
- 4 Charged bit
- 5 Oil baskets
- 6 Poet Teasdale
- 7 Levels out
- 8 Male turkey
- 9 Duplicitous
- 10 Jeans maker

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

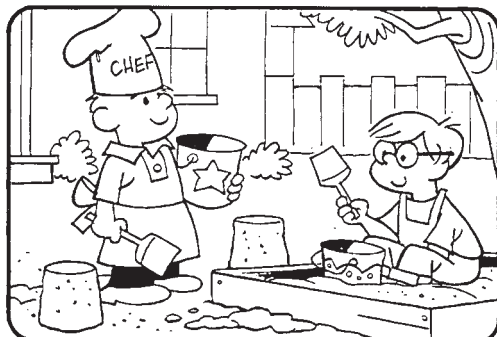
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. GEOGRAPHY: What river borders Maryland and Washington, D.C.?
2. MOVIES: What was the name of the sea witch in "The Little Mermaid"?
3. HISTORY: In what year did the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl take place?
4. MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter composed the song "Calendar Girl"?
5. SCIENCE: What do dendrologists study?
6. LANGUAGE: What does the Japanese word "kamikaze" mean?
7. PROVERBS: What is the ending of the proverb that begins, "A watched pot ..."?
8. LITERATURE: Which confessional poet of the 20th century used the pseudonym Victoria Lucas?
9. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in apiphobia?
10. ANCIENT WORLD: Eratosthenes is considered the father of what field of study?

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1. The Potomac; 2. Ursula; 3. 1986; 4. Neil Sedaka; 5. Trees and shrubs; 6. Divine wind; 7. ... never boils; 8. Sylvia Plath; 9. A fear of bees; 10. Geography

Trivia Test Answers