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STORY IN NEWS

Dixie National Forest and Brian Head Resort Ski with a Ranger Program is back!



Smokey at past Ski with a Ranger Program event. Brian Head, UT. Photo Credit: Jess Hancock

by *Jenny Plecki*

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Cedar City, UT – The Dixie National Forest is celebrating 60 years of co-stewardship with Brian Head Resort with

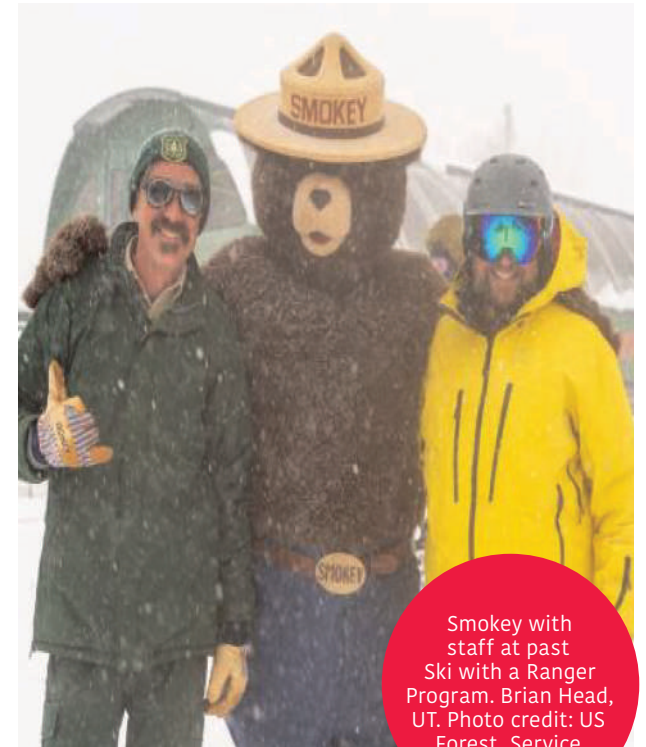
the return of the Ski with a Ranger program! The forest and resort welcomes all intermediate skiers and snowboarders with a lift ticket or season pass to participate.

Forest snow rangers will guide free tours when weather and conditions permit the first Friday of the month, starting January 3, 2025 through May 2, 2025. The tour is first-come, first-serve and approximately one hour long. No reservations required. Tours will also include oral history, and geology stops along the way.

Program participants will meet the rangers at the bottom of Giant Steps Express ski lift. Departure will take place at 1 PM MST.

On those days, Dixie National Forest, Zion Forever Project and Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah will hold information booths at Giant Steps. Smokey Bear will also make appearances at 12 PM MST, when conditions permit. Participants can meet forest rangers at the base of Giant Steps lift from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Please note that the ski portion may be cancelled for safety precautions due to inclement weather conditions.



Smokey with staff at past Ski with a Ranger Program. Brian Head, UT. Photo credit: US Forest Service

Board members Jeff Corry, Dave Staheli end terms

by *Shauna Lund*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Two board member's terms came to an end Tuesday night in the final Board of Education meeting of 2024. Jeff Corry and Dave Staheli chose to not run again for their seats on the board.

Other board members, the community and Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch said their goodbyes and expressed gratitude for the two men's service.

"Jeff has devoted countless hours to the students, staff and families of our district," Hatch said of Corry. "Through his leadership, thoughtful decision making and genuine care for our schools, Jeff

has made a lasting impact that will be felt for years to come."

Regarding Staheli, Hatch said: "His influence and leadership were instrumental in shaping our vision, mission and values, a foundation that will guide the district for years to come. Dave's assurance that families and the district work hand in hand to support students, reflect his deep care of our community and his belief in the potential of a home and school partnership."

Corry was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. However, Staheli gave his final board report and spoke of his appreciation of serving with Corry. He thanked the community members who often attend board meetings. He

also expressed gratitude for his fellow board members and district administration for their work in meeting the goals of the board and embracing the vision and mission statement.

"This has been, I think, kind of a unique board this last couple of years," he said of the move to seven members. "The perspectives that have been shared, we don't always agree with each other, almost all the time we do. We have good healthy discussions and I think that's been one of the most interesting and enjoyable parts of this."

Two new board members — Tyrell Eddy and John Taylor — will take the oath of office in January.

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Distinguished as one of the only providers of rail and transload services in the southern Utah region, BZI Innovation Park offers unparalleled connectivity and efficiency for businesses. Companies will now experience improved access to a worldwide shipping network, bringing additional jobs and new, dynamic commerce opportunities.

"Our investment in the BZI Innovation Park represents BZI's commitment to shaping southern Utah's industrial future and creating a center of gravity for innovation, collaboration, and economic vitality. We're paving the way for growth and opportunity in the region and beyond," said BZI CEO, James Barlow. "It is an extreme honor to be one of the few companies recognized with such an esteemed award."

Most recently, the Utah Inland Port Authority announced the designation of BZI Innovation Park within Cedar City as part of Union Pacific's Focus Site program. The rail service will connect Cedar City to its 32,000-mile network and nine international gateways to Canada and Mexico. With hundreds of rail-served acres available for build-to-suit projects, new warehouses and facilities can easily connect to rail. This designation underscores the site's preparedness and strategic importance to logistics and transportation in the Western United States.

The BZI Innovation Park has received previous recognition for its innovation and for fostering economic and commerce growth in rural communities. BZI was the recipient of the Rural Investor Award from the Utah Inland Port Authority at the One Utah Summit in 2023 and the Rural Rockstar Award in 2024.

To learn more about Inc. Best in Business, visit <https://www.inc.com/best-in-business>.

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from Kayla McFarland

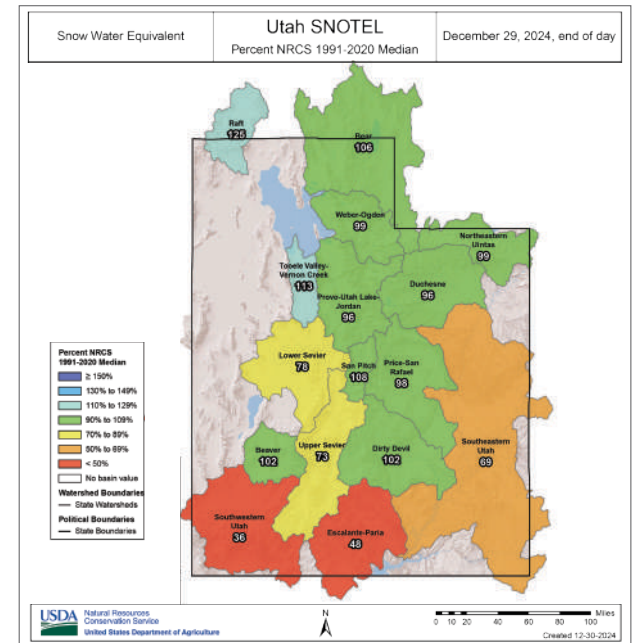
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KANARRAVILLE, UT - BZI® (bzi.com), nationally recognized for its transformative

innovations in the construction and steel industries, announced today that the company has been awarded "Inc. Best in Business 2024" for the construction industry. The prestigious global award recognizes the impact and significance of the BZI Innovation Park for its innovation, inspiration and positive impact on the regions and industry segments it serves.

The Inc. Best in Business honors and celebrates companies around the world who have attained major achievements and made significant contributions to their communities on a global scale. According to the organizers, the list recognizes companies that, through exceptional execution, have achieved significant milestones and core business wins, like customer expansion, key product launches, increased market share, and industry-defining accomplishments.

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FROM THE EDITOR



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COPY EDITOR

Happy New Year Readers!

As we turn the page to 2025, the *Iron County Today* team is thrilled to start another chapter of serving our community. This new year is full of possibilities, and we're excited to grow alongside the people and places that make Iron County so special.

Reflecting on the past year, we're grateful for the opportunity to report your stories, celebrate your triumphs, and bring awareness to the events that shape our lives. From local festivals and school achievements to vital community issues, your support allows us to keep shining a spotlight on what matters most.

In 2025, we aim to deepen our connection with you by providing even more in-depth reporting, engaging features, and coverage that celebrates our unique spirit. We also invite you to share your insights—whether it's a story idea, feedback on our coverage, or news about a community event. Your voice is the heart of our publication.

Together, let's make this a year of collaboration, growth, and inspiration. Thank you for being an integral part of the *Iron County Today* family. We look forward to sharing the journey ahead and wish you a year filled with success, joy, and connection.

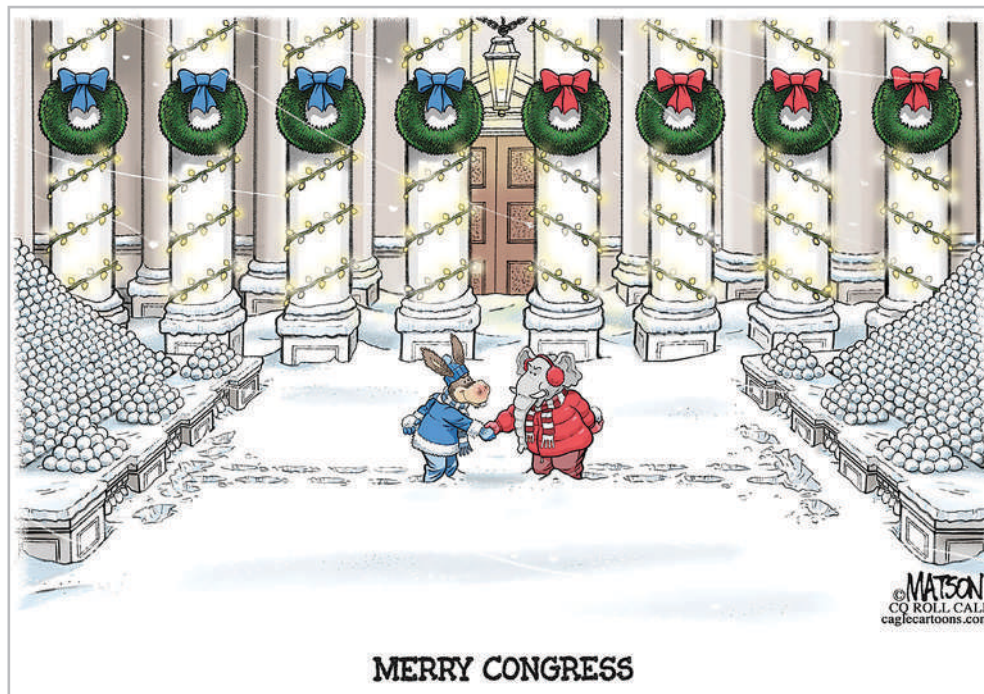
WORD OF THE WEEK

FUNICULAR

[fu-nic-u-lar] noun

a cable railway ascending a mountain

especially: one in which an ascending car counterbalances a descending car



Struggling to Find Truth

PART 5

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Has your life always been easy? Were you raised to know how to seek truth or were you told just to accept what your parents told you was true? Our emotions can fool us into just seeking an easy life by accepting what our parents teach, but there is a greater way to live our lives than just accepting what our superiors tell us. Jesus said in John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We need the truth to understand what is really going on in this world so that we can make accomplished and masterful decisions leading to a life of freedom. Anciently Marcus Aurelius said that it is really our will to know truth and to agree with fact and reality. He was a philosopher King who reigned from 161 of the Common Era to 180. He was well loved by his people during a time of plague, invasions from Germanic tribes, and

financial crisis. He also made terrible mistakes. As we think of the reality in our world of today, we realize that many people are living a life of starvation—without food or education and told just to accept what their authorities, both political and spiritual, tell them.

In 2007, Dudley Woodberry and others published a study that recounted interviews with 750 former Muslims who had converted to evangelical Biblical Christianity. Many of the reasons they gave for their conversion might be expected such as a love of God, a changing view of the Bible, and an attraction to Christians who loved others. But one reason might come as a surprise: the experience of a dream they believed came from God, driving their search for the true God, the Creator of Truth. Some Christians are understandably hesitant to accept the legitimacy of dreams because Islam started with such a vision, along with a long list of cults. Others believe that _____ with the presence see **TRUTH**» 7

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

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TRUTH

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of Biblical Scripture, signs and wonders like dreams

are no longer needed. Of course, many Christians are open to dream and visions, considering them to be personal revelation. All of us recognize that the Bible details dreams and visions in both testaments. While Christians have a variety of approaches to dreams, Muslims—particularly Shia Muslims—are open to dreams as being revelatory, due to both cultural (general acceptance) and religious (precedent in the Qur'an) factors. Dreams of Jesus, then are taken seriously when Christian migrants who had converted from Islam, reported that a dream led to their conversion, falling into the following categories: 1) Jesus speaking Scripture to them (even Scripture they had never heard before), 2) Jesus telling people to do something, 3) a dream or vision that led to a feeling of being clean or at peace, and 4) a man in white physically appearing to them. One example will help us understand. A friend of Darren Carlson who works in The Gospel Coalition tells of a Persian migrant who arrived at 6 am visibly upset who told a pastor: "During the night I saw someone dressed in white raise his hand and say, 'Stand up and follow me.' The Persian man said, 'Who are you?' The man in white replied, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega. I'm the way to heaven. No one can go to the Father, except through me.' He began to ask the Persian pastor: 'Who is he? What am I going to do? Why did he ask me to follow him? How can I? Tell me.' The pastor held out his Bible and asked, 'Have you seen this before?' 'No,' he replied. The pastor then opened to the Book of Revelation chapter 23, verse 13, and showed his Muslim friend. The Muslim then took the Bible carefully, kept it secret, and began to study it. More miracles next week. Join us again.

Man Arrested in Cedar City with 100 Fentanyl Pills, Charged with Drug Distribution

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A traffic stop in Cedar City last August recently led to federal charges against a man accused of distributing fentanyl.

Braydon Johnson, 28, was initially charged in state court with two second-degree felonies for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and arranging distribution, as well as two class A misdemeanors for drug possession and possession of paraphernalia. The charges were dismissed this month for federal prosecution, which often carries harsher penalties.

According to court records August 24, the Iron-Garfield-Beaver Narcotics Task Force pulled Johnson over on August 24 as part of an ongoing investigation into his suspected drug activity.

During the stop, a police K9 signaled the presence of narcotics, prompting officers to search the vehicle. Inside, they found approximately 100 fentanyl pills in containers in Johnson's pocket and a small amount of methamphetamine.

"100 pills is way more than personal use, and agents knew it was for distribution," the affidavit stated.

Following the traffic stop, Johnson was taken in for

questioning. While being interviewed, he received a phone call. Authorities recognized the name on his phone as a known drug user. When asked about the call, Johnson reportedly told police he had been en route to sell fentanyl to the individual.

He also confessed the deal had been set up for several hundred pills but stated he only had 100 and planned to "rip this person off," court records state. Johnson allegedly said he had sold fentanyl to this individual on two previous occasions and had distributed drugs to multiple people in Cedar City.

At the time of his arrest, Johnson was out on bail for pending charges in Washington County.

The affidavit cited his 'lengthy criminal history' and ties to out-of-state locations as raising the risk of

flight and further drug activity.

Following Johnson's arrest the Iron County Attorney's Office consulted with federal prosecutors, who agreed to take over the case.

Johnson remains in custody as federal proceedings move forward.

DWR conservation officers seek information after 2 buck deer illegally killed in Iron County

from *Faith Heaton Jolley*

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CEDAR CITY — Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officers are seeking information from the public after two buck deer were illegally shot and killed in Iron County last month.

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Rotary Elves at Work

from Sue Longson

INSIDERS CLUB MEMBER

The Cedar City Rotary Club is a dedicated group of volunteers who are committed to making a positive impact on their community. Recently, they have been involved in two important projects: planting trees in the West Canyon Water Park and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.



Planting Trees in the Canyon Water Park

The Canyon Water Park will be a popular destination for families and visitors to Cedar City, Utah.

Trees Utah provided a grant to plant new trees in

the park. Ryan Johnson, Forester with the Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and Lands, volunteered on a cold and blustery Saturday to instruct the gathered Rotarians on how to plant the trees. The Rotary Club volunteers, including those from Canyon View and Southern Utah University, helped to plant trees in the park, which will help to



beautify the area and provide shade for visitors for years to come.

Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a charitable organization that provides assistance to people in need with the majority of proceeds staying within our commu-



nity. The Rotary Club has supported this cause for years by ringing the bell outside of WalMart.



Making a Difference



The Cedar City Rotary Club is proud to be a part of these important projects. They believe that it is important to give back to the community and make a difference. They are involved in a variety of projects throughout the year, including food drives, community cleanups, providing scholarships and many other important projects.

How You Can Get Involved

If you are interested in getting involved with the Cedar City Rotary Club, you can contact them at cedarcityrotaryclub@gmail.com or visit their website at <http://www.cedarcityrotaryclub.com/>.

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Benjamin Barlow
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Brent Carlile
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Lenore Green
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Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff,

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a packed audience. After approving minutes from the December 3rd meeting, the commission focused on a development proposal at 2100 South West View Drive.

Applicant Caleb Levitt announced he was withdrawing his proposal due to new information requiring revisions but offered to address residents' concerns and share contact details. The commission reviewed the property's zoning, noting it falls under a now-defunct "master plan district" tied to the 2007-2008 Cordo Development Agreement. Spanning 2,000 acres, this 149-page agreement outlines densities, setbacks, road specs, and infrastructure plans.

It was explained the property could support 946 housing units under current zoning without public hearings, though the withdrawn proposal suggested capping at 880. The commission discussed "feathering" to transition densities but noted limited options due to nearby R2 zoning for duplexes.

The Cordo Agreement, binding for 25 years, envisioned a master-planned community with mixed housing densities, architectural styles (e.g., Tudor, Victorian), commercial areas, open spaces, a golf course, its own wastewater treatment plant, and fire department expansions. Any new proposals must align with or modify this agreement.

Residents raised several concerns about the proposed development near the 4B Ranch area, home to high-value properties. Key issues included:

Water Availability: Questions arose about water resources due to failing wells, current restrictions, and the need for developers to secure water rights with priority dates

from 1934 or earlier. City representatives noted efforts like test wells, conservation measures, and the Pine Valley pipeline project to address water challenges.

Flooding and Drainage: Current development has caused drainage issues, with flooding affecting downstream properties.

Traffic and Road Improvements: Increased traffic through existing neighborhoods, especially Eagle Ridge, was a major concern. Residents called for completing planned arterial roads and implementing stricter road improvement requirements for developers.

Neighborhood Character: Residents expressed a desire to preserve the rural atmosphere of large lots and significant setbacks, resisting high-density housing and apartments near luxury homes.

Infrastructure: Questions focused on whether infrastructure, including roads, should be expanded before allowing further development.

The community emphasized maintaining Cedar City's small-town, country character, with some suggesting building permit limits. Concerns about property values and the planning commission's ability to regulate high-density developments were also raised, with the commission clarifying that zoning rights tied to purchased properties must generally be upheld unless specific conditions justify denial.

Commission members emphasized their volunteer roles and focus on listening to public concerns while making recommendations to the city council. They encouraged residents to stay involved, noting future proposals would require public hearings. The meeting ended with a reminder to check city agendas and stay engaged when the developer submits new plans.

Iron County School Board Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff,

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting opened with board members Jeff Corry and Stephanie Hill absent due to illness. It opened with a prayer, a Pledge of Allegiance, and the consent agenda was approved.

A major focus was honoring outgoing board members Dave Staheli and Jeff Corry (absent due to illness) for their four years on the Iron County School Board. Both were praised for their dedication and received the "Iron Strong" award for exceptional contributions. During public comments, a Navajo Nation member and NAGA board member, thanked Dave and Jeff for supporting Native American representation, presenting them with certificates and gifts.

The superintendent reported the district's budget is on track for the year.

An update on the UHSAA (Utah High School Athletics Association) classifications was provided, particularly regarding Cedar High School's potential reclassification. The superintendent reported that 75% of coaches and 65% of parents prefer moving to 3A classification for all sports. The final decision will be made at an upcoming UHSAA meeting where district representatives will have an opportunity to provide input.

Dave Staheli gave a heartfelt report, thanking fellow board members, the administration, and the community. He praised the board's respectful discussions, the superintendent's leadership, and the district's focus on patriotism. He stressed the importance of open dialogue and thoughtful handling of community feedback on controversial issues.

The board reviewed several policy updates:

- Policy 424 (District Vehicle Use): Clarified personal use and restricted operation to employees with state driver training.
- Policy 721 (Library Materials): Updated per 2024 legislation to address "offensive" vs. "sensitive" content, with detailed guidelines to be presented at the next meeting.
- Policy 729 (Student Travel): Increased subsidies from \$300 to \$500 for national competitions, added pre-approval requirements, and outlined financial equity measures. Chaperones now require a 1:10 ratio, with at least two for groups of five or more students.
- Policy 904 (School Advertising): Expanded to include \$50 email advertisements, with proceeds funding teacher grants. Ads must benefit students' education, health, or lifestyle.

The board voted to remove various forms from policies, as they should not be part of policy documents. These forms will be moved to a dedicated section on the website, with plans for future digital forms and automated workflows.

The board then entered closed session to discuss confidential matters, including: Character, competence, or health of individuals, pending litigation, property transactions, security personnel and systems.

BUDGET SUMMARY

YEAR	STATE OF UTAH	IRON COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	CEDAR CITY	COUNTY POPULATION	INFLATION RATE
2020	\$18,500,000,000	\$64,397,882	\$97,275,145	\$84,121,067	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$82,661,906	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$82,219,239	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$97,198,239	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$150,125,060	65,765	3.2
2025	TBD	TBD	\$221,113,931	TBD	TBD	TBD
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	1.05%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Hello all,

I love to be able to reflect this time of year on the past year and the important work accomplished at the Utah Legislature. In 2024 we gave teachers the biggest pay raise in state history, passed a \$170 million tax cut to ease the financial burden on families and businesses, and invested

\$1.2 billion in infrastructure projects to improve our roads and better connect communities across the state.

Looking ahead to the 2025 General Session, our theme is "Powering Utah's Future," with priorities including energy independence, supporting students and teachers, securing a sustainable water future, expanding affordable housing, driving innovation, and protecting Utah's exceptional quality of life.

In the upcoming session, I am honored to serve as the Chair of the Senate Business and Labor Committee and to sit on the Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee, the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and the General Government Appropriations Subcommittee. My committee positions will give me the chance to strongly and successfully advocate for rural Utah, to ensure we prosper alongside other regions of the state.

This time of year it is good to reflect and count our blessings. My wife, Chris, and I thoroughly enjoy this season and all that goes with it--the beautiful lights and decorations, the amazing food (well, maybe we can leave out the fruitcake), and especially the music. Chris enjoys being the choir director in our church congregation, and when we got married she told me, "Congratulations, you're now a member of the church choir and oh by the way you are going to sing tenor." I do my best, but I will never live up to her talents.

I used to struggle over the years finding a good gift for my wife, as she usually just buys whatever she wants or needs. A number of years ago, I came across a story about a "White Envelope Gift." You can read it here: heavensinspirations.com/white-envelope/, I decided I would start doing that for Chris each year. Giving back is a privilege, through service and financial means, when we can. Each year I look for something that I think Chris would do, as I know her soft spots for children and families in need. This simple little gift of a plain white envelope on the tree every year has come to mean a lot in our family. It is the last gift that gets opened, and everyone wants to listen in as Chris reads the letter in the envelope where I describe what her contribution is doing that year.

Throughout this time of year, I hope that you will look at your life and see how you can give back, through an act of service, a kind and thoughtful action you can take, or even a financial donation that will help someone in need. I promise you will find that giving back truly is a privilege.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and may the Lord bless all of you this wonderful season.

public & health

GAF-Cedar City and Stout Roofing Donate a New Roof for Local Fireman's Association



from *Mehak Chadha*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Fireman's Relief Association recently received a new roof from Stout Roofing and GAF, North America's largest roofing manufacturer. Since its founding in 1917, the Cedar City Fireman's Association has served as a vital community organization, providing services including assistance for injured firefighters, Christmas gifts for underprivileged children, and public education programs focused on fire and life safety.

The Fireman's Relief Association was far overdue for roof repairs for two aging buildings, which serve as housing for local firefighters, storage for additional firefighting vehicles, and accommodation for local volunteers during emergencies. With the association's funds focused on essential needs that support the community, GAF-Cedar City and Stout Roofing stepped in to help ensure they have the proper and safe facilities needed to continue serving the community in a major way.

"We're proud to not only be an employer in Cedar City but also make a positive difference as a neighbor and partner in this

community," said Eric Lewis, General Manager at GAF-Cedar City.

"The brave men and women of the Cedar City Fire Department protect this community every day and we are honored to be able to support them with this new roof."

"At Stout Roofing, we believe in supporting our local first responders and giving back to the community that has supported us," said Clint Sullivan, Vice President at Stout Roofing. "When we learned about the Cedar City Fireman's Relief Association's need for roof repairs, we knew we had to step up. We were excited to partner with GAF to do our part to help local first responders keep our community safe."

Local contractor, Stout Roofing, installed the new roof with roofing materials being donated by GAF. This collaboration is part of GAF's social impact initiative,



GAF Community Matters, which is focused on making a positive difference as neighbors and partners in the community by leveraging roofing expertise, resources and products to help build resilient communities.

Cedar City Woman Arrested After Driving Wrong Way, Intentionally Crashing Into Semi-Truck

by **Tracie Sullivan**
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City woman was arrested early Christmas morning after allegedly driving the wrong way on Interstate 15 and crashing into a semi-truck in an attempt to harm herself and a passenger, who authorities later determined did not exist.

Jessica Gorecki, 38, faces multiple charges, including driving under the influence and reckless driving.

According to the affidavit filed in the 5th District Court, the incident occurred on Dec. 24 at approximately 9:56 p.m., when dispatchers received reports of a vehicle traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of I-15 near mile marker 54. Witnesses reported the vehicle had used an emergency turnaround before colliding with a semi-truck.

Utah Highway Patrol arrived at the scene to find a white Hyundai SUV with heavy damage to its driver's side, facing the wrong direction on the shoulder of the northbound lanes. Firefighters pulled Gorecki from

the vehicle, which was still running. The driver of the semi-truck was uninjured and reported that the SUV had been traveling the wrong way before the collision.

Gorecki was the sole occupant of the vehicle, despite claiming another person had been in the car with her. Authorities found no evidence of a second individual after an extensive search of the area.

"An extensive canvass of the area yielded no individuals on foot, or evidence of a fleeing subject, or footprints leading away from the area," court records state.

The officer noted that Gorecki exhibited clear signs of impairment, including bloodshot and glassy eyes, fluctuating emotional behavior, and a strong odor of alcohol. Inside the vehicle, officers found two open cans of beer on the passenger-side floorboard.

Gorecki reportedly admitted to drinking heavily earlier that day, telling officers she had consumed nine shots of E&J Brandy

and four 16-ounce beers, the affidavit states.

She also reportedly acknowledged she should not have been driving. Gorecki further claimed she had intentionally driven the wrong way on the highway in an attempt to harm herself and the alleged passenger.

At the hospital, Gorecki failed a Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, which indicated impairment, according to the affidavit. A preliminary breath test also allegedly measured Gorecki's alcohol level at 0.168, more than twice the legal limit.

She refused a chemical blood test despite being read the DUI refusal admonition, which states that refusal results in an automatic license suspension. She then requested an attorney but was informed that counsel is not permitted during the testing procedure.

Gorecki was booked into the Iron County Jail and faces charges of driving under the influence, reckless driving, open container in a vehicle, and crossing a highway divider.

Local authors Elaine Vickers and Micah Player celebrate release of new books

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CEDAR CITY - Local

author Elaine Vickers and author/illustrator Micah Player will be celebrating the national publication of Vickers' ninth book, *Heartfelt*, with an open house at Bulloch's on Tuesday, January 7 from 5-7 pm.

Player and Vickers, who have been supporters of each other's work for years, will both be signing copies of their latest books, including Player's *Not Enough Lollipops* and *Itty Bitty Betty Blob*.

All ages are welcome at the event, which will feature refreshments, a raffle and a chance to meet the author's and get your books signed!

ABOUT HEARTFELT:

From the creators of the "wonderfully evocative" (BookPage) Thankful comes a cozy picture book about a child who finds that small acts of kindness can change the world.

A child makes paper hearts to give to her teacher, to a friend, at the library, and more. As she spreads kindness around her neighborhood, she soon finds that sharing love

is the best gift of all. With Samantha Cotterill's stunning diorama illustrations, this loving story is sure to capture hearts and inspire acts of kindness.

"A perfect tale . . . This moving story will empower children to find ways to positively influence their own communities." –Kirkus Reviews

ABOUT Not Enough Lollipops:

Alice thinks it's her lucky day when she wins a wagon full of lollipops, but sharing them with her classmates is more complicated than it seems.

"Even for the anti-confectionary crowd, a believable, relatable story that avoids a saccharine conclusion." –Starred Review, Kirkus

ABOUT Itty Bitty Betty Blob:

Itty Bitty Betty Blob tries to be bad, like a good little monster—but she's NOT GOOD at being bad!

"Micah Player's boldly drawn, emotion-infused illustrations expertly embody everything from ... imposing gothic architecture to ... extreme cuteness." –Starred Review, BookPage

DWR

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DWR conservation officers received a report about the first deer on Nov. 26. The deer had been shot by a rifle and left to waste in Parowan. It was a 22-inch, 3x3 buck deer, and investigators believe it was killed sometime between the evening of Nov. 24 and the morning of Nov. 25.

The report of the second deer was received on Dec. 1. When officers responded, they discovered a 23-inch, 3x3 buck deer that had been shot and killed south of Summit, an unincorporated community in east-central Iron County. This deer

had also been killed with a rifle and left to waste. Investigators believe this deer was killed sometime between the evening of Nov. 29 and the morning of Nov. 30.

No deer hunts were taking place in either area at the time the animals were killed. The individuals involved in killing these deer could face a third-degree felony charge of wanton destruction of protected wildlife and waste of protected wildlife.

Anyone with information regarding the illegal killing of these two deer or any other wildlife is encouraged to report it to the DWR in one of the following ways:

- By calling the UTiP Hotline at 800-662-3337
- The UTDWR Law Enforcement app
- By texting 847411

Anyone with any information regarding the first case can also contact Sgt. Kody Jones at 435-691-3232. Anyone with information about the second case can contact Sgt. Josh Carver at 435-691-4167. A reward may be available for information leading to the successful prosecution of those responsible. Requests for confidentiality are respected.

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SUU Holiday Gala Honors Donors

Contributions from The Rich and Linda Wilson Family and The Marriner S. Eccles Foundation receive recognition

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

There is no doubt that Southern Utah University is a treasure created by the members of our community. We often talk about the early community members who rallied to raise funds and the brave men who faced winter conditions to bring down wood in order to meet a deadline to receive state funding and establish the college here. However, that isn't even close to the end of the story. The community service and support that has gone into helping SUU grow into the top-notch, nationally recognized university that it is today has been continual and ongoing. It has required vision and continuous support from a multitude of teachers, administrators, community members, and philanthropists to keep this legacy alive and growing.

At the annual holiday gala, members of the Old Main Society and the President's Giving Society are honored for their generous support of the University. This year the spotlight shone on the Rich and Linda Wilson family, including their children Maile,

Cody, Tony, and Shon (deceased). Through their life-long dedication to the school and community, Rich and Linda and their family have made outstanding contributions, including helping to found and run the Utah Summer Games. Maile served two terms as mayor, following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Linda's father, Loren Whetten. Cody is a local orthodontist. Shon, who passed away in 2018, was a developer alongside his father. Tony is an entrepreneur.

The Marriner S. Eccles Foundation was also honored at the banquet for their continuous support of the university, and particularly of the SUU library and the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Marriner Eccles (1890-1977) was a prominent Utah businessman with family roots in Cedar City. He served as the Chairman of the Federal Reserve System throughout the depression and World War II. In Utah he was involved in companies such as First Security Bank and Utah Construction. The Eccles Foundation continues to support Utah endeavors in medicine, arts, education, community, and welfare.

Leafing through the pages of donors of various levels is phenomenal and humbling. Membership in the Old Main Society requires a lifetime contribution to the college of at least \$50,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for organizations. This year, there were twelve new inductees in the Old Main Society: Dr Michael and Kelly Anderson, Rafe Brown & Lynn Song, BZI, Lorraine & Perry Driggs, Erickson Inc., Alan & Jeanne Hall, Clark & Christine Ivory Foundation, Paul & Connie Taysom, Dr. Camille Thomas, Texas Instruments, Carmen H. Watson Trust, and Wittwer Hospitality/BLVD Home.

The President's Giving Circles recognize generous annual contributions of \$25,000 or more for the President's Cabinet; \$10,000 to \$24,999 for the President's Circle; \$5,000 to \$9,999 for the President's Council; \$2,500 to \$4,999 for the President's Association; and \$1,000 to \$2,499 for the President's Club. These numbers are given to show the generosity of the community and the SUU Alum in supporting the education of SUU students and development of the school as an essential

part of our community. The number of contributors and their generosity is astounding. These contributions not only support building and developing programs at the school, but much of the money is also used to fund scholarships, giving many young people an opportunity to receive an outstanding education at SUU.

Attendees at the event were treated to a wonderful roast beef dinner. Dinner music was provided by Valerie Aksakava on the piano. After dinner, attendees were invited to attend the Gentry Concert. The Concert was also attended by many members of the community. Gentry is a singing group of three fabulous tenors and accompanying piano, drums, and strings. The group got together after singing together in a northern Utah community production of *Les Miserable*. Their name stands for Gentlemen's Trio. The group was spearheaded by the pianist. They really did have amazing voices and ushered in the Christmas Season.



Rich and Linda Wilson family



Hope Eccles Quarles, executive director of the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation.

Festival Directors Announced for 2025 Season

by Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

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Shakespeare Festival is excited to announce its directors for their upcoming 2025 season. "We are thrilled to share with you these amazing artists who will head our productions in our Engelstad and Randall Theatres, as well as our popular *Greenshows* for our sixty-fourth season," says Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr.

ENGELSTAD SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

With Shakespeare as the cornerstone, the Festival is excited to produce three of his amazing stories in the outdoor Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre. All are very different but very engaging, and one of which hasn't been done here for nearly twenty years, get ready to immerse yourself in the Bard's amazing works!

Macbeth

By William Shakespeare
Directed by John DiAntonio

Previews on June 16, 2025
Opens on June 19, 2025

Last produced in 2019 at the Festival, *Macbeth*--one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies--tells the story of a Scottish general who receives a prophecy from three witches that he will become king. Fueled by ambition and encouraged by his power-hungry wife, Macbeth embarks on a ruthless path of destruction and betrayal to seize



John
DiAntonio

the throne.

The Festival's Artistic Director John DiAntonio will make his directorial debut here. He was previously seen at the Festival in last year's *The Taming of the Shrew* as Petruchio. Prior to coming to Cedar City, he was the producing artistic director at Creede Repertory Theatre. Additional acting and directing credits include the Denver Center Theatre Company, The Arvada Center, and Cleveland Shakespeare Festival. He received his MFA in acting from the National Theatre Conservatory and also attended the British American Drama Academy. He is a member of Actors' Equity Association.

"I hope your thumbs are pricking because something wicked this way comes," DiAntonio says. "The performances, set, costumes, lighting, sound, and overall feel of *Macbeth* will be immersive and haunting. Prepare yourselves for the gripping, horrifying, and seductive story you know, but expect to see it with new eyes. This play will touch a nerve for every audience member whether they are

12 or 89 as they journey through the personal cost of treachery. I couldn't be more honored to be directing this play!"

Antony and Cleopatra By William Shakespeare Directed by Carolyn Howarth

Previews on June 17, 2025
Opens on June 20, 2025

The Festival is committed to continuing their Complete the Canon initiative (which is almost finished!) with this tragedy by Shakespeare, which was last produced in 2006,



Carolyn
Howarth

almost 20 years ago. It portrays the passionate and tumultuous love affair between Mark Antony, a Roman general, and Cleopatra, the queen of Egypt. Set against a backdrop of political intrigue and warfare, their relationship faces challenges that ultimately lead to misfortune.

Carolyn Howarth, who previously directed *The Winter's Tale* in 2024, spent 14 seasons at Colorado Shakespeare Festival. Her work has also been seen at Orlando Shakespeare Theatre, Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, and Foothill Theatre Company where she served as artistic director. She earned her

BA and MFA from UC-Davis and is a member of Actors' Equity Association.

She says: "I'm so excited to tell this epic story about the first celebrity power couple--two titanic personalities, superstars in their empires, modern day equivalents of rock and roll idols--swept up in a thriller with political intrigue, military strategy, and ever-changing alliances. The characters swerve from jubilation to jealousy, paranoia to fury. It dances around the conflict between passion and duty, expectations and failure, and ultimately comes down on the side of love, perhaps showing us the essence of what makes us human. I think USF audiences are going to fall in love with the play as much as I have and really respond to the abundant humor and pathos."

As You Like It By William Shakespeare Directed by Beth Lopes

Previews on June 18, 2025
Opens on June 21, 2025

In this beloved comedy last seen at the Festival in 2017, Rosalind flees persecution in her uncle's court and seeks refuge in the Forest of Arden, disguised as a young man. Through a series of mistaken identities and humorous encounters, love blossoms amidst the captivating forest setting.

Beth Lopes was last at the Festival as an assistant director in 2010. She also spent ten seasons with New Swan Shakespeare Festival where she was associate artistic director. Her work has also been featured at South Coast Repertory, San Antonio Shakespeare

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in the Park, and Theatre Horizon. She received her MFA from UC Irvine and is a member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC).

"I'm delighted to return to Utah Shakes to direct the magnificent adventure that is *As You Like It*," she says. "Brimming with humor and heart, *As You Like It* is an ode to love, freedom, and the resiliency of the human spirit. I'm thrilled to be spending this time with USF's audiences in the magical and transformative Forest of Arden."

RANDALL L. JONES THEATRE

In the beautiful indoor Randall L. Jones Theatre for the upcoming 2025 season "we are proud to produce a brilliant musical, a satiric Victorian comedy, and a comedy-drama about the resilience of true friendship in the Randall," says Artistic Director John DiAntonio.

That's right! A musical is back in the lineup, along with two other thoroughly enjoyable and touching plays.

A Gentleman's Guide To Love and Murder

Book and Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Lutvak

Based on the novel Israel Rank by Roy Horniman

Directed by Amanda Berg Wilson

Music Directed by Brad Carroll

Previews on June 19 and 23, 2025

Opens on June 26, 2025

This Tony Award-winning musical comedy follows the story of Monty Navarro, a lowly born Englishman who discovers he is ninth in line to inherit a fortune. To move up the line of succession, Monty decides to eliminate the zany relatives (who are all played by the same actor) who are standing in his way, meanwhile navigating a love triangle.

Amanda Berg Wilson is the co-founder and artistic director of The Catamounts in Boulder, Colorado.

Her work has also been seen at Creede Repertory

Theatre, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and Opera Steamboat. She received a BCAA Theatre Fellowship and her work has been profiled in *American Theatre* magazine. She received a BA in English and drama from Kenyon College.

Brad Carroll, who directed this past season's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, also music directed Jane Austen's *Emma The Musical*, *Ragtime*, and *The Pirates of Penzance* at the Festival. Additionally he has directed *Sweeney Todd*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *South Pacific*, and *Les Misérables* here, among many others. He is the composer of *Lend Me a Tenor: The Musical*, has worked at PCPA, Utah Festival Opera, and Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and is a member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society.

"I am framing our realization of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* as an English music hall production," says Berg Wilson. "Think: inventive staging, fourth-wall breaking, and a live pianist playing! Our production will be inspired most specifically by the 'lion comique,' an English music hall tradition of making fun of the upper classes, a strong thread of *A Gentleman's Guide*. This framing will allow our audience a lively point of entry into the piece, in which they will be repeatedly acknowledged in the space, and in which the whole theatre becomes part of the storytelling."

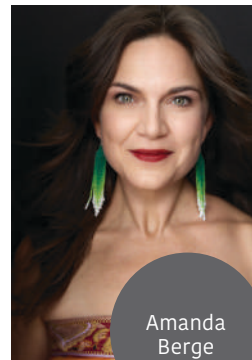
The Importance of Being Earnest

By Oscar Wilde

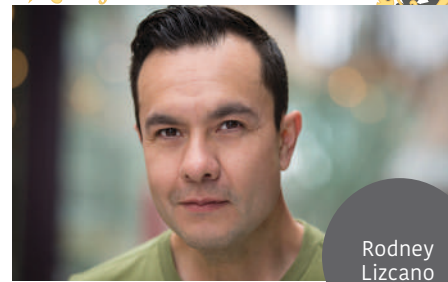
Directed by Rodney Lizcano



Brad Carroll



Amanda Berg Wilson



Rodney Lizcano

Previews on June 20 and 24, 2025

Opens on June 27, 2025

Oscar Wilde's classic comedy satirizes Victorian society through the witty and farcical escapades of two bachelors, Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff. As they navigate double lives and mistaken identities, the play cleverly explores themes of marriage, social expectations, and the triviality of propriety.

Audiences will remember Rodney Lizcano as Gremio in *The Taming of the Shrew* and Don Pedro in *Much Ado About Nothing* this past season. Previously he spent 22 seasons with the Denver Center Theatre Company, as well as time at the Arvada Center for the Arts, The Old Globe, and ten seasons at Colorado Shakespeare Festival, among others. He earned an MFA in acting from the National Theatre Conservatory and is a member of Actors' Equity Association as well as Stage Directors and Choreographers Society.

"*The Importance of Being Earnest* is truly Shakespearean in its theatrical devices of mistaken identities, secret engagements, and lover entanglements," explains Lizcano. "I'm thrilled to pair this piece with such an eclectic theatrical season at USF and cannot wait for audiences to experience this rapid-fire comedy of wits and manors."

Steel Magnolias

By Robert Harling

Directed by Melissa Maxwell

Previews on June 21 and 25, 2025

Opens on June 28, 2025

Set in a Louisiana beauty salon, this poignant play explores the enduring bond between six Southern women as they navigate life's joys and challenges, from friendships and laughter to heartbreak and loss. Through humor



Melissa Maxwell

and resilience, the women showcase their strength and solidarity in the face of adversity.

Melissa Maxwell previously directed *Trouble in Mind* at the Festival in 2022. Her work has also been seen off-Broadway at the Pearl Theatre Company and Soho Playhouse. She has also worked at the Great River Shakespeare Festival where she is co-associate artistic director, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, and Off the WALL Theatre. She is also a motivational speaker, author, and teacher. She is a member of Actors' Equity Association, SAG-AFTRA, and Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, and earned her BFA from Boston University.

"I am thrilled to be returning," says Maxwell. "I played M'Lynn in a production a few years ago, but this is my first time directing it. I am excited to be revisiting this timeless classic."

IN THE EILEEN AND ALLEN ANES STUDIO THEATRE...IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING

In 2025, the Festival plans to continue to use this space for new play development with the popular Words Cubed program, as well as educational programming, among other things.

"We've loved all the past performances in the Anes, as we know our patrons have," says Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr. "It is a young space but don't fear: it is anticipated that mainstage productions will return to it in the near future."

ON THE GREENSHOW STAGE

The Greenshow

Written and Directed by

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Britannia Howe

Previews begin June 16, 2025
Opens on June 19, 2025

Prepare for delightful summer evenings of stories, music, and dance with three new shows on the green. Written and directed by Festival veteran Britannia Howe, who has helmed *The Greenshow* five times before, these shows are the perfect way to spend time with family and friends before the mainstage shows.

The themes for the three 2025 Greenshows are inspired by the three Shakespeare shows in the Engelstad. First, drawing on the setting of *Macbeth*, Scottish night with Highland Games will be an evening of strength, competition, and fun as performers and audience join in exciting challenges like tug-of-war and shot put. Next, the *Mariner Greenshow* celebrates through sea shanties, adventurous tales, and the comedic retelling of *Anthony and Cleopatra*. Third, the Mountain Wilderness *Greenshow* is set in the woods reminiscent of *As You Like It*, where love letters adorn trees and Americana folk tunes fill the air.

A Cedar City native, Howe grew up attending the Festival. She earned an MFA in directing from Illinois State University and has directed at Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, and with the Utah Symphony. She was awarded a national directing fellowship from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

The Festival is busy planning for an amazing season next year. Be sure to get your tickets now and join us in 2025 for a season of identity, mischief, friendship, and love. For more information visit our website at bard.org or call the ticket office at 800-PLAYTIX.



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The Juncos are Here

by Samuel Wells

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The holidays would not be the same for me without juncos in the yard. They show up every year when the leaves start falling, and stay all winter. They are easy to recognize with their black hoods and little pink beaks. They are no bigger than a sparrow, but you can still spot them from the kitchen window when they flit from branch to branch. They have a lovely white feather on each side of their tails that becomes suddenly visible when they fly. If you get a good enough look you might even see the touch of pink feathers on their sides. They remind me that it is OK to go outside even when it seems too cold. In fact, these winter birds even follow me around the yard if I decide to brave the weather and chop wood. If I listen carefully I sometimes hear their soft peeping conversations in the underbrush.

Some birds fly thousands of miles south when the weather changes in order to find food. Others, like our juncos, fly down the mountain, or over from another county, instead. They can find enough to sustain themselves through the cold months from just the seeds and other odds and ends that gather under sagebrush and willow trees. What I find so endearing about their ways is that they want to spend the winter months right here with us. The warm beaches and lush forests of Tropical America do not interest

them.

My students often think that migration is all about getting away from the cold. This is an assumption they impose on the world because of their own wishes to be warmer as

soon as the snow starts falling.

But cold does not bother these little birds. They are happy to fluff out their feathers on a frosty

branch and watch the sun come up. We can learn a lot from them. And we do ourselves a disservice if we stay inside when it is cold. If we tell ourselves that we are certain to get sick if we leave the house, we are misinformed. The cold doesn't make us sick; it only warms us up inside. Germs make us sick. And while it is true that they seem more abundant when the sun is lower in the horizon, they don't gang up on us when we go for a walk - or build a snowman.

Some of these same students are also surprised when they discover that there are dozens of bird species that stay here all winter. House finches, robins, and woodpeckers are just a few. White-crowned sparrows even come down the mountain with the juncos when the snow is too deep on Cedar Mountain. There are eagles roosting in bare cottonwoods just a few miles from town, and if you ever find yourself near SUU campus on an evening stroll (when the sun starts to set) you are likely to hear dozens of ravens in the spruce and sycamore trees getting cozy for a long winter night.

The weather, after all, is part of why the holidays are so wonderful.



Winning Winter Attitude: How To Stay Positive During The Cold Months

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It's cold, it's dark and dreary. The winter festivities have calmed down and now it's time to wait out the worst of the winter season. It's easy to be down about the weather, after all, it can look positively miserable outside, but this attitude only makes the beginning of this new year drag on. This is no way to start the year ahead, instead, kick those winter blues and

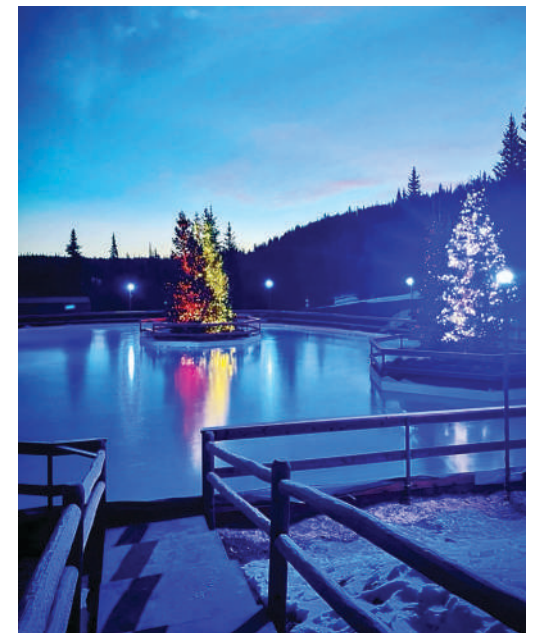
trade them in for a winning winter attitude.

Starting the year off with a bad attitude is a waste of a perfectly good time. Determining what is causing your strife can help end it for good. Bad Weather? Lack of friends around? Less sunshine? Instead of focusing on what you don't like, find ways to make it better. For example, spend some cozy time indoors so you don't need to go out in the weather, and enjoy the company of friends or family. There's

nothing like good company to make you feel happier, more engaged and involved during winter. Take up a new hobby as a group. Getting together with those you love can greatly increase positivity and happiness while preventing you from being alone.

Get more exercise. If you're used to exercising outdoors, keep an eye on the weather. On a nicer day go for a walk or run. If it's going to be too icy, try

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THURS, JAN 2

CREEPLY CRAWLERS EXHIBITION (9:30AM) @ Frehner Museum of Natural History, 162 S 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720. For info call (435) 865-8547 or visit <https://events.suu.edu/event/creepy-crawlers-exhibition>. Admission is free!

FH: ART EXHIBIT (9AM-6PM) @ Frontier Homestead State Park, 635 N Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720. For info contact (435) 586-9290. Admission is free!

FRI, JAN 3

CEDAR BREAKS: SNOWSHOE HIKE (10AM-3PM) @ junction of Hwy 143 and Hwy 148, Cedar Breaks National Monument, UT. Contact (435) 986-7120 or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-snowshoe-tours-at-cedar-breaks-national-monument-tickets-1095688496789?aff=oddttdtcreator> for info. Admission: National Monument entrance fee applies (\$10 per person) Interagency passes accepted.

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LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS (VARIES) @ The Last Chair Grill & Brews, Brian Head Resort, 329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head, UT 84719. Call (435) 677-2035 or visit <https://www.brianhead.com/events/list/> for more information.

OFF THE CUFF (8-10PM) @ 913 S Main Street, Cedar City, UT 84720. Admission: \$10. Website: <https://otccomedy.com/>

SKI WITH A RANGER (VARIES) @ Brian Head Resort, 329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head, UT 84719. Admission: Free

SAT, JAN 4

CEDAR BREAKS: NIGHT SKY TOUR (7:30PM) @ junction of Hwy 143 and Hwy 148, Cedar Breaks National Monument, UT. Contact (435) 986-7120 or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-snowshoe-tours-at-cedar-breaks-national-monument-tickets-1095688496789?aff=oddttdtcreator> for more information. Admission: National Monument entrance fee applies (\$10 per person) Interagency passes accepted

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MON, JAN 6

FH: ART EXHIBIT (9AM-6PM) @ Frontier Homestead State Park, 635 N Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720. For info contact (435) 586-9290. Admission is free!

TUES, JAN 7

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (1-2PM) Music & Art Workshops. At The LIGHTHOUSE Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway restaurants). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151.

WED, JAN 8

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WONDER WEDNESDAY (VARIES) artsFUSION @ SUMA - Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720. Admission: \$0

CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @ MAIN Street Books in Cedar City. This month's book is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski (fiction). We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

Want your event on our calendar?

There is no charge for calendar items. Your submissions can be made online at ironcountytoday.com, or emailed to news@ironcountytoday.com or brought to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Friday at noon. The calendar is not to be used for advertising. Items will be printed at our discretion.



The Eagles are Touring Iron County this Winter

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

I've noticed that several other people have posted recent local bald eagle sightings on Facebook. I guess I thought that they didn't migrate through Iron County until early spring but was reminded that this is the time of year to look for them, so we decided to take a drive around the farm roads west of Paragonah, looking for eagles. It didn't take long, and there they were in a few trees, fairly close to the road, posing proudly and busy looking fabulous. Just as we thought we had a fine view of a pair in a distant tree, and started to head home, a single bald eagle flew up and landed right at the top of the tree we were parked near, and it posed for one last close-up.

So, if you decide to take a trip out on those farm roads and do spot bald eagles it is best to get out of your car quietly and without a lot of motion, so they don't get spooked. Don't let the sound of your own wheels make them crazy and you will find that they will sit quite still with the peaceful easy feeling of such a noble bird.

We heard a story from a friend of ours who was driving out near Hamilton Fort and she spotted a big bald eagle sitting on a fence post while at a stop sign. She watched as it jumped to the ground and picked up the carcass of a dead rabbit.

We have had such a mild winter so far, and the eagles will be around another couple of months, so if you like nature drives, find some time before the roads are frozen and the eagles have moved on to their nesting sites on the next leg of their tour.



schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

South Elementary

South Elementary student's enjoyed singing with the CMS choir and orchestra. It's become a fun tradition to get us in the holiday spirit.

Escalante Valley Elementary



Escalante Valley's annual Christmas music program was another

success! This year's theme of Sing of Christmas charmed the audience with unique songs such as "Snowmageddon," "If I Could Fly Like A Snowflake," "Pinata," and "Better Bundle Up." In addition to the songs sung by each class, our 5th grade bucket band and 6th grade violins also performed several musical numbers. We are extremely grateful for the creative vision and talent of Mrs. Brown, and truly appreciate the Christmas spirit that is felt from this event each year.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary



Congratulations to Korina Wood! She has been named Educator of the Year by Best of Cedar City. Colleagues and parents alike say this award is very

well deserved. We are so grateful to have Korina at our school!

Kids had a fun week dressing up and having a great time before the holidays.



Some of our 1st graders even got a visit from the Grinch! He asked them what they wanted for Christmas so he could steal their presents!

Three Peaks Elementary



Three Peaks Elementary had a full week of holiday cheer. All students greeted a special visitor from the North Pole and were able to visit with Santa, receive a treat, and have pictures taken with the jolly man. Students in Mrs. Barney's Kindergarten class presented a Christmas program to parents/grandparents, a school sing was held for all students to sing holiday songs together with a special song sung to the students by their teachers. First grade students performed a program for parents and then decorated gingerbread houses.



Students and teachers enjoyed holiday treats, making presents, and giving the joy of the holidays to each other.

We hope you have a Happy Holiday Season!! We will welcome students back on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

North Elementary

North Elementary has been bustling with festive energy over the past few weeks! We sincerely appreciate the families who contributed their time and effort to support classroom activities leading up to our winter break.

This week, the entire school enjoyed a special visit from the CMS Choir and Orchestra for our annual school sing. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Piep and Mrs. Carrigan for taking the time to share your students' incredible talents with us—it was truly a treat! Our kindergarteners have been busy practicing for their upcoming Christmas sing, and they are bursting with excitement to showcase their hard work to their families. We can't wait for this special performance!

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to our amazing PTA for hosting a delightful Holiday Luncheon for the staff. Your kindness and efforts to make us feel appreciated never go unnoticed, and we are so thankful for everything you



do. We'd also like to thank the many businesses in town that donated to our North Staff raffle this year.

Finally, we want to celebrate our students for their incredible progress and dedication throughout the first half of the school year. Your hard work and determination make us proud every day. Keep shining, Polar Bears—we're excited to see all the great things you'll accomplish in the months ahead!

obituaries

Daniel Jeff Scott



Born June 30, 1943, in Reedley, CA. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his younger brother, Russell Scott. He served in the Navy in the aeronautical division. He served in Vietnam and was stationed in other countries for 20 years. After returning, he worked in security at several casinos in Las Vegas, NV. He retired due to health reasons. He had three children: Daniel Edward, Laurie

Ann, and Matthew. He is survived by his sister Carole Jones and his nephew Edward Spine.

Arrangements were entrusted to HeartLight Funeral Services of Cedar City, 2002 N Main St Suite 7 Cedar, UT 84721, (435) 586-3456.

Ricky Jay Engle



Ricky Jay Engle, 61, of Enoch, Utah passed away peacefully in his home on December 30th, 2024. Ricky is the husband of Shallon Payne. For full service details please visit <https://www.heartlightfs.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?page=1>.

Want to submit an obituary?

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obituaries

Robert Bernard Baldwin



Robert Bernard Baldwin, known fondly as "Dude," passed away on December 15, 2024, at the age of 64. Robert was born on July 24, 1960, in Cedar City, UT, where he made his home and spent his life building a legacy of love, resilience, and

adventure.

Robert was a man of many talents and passions. Ambitious from a young age, Robert was a hardworking carpet layer, who took pride in his craft. His tenacity and skill were evident in every job he undertook, but his talents extended far beyond his work. Robert had a green thumb and was famous for his garden, especially his corn. He was also a talented cook, loved hunting season with his family.

His favorite memories were going to the cabin, hiking, and chopping wood. He loved family holidays at his parents' house and always said that his best time ever was living in Summit, Utah, where he spent a significant part of his life. Robert was a compassionate man who cherished his family above all else. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Jane, whom he married on January 7, 1994. His compassion extended to all he met, and he had a knack for making everyone feel special with a unique nickname unless he didn't care for them.

He was also survived by his children Robert, Jaclyn, step-sons Adam Carrillo, and Tim Burgess, his siblings Brenda (Sandy) Webster, Lynda (Lloyd) Kenney, Larry (Vicki) Baldwin, Lisa (Layne) Holmes, and brother and sister-in-laws Steve(Brandi) Sherman. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Connie Baldwin.

In his passing, we remember a man who was as adventurous as he was kind, as hardworking as he was loving, and as talented as he was humble. Robert's memory will endure in the hearts of all who knew him. Please consider sharing your memories and uploading photos of Robert to his memorial page to celebrate his wonderful life. Your stories and pictures will keep his spirit alive and provide comfort to all who loved him. A visitation for Robert will be held on Saturday, December 21st 2024 at the Cedar City 15th Ward located at 400 North 500 West from 10:00-10:45am with a Memorial Service to follow at 11:00 am. Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation



COLD MONTHS

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to exercise indoors somewhere there is plenty of light or at least a good view. Exercise can increase the amount of positive endorphins to improve happiness and enhance your health, which is good for everyone! Until the weather warms up, try to embrace everything the season has to offer. From comfy and warm blankets while snuggling with a loved one to ice skating, hot chocolate and the beauty of falling snow, embracing the season can allow optimism to rise. We can also help improve positivity this winter by shoveling snow, laying down ice melt for an engaging and social lifestyle for safety, and even helping out a neighbor.

Instead of just hiding out under the covers at home, waiting for the snow to melt and the warm weather to return, strap on your snow boots, put on your

coat and some gloves, and take advantage of the change of season and get outside.

Try ice fishing—there are lakes near us—so grab some gear and give it a try! You can make it a social event with warm drinks and comfy camping chairs. Plus, you just might score a fresh catch for dinner!

"Winter forms our character and brings out our best."

"Winter is a season of recovery and preparation."

"Winter is a time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friend or family and for a talk beside the fire, it is a time for home."



"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand in the cold."—Aristotle

Escape to a winter wonderland to make a snow angel or build a good ole fashioned Frosty. Have fun plopping yourself right into the snow, waving your arms and legs to create the perfect angel or stacking big balls of snow on top of each other for a jolly snowman (don't forget the carrot nose, hat and stick arms!)

Look for ways to continue to be active in the winter and get outside and enjoy it. Try something new, even if it's taking a walk in the snow.

With all the fun you'll have and the memories you'll make, you'll be glad you tried crazy fun stuff in the snow.

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The Season for Christmas Pageants



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by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Maybe you saw the delightful

movie “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” at the movie theater recently. Maybe you had the chance to see one of the many Christmas pageants presented by local congregations throughout the area. These programs really bring home the “reason for the season” and help us gather to celebrate the birth of Christ together. One such program was presented at Red Hills Baptist Church recently. It played for two evenings, and the Church made an open invitation to the community by publishing their event in the Holiday Schedule of Events published in the paper this year.

The church is arranged with a stage at the front of the chapel to support performances by their worship team for weekly services under the direction of Michelle Osborn who also serves as the pianist. The worship team consists of both instrumentalists and singers, and performs hymns to upbeat, contemporary music.

The pageant unfolded as a family conversation between Ty and Holly March and their sons Mac and Tucker. The boys were discussing the Santa tradition of Christmas and wondering how the religious significance of the birth of Christ reconciled with these more secular traditions of the season. Ty and Holly had a sweet conversation with their children, bringing up points that the boys themselves had made about Christmas. This was accentuated by musical numbers from the worship team and choir. One of the great highlights of the evening was when a choir of children from the congregation sang. The audience loved their sweet songs.

Hopefully, you have taken the opportunity this season to participate in some of the many wonderful community activities that help to enhance the holiday spirit.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

ISAIAH 43: 18-19:

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Southern Utah Football Unveils Action-Packed 2025 Schedule



by **Regan Hunsaker**

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah
– Southern Utah

Football has officially announced its 2025 schedule, featuring a mix of exciting home matchups, challenging road tests, and key conference battles. For the first time, six games will be set at Eccles Coliseum, including the highly anticipated Homecoming clash against West Georgia.

Head Coach DeLane Fitzgerald said "Having six home games this season is huge for our program and our fans. There's nothing like the energy of Eccles Coliseum when Thunderbird Nation shows up loud and proud. Our players feed off that atmosphere, and it makes a real difference on the field. Our staff has

been building toward the 2025 season since we arrived in Cedar City. We're excited about our team, ready to defend our home turf, and give our fans a season full of moments to celebrate."

The season kicks off at home on Saturday, August 30, as SUU welcomes Idaho State to Cedar City. The Thunderbirds then hit the road for a West Coast showdown against San Diego on September 6. On September 13, they return to Eccles Coliseum to renew an old Big Sky rivalry matchup with Northern Arizona.

Conference play begins with a bang on September 27, when SUU hosts West Georgia for Homecoming in front of what's expected to be a raucous home crowd. Other marquee home games include clashes with Abilene Christian

(October 18), Austin Peay (November 1), and Central Arkansas (November 15).

The road schedule is equally intense, highlighted by pivotal conference trips to Tarleton State (October 4), Utah Tech (October 25), and Eastern Kentucky (November 8). The Thunderbirds wrap up the regular season with a long journey to Florence, Alabama, to face North Alabama on November 22.

2025 Southern Utah Football Schedule

- **Saturday, August 30** – Idaho State
- **Saturday, September 6** – @ San Diego
- **Saturday, September 13** – Northern Arizona
- **Saturday, September 20** – @ UC Davis
- **Saturday, September 27** – West Georgia* (Homecoming)
- **Saturday, October 4** – @ Tarleton State*
- **Saturday, October 11** – BYE
- **Saturday, October 18** – Abilene Christian*
- **Saturday, October 25** – @ Utah Tech*
- **Saturday, November 1** – Austin Peay*
- **Saturday, November 8** –

CV girls beat Rams, win twice at Classic


by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View girls basketball coach Jaycee Barnhurst admitted she looks forward to playing South Sevier every season at the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic, mainly because "it gives us a good idea where we're at."

On Dec. 28, the Falcons found themselves in a very good place after finishing three games at the 15th annual tournament with a pair of victories.


THURSDAY



CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
FALCONS

Dixie

52



CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
FALCONS

Canyon View


50

Dixie 17 10 19 6 - 52
Canyon View 9 14 10 17 - 50

Dixie - Hollingshead 17, Stilson 2, Ja. Bundy 10, Bennett 12, Orton 3, Je. Bundy 2, Winters 6. Totals 19 8-11 52. 3-pointers - Hollingshead 2, Ja. Bundy 2, Winters 1.

Canyon View - Hallows 2, Spencer 8, Nichols 12, King 8, Potter 5, Miles 11, Blackner 4. Totals 15 19-25 50. 3-pointers - Spencer 1


FRIDAY



CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
FALCONS

Canyon View

54



STALLIONS

Stansbury

28

Stansbury 7 8 9 4 - 28
Canyon View 17 14 16 7 - 54

Stansbury - Hansen 9, Meldrum 4, Larsen 4, McGee 3, Malu 3, Maile 3, Lambert 2. Totals 9 9-14 28. 3-pointers - McGee 1.

Canyon View - Spencer 13, Nichols 13, Potter 6, Miles 6, Vargas 5, Blackner 3, Sorensen 2, King 2, Horton 2, Hallows 2. Totals 21 5-11 54. 3-pointers - Spencer 1, Nichols 3, Potter 2, Vargas 1

Maylee Spencer and Maya Nichols scored 17 points apiece, and Canyon View took control late to beat South Sevier, 52-44 in overtime at the Nest to improve to 9-4 overall on the season. The Falcons outscored the Rams 9-1 in the extra period after playing to a 43-43 tie through regulation. "Coaches who have been around for a while tend to stick to the same types of things," Barnhurst said. "We prepared for their 1-2-2 press and halfcourt trap. Instead of letting it take us by surprise, we were ready for it. That

in the game. Sydnee Patterson led all scorers with 25 points for South Sevier, including the last seven of the period to tie the score at 32-32 and set the table for a wild finish..

The fourth quarter featured eight lead changes - the last one on a jumper in the lane from Spencer - but overtime was set when Patterson made only 1 of 2 from the free-throw line in the final minute. After Caitlin Nielson hit a free throw for what proved to be South Sevier's only point of the extra period, CV

finished off the win with seven straight points. Spencer scored five and Kambree Potter added two free throws in the game-clinching run that completed the scoring. "Maya and Maylee are both capable of scoring like that every night," Barnhurst said. "For the two of them to fire at the same time is huge for this team." The Falcons started the Classic with a pair of games played Dec. 26. In the opener, CV fell behind by as many as 14 points, but the comeback bid fell just short in a 52-50 loss to the Dixie Flyers. Izzy Hollingshead led three players in double figures with 17 points, and Dixie broke the game open with a 12-2 run that started the third quarter.

Canyon View outscored the Flyers 17-6 in the fourth quarter, but couldn't secure a final rebound after Dixie missed a free throw with six seconds left that would have given a chance to potentially tie or win the game.

Maya Nichols led CV with 12 points and Emery Miles added 11 in the loss. In the late game, Nichols and fellow senior Maylee Spencer scored 13 points each, and Canyon View got everyone involved on the score sheet as they beat

took them out of sorts a little bit." And that preparation helped on the defensive end after the Rams (10-3) wiped out a 30-22 third-quarter CV lead, the largest for either team

SCHEDULE

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- @ Eastern Kentucky*
- **Saturday, November 15** - Central Arkansas*
- **Saturday, November 22** - @ North Alabama*

*Conference games

The Thunderbirds, under head coach DeLane Fitzgerald, are coming off a season of growth, finishing 7-5 and tied for second overall in the United Athletic Conference, and are eager to continue their climb. With a mix of veteran leadership and exciting new talent, SUU is set to bring the energy every Saturday this fall.



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CV GIRLS

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the Stansbury Stallions, 54-28. The Falcons were able to hold Stansbury to single digits over all four quarters as they built a 31-15 halftime lead before rolling to the win.

In total, 10 different players scored at least two points for CV and the team made seven 3-pointers – three coming from Nichols.

The Cedar girls team played a single game over the holiday week and beat the Carbon Dinos, 62-41 on Dec. 27. The Reds (7-4) trailed the Dinos 16-12 after the first quarter, but took control with a 34-15 tear over the second and third quarters to earn the win.


Gabby Gomez led Cedar with 24 points and four 3-pointers, while Analyse Shimada added 19. The Reds return to Region 9 play with a home game against the Hurricane Tigers on Friday starting at 7 p.m. Canyon View returns to play Jan. 7 with a home game against the Delta Rabbits, also at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY



**CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
FALCONS**

Canyon View
52



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South Sevier
44

South Sevier 12 8 12 11 1 – 44
Canyon View 14 6 12 11 9 – 52

South Sevier – Nielson 2, Buchmiller 5, Jensen 12, Patterson 25. Totals 17 6-11 44. 3-pointers – Buchmiller 1, Patterson 3.

Canyon View – Spencer 17, Nichols 17, Potter 7, Miles 7, Blackner 2, Vargas 2. Totals 20 5-11 52. 3-pointers – Spencer 3, Nichols 3, Potter 1.



Canyon View's **Emery Miles** looks for a shot over a South Sevier defender during the Falcons' game against the Rams on Dec. 28.

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Falcon boys win twice at Hodson Classic

THURSDAY
Canyon View
50

Panguitch
42

Panguitch 11 13 6 12 - 42
Canyon View 16 9 17 8 - 50

Panguitch - Miller 16, Johnson 11, Dalton 6, B. Chappell 4, R. Chappell 3, Walter 2. Totals 12 13-20 42. 3-pointers - Johnson 3, Dalton 2.

Canyon View - F. Sanders 15, J. Sanders 9, Ludlow 9, Attig 8, Slack 7, Bealer 2. Totals 23 4-5 50. 3-pointers - F. Sanders 1, J. Sanders 1, Ludlow 1, Slack 1.

FRIDAY
Dixie
52

Canyon View
39

Dixie 17 6 16 13 - 52
Canyon View 4 17 6 12 - 39

Dixie - Weber 5, Forsy 17, Davey 8, Worth 2, Walter 12, Carter 2, Simmons 6. Totals 22 3-5 52. 3-pointers - Forsy 5.

Canyon View - Attig 17, F. Sanders 7, Hallows 4, Maher 3, J. Sanders 5, Slack 3. Totals 16 3-9 39. 3-pointers - Attig 2, Maher 1, J. Sanders 1.

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

With the game on the line, the Canyon View boys basketball team had two main scoring options. The Hurricane Tigers didn't count on a third option that came through at the perfect time.

Bubba Ludlow hit a 15-foot jumper with 4 seconds remaining, and CV held on for a thrilling 59-57 victory over Hurricane on Dec. 28 in the final game of the 15th annual Steve Hodson Cancer Classic. The Falcons won two of the three games played and improved to 9-3 overall on the season.

After the Tigers' Quinn Gubler (12 points) hit the second of two free throws with 25 seconds left to tie the score at



Canyon View's **Ty Attig** drives toward the basket as Hurricane's Tyson Stout closes in during their game at the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic on Dec. 28

57-57, Canyon View head coach Kim Blackner said the plan called during the timeout was to make sure the team would need only one play to go for the win.

"We were trying to isolate Ty (Attig) and Jeter (Sanders). We got downhill, Jeter made the decision to kick it back out. Bubba pulled up and hit the 15-footer," Blackner said. "(The play) wasn't designed for him, but the ball ended up in his hands. He's a competitor and he wants to be great at everything he does. To take the last shot is in his nature."

Ludlow finished the night with only 4 points, but none were more important than the winning basket that helped CV finish 5-1 in its six preseason games against Region 9.

"We harped on the defensive end because we had been struggling," Ludlow said. "We wanted our defense to lead to offense. We still need to improve, but this was a good start."

Canyon View had built a 10-point lead at 52-42 early in the fourth quarter on a jumper from Jeter Sanders, but Gubler answered with five straight points of his own to lead the Tiger comeback.

R.J. Hurst (15 points) added a 3-pointer to help the charge before Gubler's free throw tied the score and set up the finish.

After a defensive first quarter that saw Hurricane (7-5) come out with a 9-7 lead, CV went on a 26-point scoring blast in the second and took a 33-25 lead to the halftime break. Jeter Sanders and Ty Attig scored seven points each in the period, including a 3-pointer.

Attig led all scorers with 20 points, Jeter added 14 and Felps Sanders had 12 before fouling out with 2:24 left in the game. The only points the Falcons would score the rest of the way came from Ludlow's winning shot.

Brigham Kemp led three Tigers in double figures with 16 points in the loss.

In their opening game at the Classic, Felps Sanders scored 15 points and the Falcons used a 17-6 third-quarter run to pull away and beat Panguitch, 50-42 on Dec. 26. It was the first loss of the season for the Bobcats.

Jeter Sanders and Ty Attig added 9 points apiece for the Falcons, who led 25-24 at the half. CV overcame a 20-5 deficit in free-throw attempts and made 23 field goals in the victory.

SATURDAY
Canyon View
59

Hurricane
57

Hurricane 9 16 13 19 - 57
Canyon View 7 26 13 13 - 59

Hurricane - Kemp 16, Q. Gubler 12, T. Gubler 3, McCauley 4, Hurst 15, Stout 3, Hughes 4. Totals 21 9-15 57. 3-pointers - Kemp 2, Q. Gubler 1, Hurst 2, Stout 1.

Canyon View - Ludlow 4, Attig 20, F. Sanders 12, Bealer 7, Hallows 2, J. Sanders 14. Totals 23 8-11 59. 3-pointers - Attig 2, F. Sanders 1, J. Sanders 2

In Game 2, Tyson Forsy scored 17 points with five 3-pointers, and the Dixie Flyers went on a 16-6 third-quarter run to secure a 52-39 victory over the Falcons on Dec. 27. CV fell behind 17-4 after a quarter, but rallied to tie the game at 21-21 late in the second quarter before Jay Jay Davey hit a layup that beat the buzzer and gave the Flyers a 23-21 edge at the half.

Dixie would never trail in the second half and led by as many as 16 points.

Attig led the way for Canyon View with 17 points in the loss.

The Falcons will return to Region 12 play Friday with a road game at Emery that tips off at 7 p.m.

Southern Utah University: It's A Family Thing

by Parker Haynie

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, UTAH— Southern Utah University is one of the only Division

I programs where the men's and women's basketball head coaches have children on their teams.

Head Women's Basketball Coach Tracy Mason, her daughter Samantha Johnston, and Head Men's Basketball Coach Rob Jeter III with his son, Robert Jeter IV.

Samantha Johnston is a fifth-year graduate student who has been playing for her mom for the last five seasons.

"It's been really amazing to be a part of. Five years is a long time, and we have been through a lot together. We won a championship and were a part of the first NCAA Tournament in program history. All of it has just been really special," said Mason

Johnston is currently tied for fourth in total games played for the Thunderbirds. With 19 games still left on the schedule, she will look to become the all-time leader in total games played for Southern Utah.

She is also the all-time leader in three-pointers made, with 221 currently. In her career, she has averaged seven points per game, 2.1 assists per game, and over two three-pointers made per game. Despite being just 6'0 tall, she is 10th all-time in SUU history with 65 blocks and counting.

"Since she was three years old, she has always loved basketball. She would always want to come with me to practice; she would come on recruiting trips and track stats and things like that. She has just always loved the game, which made it a little bit easier for us. Ultimately, we both just want to be successful here." Said Coach Mason.

Rob Jeter IV, or 'Lil Rob,' as most call him, always knew he wanted to play basketball for



his dad. Despite earning varsity letters in both football and basketball in high school, when it came time for college, the decision was easy.

Lil Rob graduated high school in 2020, which coincided with Rob Jeter's getting the head coaching job at Western Illinois. Lil Rob was then given a chance to finally play for his dad.

"Until we were at Western (Illinois) together, I never really got to coach him in a team setting. There was one three-on-three tournament I coached him in, and I think that was pretty eye-opening for him to see the type of coach and competitor I am." Said Coach Jeter.

Lil Rob played at Western Illinois for three seasons, appearing in 24 games for the Leathernecks.

Coach Jeter and Rob Jr. then moved to Cedar City, where Jeter was hired as the Head coach at Southern Utah University. In 2023-24, Lil Rob played in 22 games for SUU and had a career game against Stephen F Austin, in which he scored seven points, dished two assists, and had a steal.

"His Grandfather, Rob Jeter Jr, played for the Green Bay Packers and is in their Hall Of Fame. I had a successful college career and am now a head coach, so Lil Rob has had a lot of pressure on him for the majority of his life, and to see the way he has grown and matured is really special. And I am incredibly proud of him." Said Coach Jeter.

Many Universities claim that they are a family, but at Southern Utah University, we really mean it.

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PREP SCOREBOARD - WINTER STANDINGS

SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

12/18 Desert Hills 68, Cedar 29
Crimson Cliffs 63, Snow Canyon 44
Hurricane 69, Dixie 56

12/20 Crimson Cliffs 60, Cedar 46
Desert Hills 64, Hurricane 48
Pine View 56, Snow Canyon 49

12/26 Hurricane 71, Carbon 41

12/27 Dixie 52, Canyon View 39
Syracuse 63, Snow Canyon 52
Crimson Cliffs 69, Tooele 47

12/28 Dixie 69, Panguitch 56
Canyon View 59, Hurricane 57
Tooele 48, Snow Canyon 42
Overton 79, Crimson Cliffs 61

Region 12

12/18 Canyon View 76, Manti 66
Richfield 61, Emery 43
Juab 66, North Sanpete 39
Delta 63, Carbon 43

12/20 Juab 67, Canyon View 65
Richfield 75, Carbon 53
North Sanpete 46, Delta 45
Emery 61, Manti 55

12/26 Canyon View 50, Panguitch 42
Hurricane 71, Carbon 41

12/27 Dixie 52, Canyon View 39
Carbon 61, Panguitch 51

12/28 Canyon View 59, Hurricane 57
Carbon 64, Parowan 52
Provo 52, Manti 46

Region 18

12/17 Millard 57, Parowan 55
Kanab 65, Chinle (AZ) 51

12/18 Parowan 50, Enterprise 48
South Sevier 70, Water Canyon 34
Beaver 46, Millard 39

12/20 Kanab 47, Parowan 36
Beaver 55, Water Canyon 32
South Sevier 69, Millard 46

12/26 Enterprise 55, West Wendover (NV) 53, OT

12/27 Needles (CA) 67, Enterprise 64
Enterprise 57, Pahrump (NV) 23
South Sevier 78, Providence Hall 60
Beaver 58, Rockwell 49
Kanab 70, Piute 37

12/28 Carbon 64, Parowan 52
Kanab 73, Stansbury 60
Moapa Valley (NV) 59, Enterprise 50
Beaver 60, Altamont 27

Girls Basketball

Region 9

12/17 Cedar 59, Desert Hills 55
Snow Canyon 76, Crimson Cliffs 27
Dixie 66, Hurricane 35

12/18 Desert Hills 60, Foothill (CA) 23

12/19 Cedar 67, Crimson Cliffs 62
Snow Canyon 62, Pine View 29
Geo. Washington (CO) 55, Desert Hills 42

12/20 Snow Canyon 62, Bountiful 54
Desert Hills 49, Westchester (CA) 44

12/21 Santa Monica (CA) 59, Desert Hills 39, Snow Canyon 64, Judge Memorial 36

12/26 Dixie 52, Canyon View 50

12/27 Cedar 62, Carbon 41
South Sevier 43, Dixie 28
Snow Canyon 54, Salpointe Catholic (AZ) 48
Pine View 52, Judge Memorial 32

12/28 Dixie 70, Stansbury 43
Snow Canyon 74, Sunnyslope (AZ) 46
Pine View 58, Tooele 43

Region 12

12/17 Juab 51, Canyon View 44
Emery 54, Manti 49
North Sanpete 55, Delta 43
Richfield 42, Carbon 31

12/19 Canyon View 62, Emery 60
Richfield 53, North Sanpete 24
Juab 54, Delta 27
Manti 51, Carbon 32

12/20 South Sevier 68, Carbon 36
Richfield 38, Beaver 33

12/21 Kanab 56, Carbon 33
Richfield 50, Union 30

12/26 Dixie 52, Canyon View 50
Canyon View 54, Stansbury 28

12/27 North Sanpete 51, Gunnison 40
Cedar 62, Carbon 41

12/28 Canyon View 52, South Sevier 44, OT
Manti 64, North Sevier 47

Region 18

12/17 Enterprise 59, Parowan 22
South Sevier 68, Water Canyon 30
Beaver 71, Millard 46

12/19 Kanab 68, Parowan 18
South Sevier 65, Millard 31
Beaver 63, Water Canyon 20

12/20 Richfield 38, Beaver 33
Union 47, Millard 37
South Sevier 68, Carbon 36
North Summit 52, Enterprise 32
Kanab 63, Duchesne 37

12/21 Kanab 56, Carbon 33
Beaver 48, Duchesne 45
Enterprise 60, North Sevier 24
Juan Diego 46, Millard 45
North Summit 48, South Sevier 42

12/27 South Sevier 43, Dixie 28
South Sevier 52, Stansbury 18

12/28 Canyon View 52, South Sevier 44, OT

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (10)	2-0	7-4
Crimson Cliffs (13)	2-0	8-5
Pine View (12)	2-0	7-4
Hurricane (6)	1-1	7-5
Dixie (7)	0-1	8-4
Snow Canyon (24)	0-2	2-10
Cedar (23)	0-3	2-10

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab (1)	3-0	9-2
Richfield (3)	3-0	8-3
Canyon View (4)	2-1	9-3
Emery (11)	2-1	4-7
Delta (6)	1-2	8-3
North Sanpete (13)	1-2	2-6
Carbon (14)	0-3	3-9
Manti (17)	0-3	2-8

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	2-0	8-3
Beaver (8)	2-0	8-3
South Sevier (1)	2-1	9-3
Enterprise (4)	1-1	6-4
Parowan (16)	1-2	3-8
Millard (20)	1-2	3-8
Water Canyon (13)	0-3	3-5

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	2-0	13-0
Cedar (8)	2-0	7-4
Dixie (6)	1-0	8-4
Pine View (9)	0-1	7-4
Desert Hills (7)	0-1	5-4
Hurricane (20)	0-1	3-9
Crimson Cliffs (17)	0-2	2-7

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (3)	4-0	8-5
Canyon View (2)	3-1	9-4
Juab (5)	3-1	6-3
Emery (8)	2-2	5-8
North Sanpete (12)	2-2	4-8
Manti (10)	0-3	5-6
Delta (11)	0-3	3-6
Carbon (18)	0-3	2-10

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	2-0	10-1
Beaver (5)	2-0	7-2
Enterprise (7)	2-0	6-5
South Sevier (3)	2-1	10-3
Millard (19)	1-2	3-7
Water Canyon (9)	0-3	5-5
Parowan (22)	0-3	0-13

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

And now, we have liftoff on another dozen sporting trivia questions for your guessing enjoyment. This week's collection is a grab bag of challenging stuff that won't break your brain – at least that's the intended goal here. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!

1. What streaming service carried a pair of NFL games on Christmas Day for the first time?
2. Christmas Day featured a full slate of five NBA games. Of the 10 teams that were featured, which one has played on the holiday the fewest number of times (three)? This team avenged a loss in last year's Western Conference semifinals and beat the Dallas Mavericks on the road.
3. Which NBA team is still waiting for its first opportunity to play a game on Dec. 25?
4. For the second time in three seasons, the Chicago Bears lost its 10th straight game, 6-3 to the Seattle Seahawks on Dec. 26. With Week 17 still in progress, what other NFC team has also lost 10 straight games?
5. Derek LaLonde was fired Dec. 26 as head coach of what NHL team? This team has failed to reach the Stanley Cup playoffs for eight straight seasons, the second-longest active streak in the league.
6. True or False: all of the higher-seeded teams won their matchups in the opening round of the 2024 College Football Playoff?
7. The Pac-12 may no longer exist, but one of its former teams – the Oregon Ducks – will be playing at what legendary venue in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 1 against Ohio State?
8. Despite dealing with a rib injury, what Philadelphia Eagles backup quarterback said he's "ready to go" in place of starter Jalen Hurts, who is still in concussion protocol after last week's 36-33 loss to the Washington Commanders?
9. As of Week 17, how many playoff spots are still up for grabs in the NFL?
10. Philadelphia Eagles running back Saquon Barkley needs 268 yards over the final two regular-season games to break the all-time record for rushing yards in a single season. Who holds the record set in 1984 with the Los Angeles Rams and admitted he isn't rooting for Barkley?

11. Rushing Record Part 2: Among eight different running backs to do it, who was the most recent to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season? This Baltimore Raven did it in 2020 when he was a member of the Tennessee Titans.
12. Colorado's Travis Hunter pulled off a rare feat in becoming the first two-way player to win the Heisman Trophy. Hunter is a wide receiver on offense, but what is his DEFENSIVE position for the Buffaloes?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Atlanta Hawks, Milwaukee Bucks, Oklahoma City Thunder and Houston Rockets. The Bucks won the Cup with a 97-81 win over the Thunder on Dec. 17.
2. Bill Belichick.
3. Dan Mullen.
4. American Sign Language.
5. Wright's attempt bounced off the left upright and still landed accurately to give the Chiefs the victory.
6. 19-17. Through Week 16, the Chiefs have not scored more than 30 points in any game this season.
7. Ja'Marr Chase caught a 40-yard touch down pass from Burrow that gave the Bengals a 27-20 win over the Cowboys.
8. Juan Soto.
9. Dick Vitale.
10. Nick Folk.
11. True.
12. Kirk Cousins. Cousins was replaced by first-round draft pick Michael Penix Jr. on Dec. 21, and the rookie out of Washington led the Falcons to a 34-7 win over the New York Giants.

Cedar officially split for new realignment

After multiple changes with the considerations in the UHSAA's realignment process, the final word is in for Cedar High sports in the next two school years. The Reds will move to 3A for football, but stay put in the 4A ranks for all other sports, and it was finalized by the UHSAA Board of Trustees during its Dec. 19 meeting. This wasn't the case at first when the school petitioned to move down to 3A in all sports.

The initial consideration allowed Cedar to move down, but the second consideration kept the school in 3A for football and moved it back to 4A for all other sports. When the UHSAA

Board of Trustees met for the final realignment, nothing was changed. This means the Reds will start next fall as the seventh member of 3A South in football, joining the current group of Canyon View, Carbon, Juab, Manti, North Sanpete and Richfield. In all other sports, Cedar remains with the Washington County schools – Crimson Cliffs, Desert Hills, Dixie Hurricane, Pine View and Snow Canyon – as part of the familiar Region 9 brand. With the new realignment, Cedar became the 13th team for 3A football, giving it a better shot at postseason success under the RPI system. The new 4A setup has 29 schools with the additions of Deseret Peak (new) and Summit Academy (up from 3A). It's only speculation at the moment, but the current 4A playoff plan only allows 24 teams to advance.

As for the Falcons, the new 3A non-football realignment still has three regions, but CV will be in a newly-configured Region 14 alongside Delta, Juab, Providence Hall and Richfield. One of the initial considerations had 3A split into two regions – one with nine teams, the other with eight – but Region 12 will now have seven teams with the others having five apiece. Also among Iron County schools,

Parowan is staying put in 1A South for football in a four-team region. Milford left and was moved to the eight-player league for the classification. In all other sports, the Rams will still be part of Region 18. San Juan and Grand are new additions to the region, while Millard was moved to Region 15 and Water Canyon moved down to Region 20 in the 1A ranks.

While we were away for the holiday, there was plenty of chaos in the NFL playoff push with the regular season winding down. As of this writing, the NFC's No. 1 seed was

still up for grabs. For all of the injury issues the Detroit Lions have suffered through, especially on the defensive side of the ball, the team was still tied with the Minnesota Vikings at 13-2. By the time these words reach your mailbox, the Lions may have clinched a second straight NFC North title in one of two ways.

If the Green Bay Packers beat the Vikings on Dec. 29, Detroit only needed to beat the reeling San Francisco 49ers in the Monday Night Football matchup Dec. 30 to win the top seed and the bye week that goes with it. If those things didn't happen, the Vikings and Lions face each other at Ford Field on Jan. 5 to decide it all. It won't be officially set until after all Week 17 games are played, but you can safely bet that the matchup will be showcased on NBC's Sunday Night Football – KSL, Channel 5 locally – which would be the right thing to do.

Happy 2025 to one and all. Please be safe and please be kind to each other.



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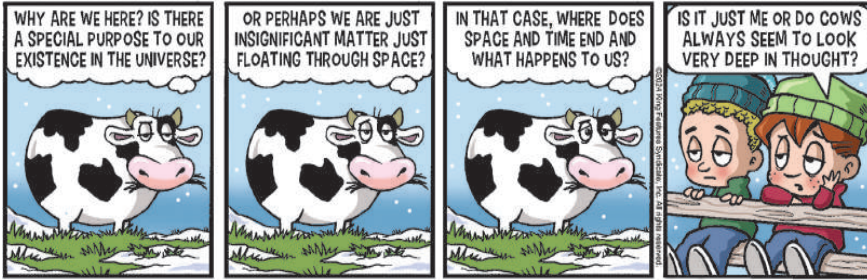
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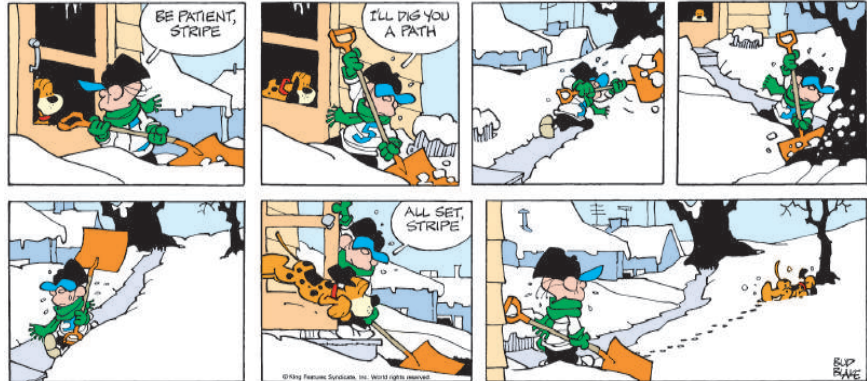
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Frieze is larger. 2. Bush is larger. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Car bumper is missing. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Windows in door are smaller.

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Trivia Test Answers!

1. Victoria Sponge Cake; 2. Santa's Little Helper; 3. About 120 days; 4. The island of Kiribati in the Oceanic nation of Kiribati; 5. Oscar Mayer; 6. Two; 7. The Time Warp; 8. Coldblooded, when body temperature is regulated by the environment; 9. Canada; 10. Geoffrey Chaucer

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cake is named after a British queen?
 - TELEVISION: What is the name of the family dog on "The Simpsons"?
 - ANATOMY: How long does a human red blood cell exist?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is New Year's celebrated first each year?
 - ADVERTISING: Which company sponsors a 13-foot-long Weinermobile?
 - MEASUREMENTS: How many pints are in a quart?
 - MOVIES: What is the name of the dance performed in the "Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
 - BIOLOGY: What does the term ectothermic mean?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
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