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Iron County Jail Bond Election

Problems with Current Jail

OVERCROWDED

- The current jail is experiencing severe overcrowding, with insufficient space for both sheriff staff and inmates

PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS

- Overcrowding in the jail has forced the release of arrestees into the public.

COSTLY/INEFFICIENT REMODEL

- Estimated cost to remodel and bring up to current standards is 25% more than the construction of a new jail.



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**"I would appreciate your vote in support of the Jail Bond. This important decision will impact the future safety of Iron County."
-Sheriff Ken Carpenter**

Benefits of New Jail

ADDITIONAL CAPACITY

- This expanded facility is projected to meet the growth of Iron County for the foreseeable future.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The new jail will allow the Sheriff to book inmates and, prevent them from being released back into the public early.
- Greatly increases the safety of the staff and deputies in the facility.

EFFICIENCY & COST SAVINGS

- This design allows for more efficient staffing, operating and maintenance.
- Gives us the opportunity to house contract inmates
 - Allows a revenue stream that will help pay off the bond early.
 - Bring state and federal tax dollars that we are currently paying back into Iron County.



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Proposed GO Bond

- The Average property owner cost per year is \$153.04 or \$12.75 per month.
- Term of Bond is 31 years It is expected to be paid off early with
 - Sale of the current jail property
 - Proceeds from contract inmates
 - The possibility of a sales tax, that will spread the responsibility to all, other than just property owners.
- Once the bond is paid, the average tax amount (\$153.04) will be dropped.



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Parowan students, community honor veterans with special flag retirement ceremony

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It was a chilly afternoon at the Parowan Veteran's Memorial, but just before Veteran's day seemed like a good time to hold a ceremony to retire tattered and worn United States Flags.

barrels. Once the fires were lit, Taps was played while each veteran in attendance stood at attention and saluted. Students and others present placed their hands on their hearts. Some shed a few tears witnessing this touching ceremony of patriotism and community!

The smoke from the barrels



Parowan students learn about the value of Veterans and properly disposing of our country's sacred symbol.

A few months ago, Parowan City Council member and Parowan Veterans community member Jim Shurtleff announced that since the Boy Scouts were no longer active and retiring flags in Parowan, the Parowan Veterans would be holding a flag retirement ceremony on November 8. Citizens were asked to drop off their tattered and worn flags at various locations in town. The townsfolk responded in a big way, dropping off over 200 flags for retirement.

Parowan High School student government representatives and the student body worked closely with the Parowan vets to prepare the flags for the ceremony. The students carefully folded each of the 200+ flags into the traditional triangle shape.

U.S. Flags, folded in a triangular shape with only the blue fields visible, were lined up ready for the event. Those in attendance were somber and quiet while a few veterans spoke. Lee Grimm, a PHS alumni, recited a poem he wrote while in school titled "The Last Flag." The students in attendance then solemnly carried the flags to veterans at the burn



filled the air for quite some time, as will the legacy of these veterans fill our hearts. After a while, the crowd quietly dispersed and everyone left with a little education, community, and patriotism. Thank you to the PHS Students and Parowan Veterans for coordinating this event. God Bless America!



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FROM THE EDITOR

To know no snow now

Was it just my imagination or was there actual snow on Cedar Mountain last week? And is it just me or is the weather getting weirder? Literally freezing cold one day and the next it's warm enough to go for a hike, play pickleball/tennis or soak in some warm rays? That seems weird that it's becoming (or already is) the norm for this time of year.

Regardless, winter has played its primary punch, warning us that we'll soon be measuring the upcoming holiday seasons in inches and grinchies.



COREY BAUMGARTNER
MANAGING EDITOR

Thankfully, the extra (but deceptive) sunshine means we've still got time and temperature to batten down the hatches before storm—I don't just mean a wintery one.

Because it seems like the upcoming elections will (and already are) produce storms of their own that we must each decide whether or not we will weather them well or with ill will. What will our individual emotional temperatures and temperaments be? I believe (and have seen) great things from great people in our Iron County and regardless of the polls and outcomes of the elections, I believe I will still continue to see them.

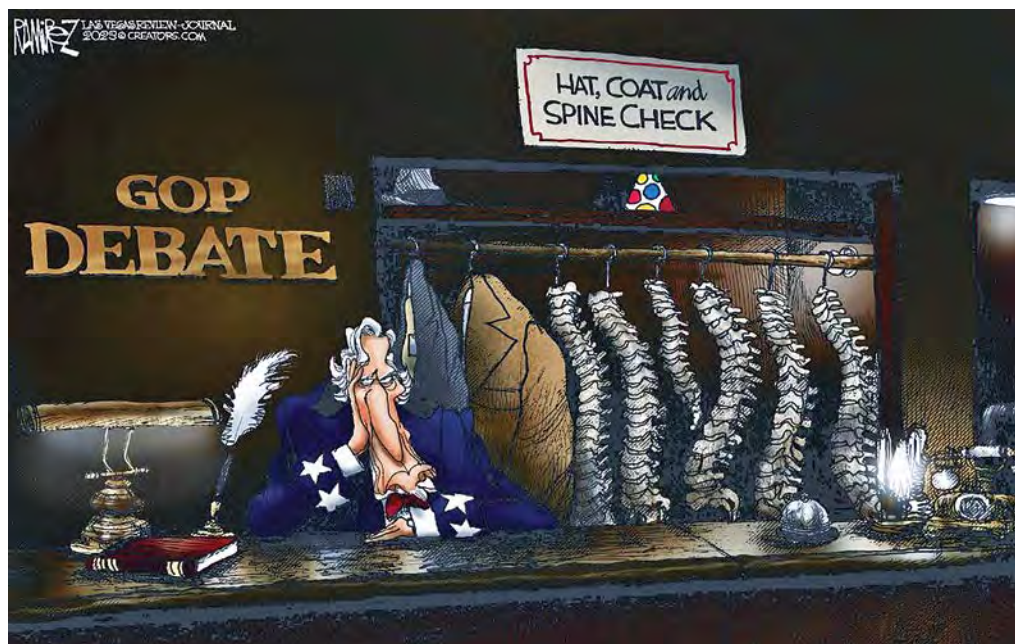
WORD OF THE WEEK

CALEFACTION

[kal-uh-fak-shuhn]

The state of being warmed

It's a fact that winter is near. Best reaction? Taking action to stay warm!



TO THE EDITOR

Proper property taxes

I am told that my property taxes will increase by \$272 due to "Growth." This does not make sense to me. Let's just say 1,000 people with 500 children are paying \$1,000 in taxes each year and are doing fine. Then another 1,000 people move in with 500 children and the taxes for everyone go up to \$1,272. You would think the taxes might go down a bit due to "volume." Where does all the extra money go, especially for the next 31 years? Growth should sustain growth. I don't get it.

Gene Graham

The time is now!

As Iron County voters contemplate supporting or opposing several ballot measures, I would encourage them to think hard about the jail bond initiative. Currently our jail is the oldest in the state and in desperate disrepair. Raw sewage flows out of rusted out pipes buried in two feet of concrete, electrical wiring is corroding, air handlers are leaking and cannot be repaired because they are no longer made. The conditions for inmates and those tasked with

guarding them are hazardous and deplorable. It is just a matter of time until our county faces significant legal fees and judgements from lawsuits. Also, the jail is severely overcrowded. Inmates are stuffed into every closet and cranny. The booking area is overflowing with those on suicide watch and cannot be used for its intended purpose. Lower-level criminals are simply released since there is no room for them and this has led to a 17 percent rise in property crimes.

The current jail proposal will allow us to meet our constitutional requirement to provide a jail and do so in a manner that accounts for the meteoric growth that our county is facing. Fortunately, our county commission has been very frugal and kept taxes low without an increase for the last 24 years (at least). None of the current commissioners wanted to raise taxes, but the reality is that if this jail bond is not passed, they will be forced to raise them for good instead of letting the increase fall away once the bond is paid. They have crafted a plan that was 7 years in the making, thoroughly examining every option. This issue has been in the works for a very long time and is well thought out.

By building for future growth, they will have additional room to accept

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Fear not November's challenge bold. We've books and friends, and hearths that never can grow cold. These make amends."

Alexander L. Fraser

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contract federal and state inmates that will help take taxes that we already pay to house them in other locales and bring those funds home to help pay down the bond more quickly, saving taxpayers a great deal. Because it is a general obligation (GO) bond, we will receive a very favorable interest rate of around 4.2 to 4.6 percent.

The cost has already risen more than 14 million dollars because of the opposition of community members and is estimated to rise \$6 to \$10 million each year that we delay securing the bond. In the end, it is likely that the state Supreme Court will order us to build this jail if the measure does not pass, but that will take years and many more millions of dollars. By opposing this bond, you are voting in favor of a more expensive project, and even higher taxes than those imposed by this current bond. I am no fan of taxes, so I really don't want to ultimately pay more than this bond imposes.

I have recorded a podcast with the Sheriff and Commissioner Mike Bleak, both of whom I believe are honest and honorable men, that details many of the misconceptions of this project. I urge anyone still undecided about this project to listen to it and consider supporting this important need in our county. It is available on Apple Podcasts on the What's Really Happening in Southern Utah podcast. It can also be found on Facebook in the Cedar City Politics group.

I urge you to vote to save money, meet a real need in our community, lower crime rates, and help us plan for the inevitable growth we are facing in the future. Please vote to approve the GO bond for a new jail. Thank you.

Dan Kidder

Inspiring community recital performed at St. Jude's

The Southern Utah String Quartet gave an outstanding performance and variety of music last Thursday night. As always, Vivaldi is a favorite and a wonderful opener. A lovely Bach Concerto with two violins and piano. The final numbers were quite a surprise. Bohemian Rhapsody and Stairway to Heaven. Lindsay Szczesny, Suzanne Stewart, Leah Brown and Sara Penny make up the quartet. Piano was shared by Meliss Funk, Carol Fife and Sally Hunter. Cedar City has a wealth of talent and it was shared to the enjoyment of many.

Jane McCoy

Positive perspectives on the school and jail bonds

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Malcolm X

I have seen a lot of comments and opinions about the School District Bond and the New Jail Bond. There are many people who have very good reasoning skills and feel very strongly about these bonds. The quote listed above caught my attention and resonated with me. We have a great need to prepare for our future society/community. We need to educate our people. In every historical period of time that I know of, when a group of people is educated a society thrives. When you limit education for your people, the society degrades and fails.

I have been in the schools and I have been in the jail (not as an inmate). I have seen some of the needs in each place. My question becomes: What kind of community do we want in our future? We have an opportunity to continue to build a thriving community, a great future for each of the people who live here in Iron County. Each person is important because each person is going to contribute to Iron County in one way or another. What will we do with this opportunity?

With this in mind, I support both bonds. We need to make sure our children (future leaders) are educated so they can solve the problems of the future. We also need to make sure that adults in our community are educated so they can live lives that contribute to a thriving community. I see it as a win-win.

I also trust the people who have been elected and hired to manage these issues. They have spent time studying these issues and looking at all possible solutions. They work hard to do their best for our county. I have worked with some of these people and have the utmost respect for them. I have also read the literature about each bond, and can see the great need for each one. I invite each of you to study the information for yourself. This is truly an investment in our future, and if we don't act now, we will regret it. I leave you with one more quote. I added one word in parentheses. I don't think Walter Cronkite would mind:

"Whatever the cost of our libraries (education), the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." Walter Cronkite

Please join with me in voting for the School District Bond and the New Jail Bond. Our vote is critical to our community's future.

Le Ila Dennis, Cedar City

School bond an investment for future generations

The Iron County Education Association (ICEA) firmly believes that a strong investment in education is fundamental to the well-being and future success of our community. As educators deeply committed to the growth and development of our students, we support the Iron County School District Bond and urge you to vote "YES" for student success.

The bond is not simply a financial investment; it is a commitment to the future of Iron County.

The Iron County School Board members carefully studied the needs of our district and voted unanimously to approve the bond for five projects: a 10th elementary school, an expansion of Canyon

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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

THE WEATHER PATTERN IS SET TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE FROM THE END OF THE WORKWEEK INTO THE WEEKEND. WET WEATHER POTENTIAL WILL INCREASE AS TEMPS GRADUALLY BEGIN TO COOL. FROM THE END OF THE WEEKEND INTO EARLY NEXT WEEK IT LOOKS A BIT CALMER WITH NEAR SEASONAL TEMPERATURES.

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Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation supports improvements to Iron County Care and Share Shelter

from Rhonda Frazier

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation, in collaboration with Molina Healthcare of Utah, recently presented \$20,000 to Iron County Care and Share in support of the organization's emergency shelter program.

"The Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation understands the importance of making sure individuals

said James Jetton, executive director of Iron County Care and Share. "It's through generous donations such as this that we can provide compassionate assistance and resources to individuals and families in need, creating opportunities for increased stability and self-sufficiency."

The Iron County Care and Share Iron County Care and Share is a local, private non-profit dedicated to providing compassionate assistance



MOLINA HEALTHCARE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

(R to L) Senator Vickers, Sheila Young (AVP, Growth and Community Engagement, Molina Healthcare), Jana Bradford (Program Manager, Member Engagement, Molina Healthcare), Dane Womack (Iron County Care and Share, Board of Directors), James Jetton (Executive Director, Iron County Care and Share), Sierra Waters (Operations Mgr., Iron County Care and Share), Norman Keith (Shelter Manager, Iron County Care and Share), Bruce Washburn (Iron County Care and Share, Board of Directors), Mike Bleak (Iron County Commissioner).

have access to a safe place to live, as well as food and supplies," said Brandon Hendrickson, plan president of Molina Healthcare of Utah. "We are honored to partner with the Iron County Care and Share emergency shelter, a life-saving resource to so many in our community."

Funds from the grant will support improvements to the shelter, including light fixtures and appliances, as well as additional supplies such as sleeping bags, blankets, towels and more.

"We are grateful to the Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation,"

and resources to individuals and families in need, offering them opportunities to increase their stability and self-sufficiency. The Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation was created to improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged populations by funding meaningful, measurable, and innovative programs and solutions that improve health, life, and living in local communities. It has been providing government-funded, quality health care since 1997. The Company serves members through Medicaid and Medicare programs throughout Utah.



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Nearly half of the proposed bond is for a new K-5 elementary school

Voters already previously rejected bonding for a new K-5 school by 60-40%

Utah birth rate is 1.9, below replacement level

7 Salt Lake District schools considered for closure

Historical high cost of new construction

Millions for artificial turf are not needed and not fiscally responsible

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Historic Cedar City celebrates 172nd Birthday

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The settlement was given the name of Fort Cedar because of the

Ryan Paul, local historian, speak on “Gone But Not Forgotten—a History of Cedar City’s Historic Main Street” in the Cedar City Council Chambers. To complete Cedar City’s



Cedar City celebrates 172 years of the best place to live, work and play.

abundance of trees which were called cedar trees, although, they are really juniper trees. Now 172 years later, Cedar City is home to almost 40,000 people. A Birthday bash was celebrated at the Homestead State Park, along with birthday cake, vendors and exhibits.

The famous Scavenger Hunt challenged participants with local trivia related historic events throughout Cedar City. A Veterans Day Ceremony was held at Southern Utah University’s Sharwan Smith Center. Also, everyone was invited to hear

Birthday Celebration, the Master Singers joined in the festivities with their concert in the Heritage Theatre, where all attendees were invited to sing “Happy Birthday” to the city. “We love celebrating the rich history of Cedar City” stated Aleese Cadon, chair of the Preservation Commission. “And we choose to make the celebration as special as possible because Cedar City is a very special place.” We want to thank all those who made this event possible and look forward to making next year even better!



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**KATHY
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Cedar City Council

Forward Thinking for Our Community

I am running for Cedar City Council because I will offer a fresh perspective to our local politics and community. We have had a lot of the same thinking for the last several years, and I think it is time to change things up a bit. We are all concerned about water, infrastructure and growth. We need solutions and I plan to work to supply those answers.

I have been on the Chamber of Commerce board, the Friends of the Children's Justice board, worked with the Iron County Care & Share, and Canyon Creek Crisis Center. I have been on the Iron County Home Builder's Board for the last eight years. Working with all of these organizations has allowed me a perspective that best suits a City Council member.

VOTE FOR KATHY

KATHY HAS BEEN PART OF OUR ORGANIZATION AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR 8 YEARS. WE VALUE THE FACT THAT SHE TAKES TIME TO MODERATE OUR CANDIDATE PANEL DISCUSSIONS. SHE UNDERSTANDS THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE CITY AND IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND USES THAT KNOWLEDGE TO ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND WILL USE THAT INFORMATION TO BEST SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Nov. 8, 2023

by Iron County Today Staff

IRON COUNTY TODAY

SUU Campus Proposed Roundabout

The UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) gave a presentation regarding a proposed roundabout project at the intersection of 1150 West and Center Street near the SUU football stadium. Jared Beard, UDOT's Region 4 Traffic Operations Engineer, explained that a roundabout was recommended over other options like traffic signals or 4-way stops due to traffic flow and safety benefits. Current traffic volumes at the 4-way stop intersection already cause congestion and backups, especially with students traveling to campus. The roundabout is projected to significantly reduce potential accident rates compared to a signalized intersection, as well as accident severity. Roundabouts eliminate dangerous right-angle and head-on collisions. Pedestrian safety would also be improved with the raised medians providing refuge when crossing. Mr. Beard showed a UDOT video further explaining the safety and efficiency benefits of roundabouts, along with conceptual drawings of the proposed roundabout footprint. He stated the location near campus with mostly passenger car traffic is an ideal fit for a roundabout. A representative from SUU said the university was strongly in favor of the project and appreciates UDOT securing funding. The council will provide UDOT with a letter of support so design work can commence, with construction tentatively scheduled for 2025.

Heritage Center Booking Policy

The Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution amending the Heritage Theater booking policy, with a change to include the Iron County Children's Justice Center's Dancing with the Stars as a qualified legacy event.

New Fire Station Approved

The Council awarded a \$398,500 contract to an architectural firm to design a new fire station, despite timing concerns that construction may still be years away. Officials explained having approved plans ready is necessary to apply for grants and be

shovel-ready when needed. The Council also approved bids for construction of a new sewer line, subject to securing easements for the project.

Cedar City Police Chief Honored

Police Chief Darin Adams was recently honored by the Utah State Fire Marshal for his service to the community.

Cedar City Planning Commission Nov. 7, 2023

by Iron County Today Staff

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Mining Rights Disposal

A discussion centered on the disposal of mining rights for a segment of the old wastewater treatment plant property. Public Works Director Paul Bittmenn presented comprehensive details about the property's three sections, advocating for the leasing of the central section for gravel mining, with a dual emphasis on flood control and aquifer recharge. Despite reservations expressed by Police Chief Darin Adams and Wastewater Collection Manager Randy Clove, concerning potential implications for their respective facilities, the Planning Commission, in a unanimous vote, recommended the disposal of the mining rights. The proposal is now poised for final consideration by the City Council.

Landscape Ordinance

The amendment aims at bringing the city code in line with new state requirements for minimum turf widths to qualify for water conservation rebates. Following the public hearing, which garnered no public comments, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

City Water Master Plan

A comprehensive update to the city's water master plan was presented by Steve Jones and Ridley Griggs of the engineering firm Hansen, Allen & Luce. The presentation underscored the impending water supply-demand imbalance due to projected population growth. After a thorough discussion, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the water master plan update.

High Voltage BBQ honors veterans

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three local groups collaborated on Saturday to host an event honoring veterans. Parowan's High Voltage BBQ, Patriot Alliance Outdoors and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 49-4, joined forces to raise funds to honor our local veterans.

The parking lot of High Voltage BBQ was filled with trailers and tents; the portico of the restaurant was lined with motorcycles. At 11am when the restaurant opened there was a line outside waiting to enter.

The big prize of the day was a drawing for a Mossberg rifle. Many other

goodies were also presented to winning ticket holders who did not need to be present to win. In the end, the winner of the rifle donated it back to the nonprofit so that it could be used for another fundraiser in the service of vets.

High Voltage BBQ (HVBBQ) is owned and operated by Parowan residents Cade and Andrea Boardman. HVBBQ served free meals to veterans until they ran out of food at closing. By the way HVBBQ is veteran-owned as Cade is a 12-year National Guard veteran. Patriot Alliance Outdoors is a local nonprofit whose founders have a passion for hunting and the outdoors and take veterans and gold star families on unique guided hunts.



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Southern Utah University

SUU celebrates International Education Week

by Nikki Koontz

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A collaboration between Southern Utah University's Office of Learning Abroad and International Student Services brought a week of global culture celebration to SUU's campus. International Education Week (IEW) featured a full schedule of global interest events which aim to both excite and educate students about a wide array of lifestyles and traditions from around the world.

The week included daily activities beginning with an international film viewing scheduled for Monday, November 13th from 6-8pm in the Sharwan Smith Center Living Room where Professor Jamie Spinney introduced the documentary, The Last



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SUU's International Education Week celebrates cultures from around the world.

Tourist. Tuesday's events included a talk by Fulbright Scholar Dr. Hasnul Djohar, followed by a panel discussion on global cultures, also taking place in the SSC living room, from 11am-1pm. Later that night students embraced their inner pop star with K-pop karaoke from 6-8pm in the SSC living room.

On Wednesday, November 15, the event was a FIFA video game tournament game night with food, games, and fun from 5-7pm in the student center wing. Moving towards the end of this week, SUU will be holding a cultural showcase on Thursday, November 16 from 8am-2pm and finish out the festive week with a Days for Girls project on Friday, November 17 from 10am-1pm in the International Affairs Office Global Landing.

Consider Voting NO ON ALL BONDS THIS YEAR

Until the elected officials provide specific information to residents of Iron County on additional funding they have explored and secured to assist with the school and jail construction projects consider voting NO to all general obligation bonds that are secured exclusively by property taxpayers.

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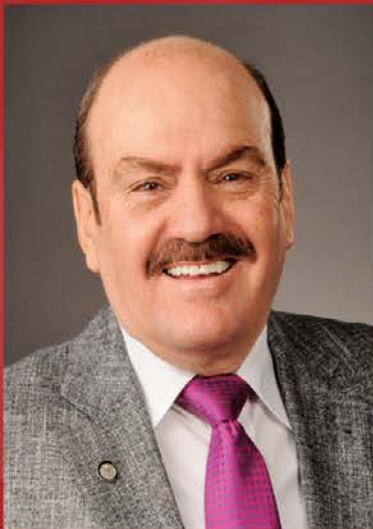
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"We care deeply about our community and want people in city government who will spend the time required to do research and carefully think through any decisions so that the majority of citizens they represent will benefit from that decision. We believe Carter Wilkey is that type of person and ask that you join us and vote Carter for Cedar City Council." - Evan and Chris Vickers



"Working with Carter Wilkey on the Board Of Adjustments and Planning Commission gave me the opportunity to see him in action! Carter came to meetings prepared and took the lead in problem-solving the issues the citizens of Cedar City brought before these boards. I tell my friends and family that no one knows and understands the workings of the city better than Carter. He is approachable, respectful, and genuinely interested in the success of our beautiful community. I trust Carter to guide our city through the growth and change ahead." - Jill Peterson



"I have worked alongside Carter for the Iron County Children's Justice Center, Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce, Cedar City Active Transportation Committee and many more. Carter also serves on our city's Board of Adjustments and City Planning Commission. I know what this job takes and the commitment it requires. Carter is ready to serve the citizens of Cedar City. Please vote Carter Wilkey for Cedar City Council."

- R. Scott Phillips



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SCHOOL BOND

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View High School, a facility for our Alternative Programs, ADA Accessible Playgrounds, and artificial turf on our high school football fields. These projects are desperately needed.

Elementary schools are currently overcrowded and teachers have no space to plan and prep because every room is being utilized for instruction throughout the day. Overflowing classrooms not only hinder learning but also leave no room to accommodate Iron County's growing population.

Canyon View High School needs additional facilities to accommodate increased use in their weight room, wrestling room, and dance lab. Our Alternative Programs operate out of aging portable classrooms that don't accommodate the large numbers of students who could benefit from these programs, underscoring the urgent need for a permanent building. The preschools and elementary schools lack ADA accessible playgrounds, limiting the opportunity for students to access playground equipment and interact with peers.

Our sports teams have inadequate facilities, impacting their competitiveness at regional and state tournaments. Adding artificial turf would not only benefit our teams but also provide the broader community with greater access to recreational space, fostering a healthier and more active lifestyle for everyone.

Voting "YES" for the school bond is a fiscally responsible vote, as the bond is the most efficient way to pay for these projects. If the bond doesn't pass, the district may need to pursue more expensive tax increases to pay for essential projects that can be achieved at no net tax increase with this current bond proposal. Investing in our schools has a ripple effect, positively impacting our local economy and strengthening the sense of community pride. When our schools thrive, our community becomes more attractive to families and businesses, fostering economic growth and stability for everyone. By voting "YES", we can provide our students with the best possible education and create a brighter tomorrow for Iron County. Sincerely,

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Utah is well represented by our veterans, who have served their country despite the risks and sacrifices required of each of them. As Senator for Utah, I've had the distinct privilege of meeting many of our veterans—at the VA in Salt Lake City, during their Honor Flight trips to Washington, D.C., and at Veterans Day commemoration events across the state. I've consistently found myself heartened and inspired to associate with these patriotic heroes. To all veterans, thank you not



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Iron County Holiday Assistance Program Opens for Applications and Donations

from Pam Branin, Director

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Iron County Holiday Assistance (ICHA) program is gearing up for the 2023 holiday season and is currently accepting applications and donations. The application process is online, in both English and Spanish, at www.suu.edu/community. Application submissions encouraged by November 20. Program staff are encouraging that donations be made by December 1.



ICHA relies completely on donations to support the program, which serves over 500 families and 1,200 children here in Iron County. You, your business, church group or other organization can help! Donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts, as well as stocking stuffers for children aged 0-17, are needed. Gift donations can be dropped off at the Cedar City or Enoch City office buildings, either Cedar City State Bank of Southern Utah location, or the Southern Utah University Hunter Alumni Center, 405 W. University Blvd. Monetary donations can be made online at www.suu.edu/community, where interested individuals can also sign up to help with gift distribution December 4-8.

The SUU Community Engagement

Center, in its ICHA sponsorship role, also serves as a central coordinating organization. The Community Engagement Center works with other local organizations including Toys for Tots, Shop With a Cop, and the Iron County School District to ensure that families in need of assistance receive help from one organization, allowing local resources to be distributed farther.

Iron County Holiday Assistance relies on individuals, families and businesses to help everyone in Iron County have a merry Christmas. Please consider making a donation. Community members can also help by making sure families in Iron County in need of assistance complete the on-line application by the November 20 deadline.

AARP offers Smart Driving classes

from Rowland Gow

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring a series of safe driving classes designed specifically for older drivers. The classes cover the many changes that occur within us, in roadway design and in the vehicles we drive. They also cover rules of the road, sharing the road with others and what to do when you can no longer drive.

These lessons are designed to make drivers safer and more confident behind the wheel. They can help you save on your car insurance because many insurance companies offer discounts to individuals who have taken the course. These discounts last for three years from the date of the class.

Classes are four hours long and are led by local volunteers using materials specially prepared by AARP and other professionals. They cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. The next event will be held on December 4, at the Iron County Visitors' Center. This will be the last class offered in Cedar City for 2023 and will be lead by Roland Gow (435-865-5825). Please call to make a reservation. Space is limited.



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THE LANGUAGE OF HEALTH – Translation services offers medical information to all

by Lisa Larson

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH

When it comes to communicating with a healthcare provider, sometimes the medical terminology can sound like another language. But for many whose primary language is not English, that information really is being delivered in another language, a challenge that adds a layer of complexity to even the most basic level of health care. Fortunately, this is a challenge Intermountain Health takes very seriously.

For the past several years, Carlos Martinez-Morales, language services and cultural competency manager, and his team have been working to provide interpretation and translation services for anyone in need. These services include accommodations for patients and family members who do not speak English as their primary language, as well as those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

"Last year we serviced 89 languages, but we have access to 250 different languages around the clock through video and telephone,"

Martinez-Morales said.

Currently the Language Services Department includes nine languages on staff, along with about 100 interpreters throughout the Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Colorado area. These services can be provided in person in many cases, or via electronic devices, which greatly expands the number of languages that can be accessed.

Martinez-Morales says he's proud of what he and his translation team have been able to accomplish at Intermountain Health, as they know first-hand just how valuable it is to receive important medical information in a language the patient understands.

"We pride ourselves on having the best possible interpreters available for our patients, and we know it has a huge impact on the patients and their families," Martinez-Morales said. "You can see the patient, once the interpreter comes in, their whole demeanor changes. They relax and they're able to communicate. It really alters the dynamics of the meeting."

An important element to the

translation services is the fact that information can be relayed clearly and without the kind of bias or cultural barriers that might come into play if the medical staff is relying on a family member to interpret.

For example, Martinez-Morales has seen multiple cases of patients

with terminal cancer who did not know they had cancer at all because a son or daughter who was interpreting for them chose to omit that information in the translation process, in order to avoid breaking such bad news.

Martinez-Morales also said that having access to an interpreter can give greater understanding to the whole situation and provide context and answer questions in a way that tools like Google translate simply cannot.

"As an interpreter, you're helping so many people," Martinez-Morales said. "Every day you go home feeling so rewarded by what you did. Even if you are letting someone know really bad news, you know that moment would have been more difficult if you were not present."



Carlos Martinez-Morales,
Intermountain
Health Language
Services and Cultural
Competency
Manager

The interpreters and translators on the language services team include about 90 percent who are native speakers of their non-English language. About 10 percent learned a second language through school and other means. Some of the interpreters were once patients in need of translation services who have since improved their English skills and are paying it forward.

"They have the most empathy for the patients they serve," Martinez-Morales said. "They have great full-circle stories of being in a country where they didn't understand the language and now, they're helping others in that same circumstance."

Additionally, there are bilingual members of Intermountain Health's staff who can serve as interpreters once they complete the training and testing required for legal compliance and competency.

"We have more than 400 employees who have gone through the program," Martinez-Morales said. "They are able to create an even more seamless experience for the patient because if the healthcare provider can speak the patient's language, it doesn't even have to go through an interpreter."

Employees wishing to participate as interpreters receive the additional training at no cost to them.

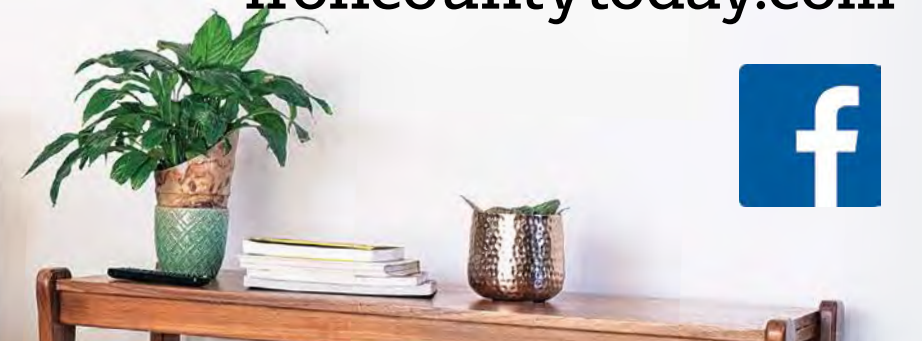
"We're just trying to level the field so they have the same access as anyone else," Martinez-Morales said.



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STAGE WITCHCRAFT

Studio Reds and Puffs bring new magic to Harry Potter fans

by Tsadakah Wilberg

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

There is something magical about seeing a story unfold onstage. Watching and hearing the scenes play out in front of you—in a way that can't be experienced the same from a book or movie. Puffs really emphasizes that as you get to experience the Harry Potter story like you never have before. You can see the characters right in front of you—not separated by a screen or the pages.

Studio Reds performed Puffs, the story of the Hufflepuffs, November 9th thru November 11th. For months now, the actors and actresses have been preparing to

perform and entertain. They were able to demonstrate skills like mastering accents, comedic timing, and using emotion to make their characters come to life; all skills valuable in well-rounded actors.

Their play, Puffs or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years At a Certain School of Magic and

Magic by Matt Cox, is a charming parody of the popular Harry Potter series as seen by the "Puffs" or Hufflepuffs. Often forgotten, the Puffs are the magic students who often feel useless when compared to their smart and brave counterparts. Often bullied and left out on adventures, it's no surprise that the main characters are often discouraged. They want to change how the school sees the Puffs while also

surviving the dangerous things magic school will throw at them.

Puffs mostly follows characters that were not part of the Harry Potter story such as Wayne Hopkins (played by Ryan Aitchison), Megan Jones (Reese Romney), and Oliver Rivers (Aiden Anderson) but it also includes characters well known such as Cedric (Colin Taylor), Ginny

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The Hufflepuffs (Puffs) performed magically with elaborate sets, enchanting costumes, and comedic spells.

Annual Christmas Tree Jubilee inspires camaraderie, community

from Carol Huff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Laura Albrecht makes Clark Griswold look like an amateur. Months before Christmas, she's getting the Christmas trees out, ornaments are carefully zip-tied on and big-scale plans are being made. But these trees aren't for her family. They're for the Holiday Tree Jubilee that she started in Cedar City six years ago.

Albrecht, a former event center owner, had a vision to bring friends and neighbors together while filling a need in the Cedar City community by helping Christmas be brighter for others. She'd never attended a tree jubilee but had heard of them being done in other communities and felt that it would be a great thing to bring to this area.

"I just wanted to do something fun. Something that would bring people together and help a lot of people too," Albrecht said.

After a few years of being held in other locations, the Tree Jubilee settled into its current home at the Heritage Theater in downtown Cedar City. The Jubilee has partnered with the city and holds the event in conjunction with the City's Holiday Lighting event.

"It's so fun seeing everyone's trees and how creative they are," said Kara Allred, Holiday Tree Jubilee Board Member. "I'm not a decorator so I love seeing everyone's talent."

With the help of an army of hundreds of volunteers, Albrecht turns the Heritage Theater into a



Laura Albrecht and her creative team make Christmas even more beautiful with divinely decorated trees.

CAROL HUFF

Hallmark-esque winter wonderland complete with food, gift baskets, donated quilts and trees, so many trees.

This year, the Holiday Tree Jubilee will feature over 60 trees decorated with themes ranging from Barbie, Taylor Swift, Marvel, Utah sports teams and many tastefully decorated trees that would impress the most artful interior designer. The Holiday Tree Jubilee differs from many similar events in the way they raise money from the trees. Instead of an auction-only format for the trees,

each attendee can buy as many tickets as they want and can then deposit the tickets into a container in front of whichever tree or trees they're interested in winning.

"We love the idea that people can win a tree with just a single ticket," Albrecht said. "We've had kids come and empty their piggy banks to buy just one ticket because they wanted to support other kids in need - only to be surprised and win the tree of their dreams. It's such a fun twist that makes it possible for EVERYONE to win."

A few of the higher value trees will be auction-only this year so that if someone really wants a particular tree, they can ensure they get it. Trees are sponsored and decorated by local business owners and families, some of which have donated trees every year for the event.

"This is our third year doing a tree and we get our whole family involved," said Gena Nelson, who decorates a tree for Stratum Real Estate-Steve Nelson. "The theme this year is 'Merry Fishmas,' a fishing themed tree. We love feeling that we are helping someone by doing something we enjoy and we love being a part of the Jubilee and all the good it does for our community."

Every dollar earned from the Jubilee goes to help local charities such as Shop With a Cop, the Iron County Care and Share as well as benefiting students in the Iron County School District who are homeless or disadvantaged.

"We are a small, independent, non-profit and we don't exist without community support and involvement. We absolutely depend on the community and events like the Holiday Tree Jubilee," said James Jetton, Executive Director of the Iron County Care and Share.

This year's Holiday Tree Jubilee will be held November 25, 27-28 at the Heritage Theater located at 105 N. 100 E. in Cedar City from 5-8 p.m. each night. The drawing for the trees will be held November 28 at 8 p.m. in the Theater and the public is welcome to attend. Winners do not need to be present to win.

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Award-winning filmmaker discusses ‘making America beautiful again’ at SUU

by Christina Schweiss

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Ask. Ponder. Educate. [X]. event on Thursday, Nov. 9, was called “The Politics of Beauty.” The guest speaker was award-winning filmmaker, John de Graaf.

By simply having beauty in your life, you can be happy. Graaf said, “Beauty is connected to wellbeing and happiness. Beauty makes people more altruistic. It makes them kinder. Beauty could save the world.”

The polarization which the United States faced after the 2016 election

most universal experiences that we all have as human beings.”

To bring his theory to life, Graaf created The Happiness Alliance. With the use of different studies done to measure where people were the happiest, Graaf and his team found that people are happier when they are in a beautiful place. He said, “If we spent some time beautifying communities, we can improve so many areas of life.”

Beauty does not have to be a

polarizing discussion. “We do have this beautiful country. To be patriotic is to protect it. If we can begin talking about beauty then we can begin to talk about some of the issues that are much harder.”

Leaving the audience with some inspirational words, Graaf said, “We must all work together to make America beautiful again.”

The next APEX events will return in 2024. For more information, visit <https://www.suu.edu/apex>.



John de Graaf speaks at the Nov. 9 APEX event called, “The Politics of Beauty.”

JOSEPH ROBERTS

Graaf grew up in the San Francisco area near Yosemite where he found his passion for beauty in the natural world. When Graaf was growing up, backpacking became very important. Graaf said, “Backpacking taught me what I now think of as the backpackers theory of life – you don’t need a lot to be happy.”

made Graaf start thinking about what can begin to reduce the polarization that we see in this country. He said, “It came to me that one of the places that we are most united and share a common interest is in beauty. I started to study beauty and discovered that beauty is not just in the eye of the beholder. Beauty is one of the

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(Eliannah Wilberg), and Harry himself (Daniel Nevins). It also included the teachers—although known with different names—and of course, the Dark Lord.

The story is heartwarming and exciting—perfect for fans of Harry Potter or of fantasy stories. Often, audience members find themselves rooting for the characters who were in the background of their favorite children’s books, crying with their

pain and cheering at their successes. Though, this is still a very funny play and the parodic humor left viewers gasping for air.

The sets and costumes were beautiful and well thought out, bringing guests into the world of the Puffs. The props and effects were planned with exactness, delighting audience members as they witnessed the true magic of stagecraft. The production crew put as much heart into the story as the actors. So much effort was put into this small play that it became an instant favorite for the actors and audience alike.

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Mother Nature insists on winter

by Mary Anne Andersen

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We were driving back from Enoch about 1:00 in the afternoon. The fields were brown, with few traces of green anymore. Leaves left on the trees were brown, rattling dryly as they tried to hang on a little longer. It was as if they wanted us to remember their red and orange glory of the previous two weeks, but they and we knew it was a lost cause. One good breezy afternoon and the leaves would fly, scuttling into the corners of lots and the edges of the roads. There was sun, but it was weak and pale, lacking warmth and energy. It failed to cheer, rather just exposed the general beige of the landscape. "Nature is getting ready to sleep," I commented to my companion.

Mother Nature will have her way with us. The evenings now are long, with the furnace compensating for the chill in the air outside. This is known as the "season" in cultural events, such as concerts at the Heritage Theater and school programs, but it takes energy to go anywhere. It is dark before we even leave home. Dressing involves

"When there is snow involved, we really have to want to see a program to leave our cozy couches. Mother Nature seems to win when she can keep us indoors."

several layers, not the light shirts and daylight hours that make it easy to leave home in summer. And when there is snow involved, we really have to want to see a program to leave our cozy couches. Mother Nature seems to win when she can keep us indoors. The air smells different.

Mealtimes no longer fill the neighborhoods with smells of barbecue. Instead, we hurry home at the end of our days, trying to beat the dark and enter a warm home filled with the welcome aroma of crockpot stew.

Clam chowder tastes delicious, and we have lost our desire for potato salad, somehow. The TV beckons, but the real enticement is all those books waiting to be read.

A perfect evening involves one's favorite reading chair and the lovely dilemma of what

to read. I have been reading a lot of Craig Childs, lately. He is the explorer of the southwest who boggles our minds with questions of where the water that exists in the deserts comes from or what happened to the Anasazi Indians. I read his books and marvel at the obsession that drives a person to such extremes in search of knowledge.

But finally the ultimate desirable solution as how to fill those long evenings boils down to a big, fat novel. The one I'm just starting is *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. A few weeks ago I heard it described on a radio talk show as "the perfect novel", and ordered it immediately. Unfortunately, it is so new that it exists only in hardcover, and it is 715 pages long. That requires quite a bit of fussing to get comfortable with such a tome. But pillows and a fuzzy throw result, in this case, to my escaping to turn-of-the-century India.

Oh, I will absolutely make the effort to see "Vocalocity", the CCMA Christmas concert on December 13th, but in the days until then, I might even turn the fireplace on.



Local band director to march in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

by Sanford Meisel

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Kelly Ball, a band director at Cedar Middle School, has been selected to join a marching band of 400 band directors from across the country, in the historic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 23, 2023.

The Saluting America's Band Directors parade entry will again convey its theme, "America's band directors: We teach music. We teach life." to recognize the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of band directors and music educators everywhere. Throughout their careers, the music educators in this band have collectively mentored

and taught hundreds of thousands of students. These professionals not only teach and direct music, but they also teach about life itself.

The band will be directed by nationally known music educator and innovative band director Jon Waters. The sponsoring organization behind the Saluting America's Band Directors project is the Michael D. Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio. The foundation was created to recognize and carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated

his life to the school and community music program in Pickerington and the Central Ohio area for almost 40 years.



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Major Jeff Quarnberg addresses those in attendance about why we celebrate Veterans Day.

Veterans honored at Cedar's Veterans Memorial Park

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Historic Preservation Commission and the Iron County Veterans Coalition held a ceremony honoring local veterans at the Veterans Memorial Park. On Veterans Day we show our enduring respect and reverence for those who have served in the United States military to defend our freedoms and way of life.

This past Veterans Day was one to remember. The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy and sometimes take for granted. This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

This year's theme for Veterans day was service. We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

“Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.”

Major Jeff Quarnberg spoke about why we celebrate Veterans Day. It is the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I. The armistice began on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The timing of this holiday is quite deliberate in terms of historical fact but somehow it seems quite fitting that this day comes deep in autumn when the colors are muted and the days seem to invite contemplation.

Which is the reason we all gathered at the Veterans Memorial Park in Cedar City which provided such a place to contemplate, commemorate and remember the heroes who have defended our country in conflict throughout the world. At the memorial we are surrounded with the names of those who served, both dead and living. We owe them a debt we can never repay. All we can do is remember them and what they did and why they had to be brave for us. All we can do is try to see that other young men and women never have to join them.

During the special ceremony, Quilts Of Valor were awarded to Service Members or Veterans who has been

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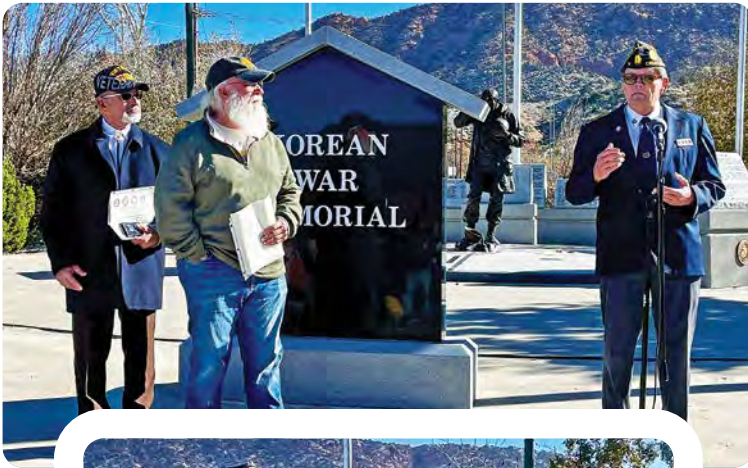
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touched by war. The quilts were presented by Crystal Farinella/Utah State Quilt Of Valor Coordinator. Four local Veterans were honored and wrapped with quilts, Charles Boynton, Kevin Davis, Ken Wells, and Richard Schmidt. These quilts are very high quality, beautiful and all hand made. The quilts say to each veteran, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."

The program concluded with a song by Cedar Middle Choir, a moment of silence, the lowering flag to half-staff, a gun salute, and the playing of taps. Thank you to Darrin Duncan, past Commander of the American Legion and Harold Frazer, 1st Vice Commander American Legion.

Today, as never before, we must pledge to remember the things that will continue the peace. Don't forget to 'Thank A Veteran' for their great personal sacrifice that enabled our nation to be free.



calendar

THURS, NOV 16

CLARINET DAY

LES MISERABLES (7PM, 16TH-18TH, 20TH) @ Canyon View High School (166 W 1925 N, Cedar). Tickets \$5 general admission, \$8 preferred seating. Available @ onthestage.tickets.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT (7pm, 16th-18th, 20th-21st, 2pm, 18th) @ Parowan High School (168 N Main). Tickets \$5 students/seniors, \$7 adults.

FRI, NOV 17

HIKING DAY

CEDAR STREET FEST (EVERY FRI 4-10PM) @ Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar). Local businesses, farmers markets, artisans, musicians, comedians, drive-in movies, etc. for a weekly celebration of Cedar City's unique culture. INFO: www.cedarstreet-fest.com.

TALON CRAFT FAIR (FRI 5-9PM, SAT 9-5PM) @ Canyon View High (166 W 1925 N, Cedar). \$1 per person or 6 for \$5. Food, craft vendors, live entertainment, and more. Don't forget to visit Santa! INFO: www.cvtalons.wixsite.com/talons.

SAT, NOV 18

ADOPTION DAY

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET (10AM-1PM) @ IFA (905 S Main St, Cedar). FREE. Farmers, food, artisans. Drawings, bingo, more! INFO: Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or Nancy 435-463-3735.



FESTIVAL CITY MARKET (10AM-1PM) @ (Center St. & 100 W) By Bristlecone Coffee. FREE. Handmade treasures and a bounty of local farmers, backyard gardeners, fresh fruits, veggies, with local artisans for jewelry, art, wood, pottery.

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MON, NOV 20

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TUES, NOV 21

WORLD TELEVISION DAY

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (TUES, 10-11AM) @ Frontier Homestead State Park Museum (635 N Main, Cedar). Admission FREE. A fun frontier-themed story along with a corresponding take-home activity. Recommended for preschool-aged children.



WED, NOV 22

GO FOR A RIDE DAY

MIDVALLEY FARMERS MARKET & ARTISAN FAIRE (4-7pm) @ (780 Midvalley Rd. Enoch). Live music, jump house, face painting, and more. Beautiful, unique items. Have dinner, listen to music, let the kids play in the jump house. INFO: Text: 435-704-6916.

CHARACTER SKETCHES (WEDS, 6:30-8:30pm) @ Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Weekly drawing/painting sessions using live models as characters from art, literature, books, movies, TV, video games. INFO: 435-586-6661.

THURS, NOV 23

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FRI, NOV 24

PAROWAN CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY (10-7pm). The Most Wonderful Time of the Year is held in Parowan, UT. Schedule of Events and INFO: Parowan Visitor Center 435-477-8190 www.parowan.org.

NATURE HILLS CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM (11-4pm) @ Nature Hills Farm (4326 N 2100 E, Cedar). Tickets online, \$8 adults, \$5 kids. At the door, \$10 Adults \$6 kids. Nature Hills is transformed into a magical Winter Wonderland with lights and Christmas displays. INFO: www.naturehillsfarm.com, 435-559-2791.

18TH THANKSGIVING POW WOW (FRI 6PM, Sat 12pm, 6pm) @ (440 N Paiute Dr, Cedar). This event is FREE and open to everyone to come and enjoy Grand Entries, Drum Contest, Princess Contest, & Dance Contest.

OPEN MIC NIGHT (2ND/4TH FRI, 7PM) @ Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W, Cedar). Each artist will have a 7-minute set. First come, first served signups at the door. \$5 donation is required for entry. INFO/Q's email info@johnsonartscenter.org.

SAT, NOV 25

WHITE RIBBON DAY

PAROWAN HOMETOWN HOLIDAY MARKET (9-5pm) @ Parowan shopping areas throughout the community. INFO and Vendors contact Dayla 435-531-6461, sweetpeafarman-dorchard@gmail.com.

PAROWAN ART TOUR 2023 (10-4PM). BEGINS @ Old Crow Basics (88 N Main St, Parowan) where you can pick up maps to all of the artists' studios and exhibit locations. Meet local artists and celebrate community. You are invited to leave your signature style on the community mural. To sign up for the art experience (\$15) contact Sherri 435-590-7022.



CEDAR CITY HOLIDAY LIGHTING (11AM-9PM) @ (10 N Main). Festivities include Christmas Market, Train Rides, Santa's arrival, Fireworks, and Holiday Tree Jubilee. Everyone is invited to bring a non-perishable item for the Iron County Care & Share. Full schedule @ cedarcity.org.

LABYRINTH WALK (NOON-2PM, 40-MIN sessions) @ St. Jude's Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, Cedar City). Walk the largest indoor labyrinth in Utah! Replica of the Chartres Cathedral's labyrinth in France. This meditative and prayerful practice has been used for centuries. Join us in this time of Thanksgiving, regardless of faith, or experience. No Charge. Facilitators present. Open rain or shine. INFO/Reservations please call Anne 702-539-3400.

5TH HOLIDAY TREE JUBILEE (25TH, 27TH, 28th, 5-8pm) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). Come see Santa and an amazing display of decorated Christmas trees to help kick off the holiday season! All proceeds go to our local kids and teens in need. FREE professional Christmas photographs, hot chocolate, dozens of Christmas trees to view and WIN, auction items, a children's area, and much more! INFO: FB: [holidaytreejubilee](https://www.facebook.com/holidaytreejubilee) or call 435-531-9138.



PAROWAN WINTER WONDERLAND (6-10PM Thru Jan. 1st) @ Parowan Main Street Park. Admission FREE. The Parowan City Park turned into an enticing wonderland of Christmas lights, incredible displays, Christmas Characters, Santa, and hot chocolate. Paint a free ornament to hang in the tunnel. Lights turned on every night from dusk until 10 pm.

OPEN MIC (4TH SAT, 7-9PM) @ FRONTIER Homestead (635 N Main, Cedar) FREE Family friendly event to showcase your talents, music, poetry, comedy, magic, etc.

MON, NOV 27

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON (4:30-7PM) @ Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W, Cedar). FREE. Live entertainment, hot chocolate, sing carols around Christmas Tree, St. Nick visit. Ornament crafts, cookie decorating, photos with Santa, food trucks, artisan market. INFO: 435-592-2407.

DECEMBER 1-2

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR (10-5PM) @ CEDAR City Visitors Center (581 N Main). Handmade holiday items by local artisans.

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

2nd & 4th Tues, 1 pm • Brian Head Town Hall, 56 N. Hwy 143

Cedar City Council

Wed (except 5th), 5:30 pm • City Hall, 10 N. Main St (435) 586-2950

Enoch City Council

1st & 3rd Wed, 6 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Enoch Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Tues, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Iron County Commission

2nd & 4th Mon, 9 am • Commission Chambers, 68 S 100 E, Parowan

Iron County Democrats

3rd Sat, 10 am-11:30 am • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E

Iron County Republican Women

3rd Wed, 11:30 am. Tickets \$20, <https://www.ironcountyrepublicanwomen.com>

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 6 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N • (435) 477-3331

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Darrin Duncan (435) 704-1466.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

2nd Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott, 1294 S Interstate Dr (Cedar Breaks Conference Rm)

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

2nd Sat, 10 am • Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E

Elks Lodge #1556

111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332

Lion's Club

Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Michelle Wilson for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (802) 359-2183

Marine Corps League

Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E)

Rotary Club

Tues, 12:15 • Southwest Tech, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City • (435) 233-0244

So. Utah Veterans Assoc.

1st Thurs, 7pm • Westview Christian Center (2624 West Hwy 56, Cedar). Veterans, First Responders, Anyone interested welcomed, encouraged to attend.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 KKCBC Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon
Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

Red Road to Sobriety • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

The Great Fact • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856

Red Creek Group • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Women's Meeting • Sat, 10:30 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

What a Way to Start the Day • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome

Al-Anon

KKCBC Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Al-Anon • 1st, 3rd Tues, 7-8 pm • 435-704-8984

Easy Does It • Tues, 7-8 pm • (435) 559-3333

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

Tues, 5:30-6:30 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Learn about/access resources, connect with others for support. Raven Albertson, 385.831.7124, utahprograms@alz.org

ARP—Addiction Recovery

1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

Caregivers

3rd Thurs, 5:45-7 pm • Zion's Way Home Health, 369 N 100 W #1, Cedar. All levels of the caregiver's journey from pre-caregiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 702-292-9911.

Celebrate Recovery

Fri, 6:30 pm, starting July 7, 2023 • Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

Embrace Grace

Tues, 5:30pm • Unmarried, pregnant? Don't be alone. Safe, non-judgmental. Free baby stuff at baby shower for you! Childcare available with heads up. 407-719-8595 or Threshing-FloorLife>Resources>Embrace Grace.

Grief Support Group

2nd Tues, 5 pm • Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar). Safe, supportive for those who have lost loved ones. You are not alone. Free. INFO: 435-586-4040

Grief Support - Child Loss

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). FREE for bereaved parent, sibling or grandparent. Includes any child loss (pre-birth, young, teen, adult). INFO: 435-327-1856

Helproom

Fri, 2-3 pm • Free online support group for survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault. Safe to communicate, share perspectives on healing, recovery. Join: affiliate. rainn.org/helproom/canyoncreekservices.

Multiple Sclerosis

3rd Thurs, 6-8 pm • Cedar Visitor's Center, 581 N Main. Caregivers and those with MS

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603 KKCBC Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

Hope Without Dope • Thurs, 8 pm

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

Candle Light Mtg • Sat, 9:30 pm (Sm rm)

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

Dopeless Hope Fiends • Sun, 8 pm • Mtg Hall, 1067 S Main, Cedar (877) 865-5890

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

Fri 5 pm • KKCBC 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201 (North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

Porn Addiction Recovery

Men Only • Thurs, 7:30pm • Canyon View seminary building (54 W 1925 N). North entrance.

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

1st Thurs, 7:30 pm • Share Families of So. Utah • 565 N Main Street, Ste. 6, Cedar • www.southernutahshare.com

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

3rd Thurs, 1:30 pm • Cedar City Library

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

1st Thurs, 7 pm • Westview Christian Center, 2624 W Hwy 56, Cedar. INFO: Chuck Waddell 907-252-1365.

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

2nd Tues, 1:30-2:30 pm • Cedar City Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • Kristy 435-559-9681.

Widows Ministry

2nd Sat, 11-1 pm • New Journey-Widow's Ministry @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

Wed, 11 am-noon, Spirit Wellness Club, 1615 N Main, Cedar City • All levels, Free to members, or \$8 drop-in fee.

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

Time TBA, Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • 435-586-0832. FREE. Trained instructors. Range-of-motion exercises, endurance-building activities, relaxation techniques, and health education topics.

Bingo & Lunch

Fri, lunch @Noon, Bingo @3 pm. Free for Seniors @ Our House Assisted Living (995 S Regency Rd, Cedar). INFO: 435-867-0055.

Book Club

2nd Thurs, 6 pm • Cedar Library 303 N 100 E.

Boy Scout Troop 1848

5th-17 yrs • Thurs 6:30 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text Sheila Shaw 805-208-4545

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email cedarmodela@gmail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome.

Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. cedarchestquiltersguild.org

Cedar City ESL

Wed, 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Free ESL lessons offered at Cedar Library, Rare Book Room (303 N 100 E). No pre-registration required.

Cedar City Toastmasters

Thurs, 7 am • Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main. Find your voice, shape your future. Be the leader & speaker you want to be. (603) 731-0116

Cedar Professionals

Tues, 7:30 am • Springhill Suites, 1477 S Highway 91, Cedar City. Organization of business people. Stimulate business through exchange of ideas, information, referrals. visit www.cedarprofessionals.org

Cedar Radio Control Club

4th Thurs, 7 pm • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E.

Color Country Winds

Wed • Come brush up on your band skills to share with the community. Call Debbie at (435) 559-9609 for time and location.

Cub Scout Pack 1848

K-5th • Thurs, 5 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west side door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text LaRee Kurtz 435-559-211.

Explorer Bible Club

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • 4yrs. to 6th grade, Valley Bible Church (4780 N Hwy 91, Enoch). 435-586-0253

International Folk Dancing

Fri, 1-2 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S) FREE. All ages welcome. For livelier dances come on (Sat 12-1:30pm @ Cedar Library 303 N 100 E). FREE. No Partner needed, Teaching. INFO 626-808-6129

Iron County Moms For America

2nd Thurs, 7pm Help heal our nation, keep liberty alive in your heart & home. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

O.A.R.S. Young Adult Group

Tues 28th 6-8 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Open, Authentic, Relevant, and Spiritual. Dinner group, ages 18-30. Conversations about spirituality, mutual support, curious questioning, community service. INFO: text 541-579-1554, pastorschuyler@gmail.com or Insta: [oars_young_adults](https://www.instagram.com/oars_young_adults)

Parowan Pickleball

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and sign up: Parowan Visitors Center 435-477-8190.

PB&J Therapy Groups

These two groups teach skills for different areas of life by utilizing recreational activities and engaging in other forms of expressing emotions. INFO: 435-267-4212. College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfVQ1tS2pB7 Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPVW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals.

Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

Wed, 9:30-11:30 am • Grind Coffee House (19 N Main, Cedar City). Knit, crochet, weave, spin, etc. Come learn a craft, work on a project, or just socialize. Beginners welcome! Questions: Jane 435-233-8366.

Senior Yoga Classes

Mon, 10-11 am & Wed, 1-2 pm • Cedar City Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Easy to do. Please bring own mat. (435) 586-0832

Sewing Group

Wed 9-2:30 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Bring machine, cord, projects, supplies. No fees. All abilities welcome. Annie Anzalone (702) 232-0063.

Southern Utah Woodturners

2nd Sat, 9 am, Cedar High School wood shop, 703 W 600 S.

StrongBoard Classes

M-W-Fri, 9 am • IFS Studio, 2390 UT-56 #9, Cedar City. Improve core strength, balance, stability. All fitness levels welcome. Class size limited to 8. Call (661) 436-0259 to register/reserve your spot.

Tae Kwon Do Class

Wed, 7-8:30 pm • Cedar City Aquatic Center, 2090 W Royal Hunte Dr. \$25/mo., ages 5+, any experience level (435) 865-9223. Helps benefit Canyon Creek Crisis Center.

Tai Chi For Health

Wed & Fri, 9:30-10:30 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. FREE low-impact, health for Seniors. Helps coordination, balance, flexibility. Maria Bailey, 435-673-3548 x103. Pre-registration not required. Space limited.

Take Action for Freedom

Wed, 7 pm • Stahl West 600 N. Airport Road, Cedar • Preserve Constitution, Republic, voting laws, medical freedom, education, 1st & 2nd Amendment Rights, ed. on CRT & boarder illegal immigration, local/county/state Legislature

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar City Library 303 N 100 E. (435) 586-6661

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Wed • Weigh-in 9 am, mtg 9:30 am., Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Lose weight affordably • 586-3233 (am mtg)

Water Aerobics Class

Tues, Thurs, 9 am • SUU pool, 2-56 N 600 W., Fun, up-tempo workout to music. Intensive cardio, full body muscle toning. Any fitness level. All ages. \$3/class, including pool admission. (435) 327-2091 (no text)

Wellness Place

583 S Main Suite #5, Cedar City. (435) 592-5308. Classes: thewellnessplacecc.com/upcoming-classes

Wellness Wednesdays

Wed Noon-1 pm • Create Better Health. ZOOM Mtg ID: 841 6308 8990, PV: health, Info: Kristi Sharp (435) 986-2564, ksharp@swuhealth.org

Youth Group

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • Ages 12-18. Meal, games & Bible Study. @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

family

celebrations

A house united in Christmas cheer

mom's
CORNER(ED)by **Weslie Stratton**

CONTRIBUTOR



Years ago we'd just had a baby and were looking for ways to get out of the house without exposing her to harmful viruses. We went for a drive and ended up walking the aisles of a mostly empty Home Depot store. Despite it being Halloween day, the store had the most beautiful

Christmas are something we have all decided to embrace for as long as possible! This to the dismay of many friends and acquaintances.

"You can't just skip Thanksgiving!" many of them tell us.

We would never dream of skipping a major holiday, we just enjoy our Thanksgiving dinner beside the twinkling lights of a beautiful tree!

(Admittedly, our four year old saw pumpkins in a local yard this week and asked, "Mom, what is wrong with them? Don't they know Halloween is over?" We are brainwashing our own little Christmas army!)

The magic of the season is so contagious as we watch our kids decorate the tree (over and over) and choose which stocking they want to claim this



SHUTTERSTOCK

display of fake Christmas trees!

My husband had recently asked what I wanted for an anniversary gift and the brightly lit trees inspired me. "A Christmas tree!" I told him.

We walked out of the store with a new tree and two very excited toddlers who wanted to see this tree in our home immediately. Thus began a new Stratton Christmas tradition. The tree goes up November first, along with all of our other Christmas decorations.

After a couple months of mostly muted fall decorations around the house, the bright colors of

year. It sparks joy that we would miss for a whole extra month if we were to wait until the "appropriate" time to get festive.

You may be wondering about Christmas music, and to put your curiosity to rest, yes, we Deck The Halls and Jingle Bell all through November!

We understand that this behavior is not for everyone, but unless you're willing to get on board the Polar Express ahead of schedule, you may want to avoid our home for the next few weeks. Otherwise, join us in having a Holly Jolly Thanksgiving!

WEDDING

Amanda & Stockton

Amanda Cardon and Stockton Rigby will be married in the Cedar City Temple on Saturday, November 18, 2023. A reception will be held that evening from 7-9 pm at Iron Springs Resort. Parents of the bride are Craig and Aleese Cardon, and parents of the groom are Travis and Amyanne Rigby, both of Cedar City. The couple plans to make their home in Cedar City, Utah.

90 YEARS
LOVED!**Betty Jo
Hatton
Dunnell**

Betty Jo Hatton Dunnell will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, November 18. An open house will be held in her honor at 1985 N Main, Cedar City, UT, 4:00-6:30 pm. Betty Jo has enjoyed several birthday celebrations throughout the past year with her 4 children and spouses, 17 grandchildren and spouses, and 47 great-grandchildren. Betty Jo was born in Fillmore, UT in 1933 and was married to the late Fred Dunnell for 57 years.

100TH BIRTHDAY

John Richard 'Dick' Reed

Family and friends gathered on Thursday, Nov. 9th to celebrate the 100th birthday of Cedar City resident John Richard 'Dick' Reed. Born in Guys Mills, western Pennsylvania, Dick graduated from high school and enlisted during WWII in the US Army, rising to the rank of technical sergeant. He came under fire in northern France and later cared for the survivors of Auschwitz concentration camp. After the war, Dick entered the skilled trades, specializing in plumbing and contracting. There was nothing Dick could not build or repair with a tool in his hand, including the home he now resides in. Married and widowed, he has 3 loving children, numerous grandchildren, a multitude of 'greats' and 'great-greats' and a host of friends, old and new. Justly taking pride in his wartime service and many accomplishments, Dick has a century's worth of stories, told with wit and good humor, evidence of a life well lived.

schools

Red Ribbon Week helps Parowan students refuse drugs

from Britni Robertson

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The faculty and students of Parowan Elementary had fun during Red Ribbon Week.

shirt. Mrs. Angie Benson stepped it up and also got a bald cap to wear. The whole school and community loves Mr. Burton and all that he has done for Parowan Elementary. This is his 45th and last year teaching. This was a wonderful way to honor



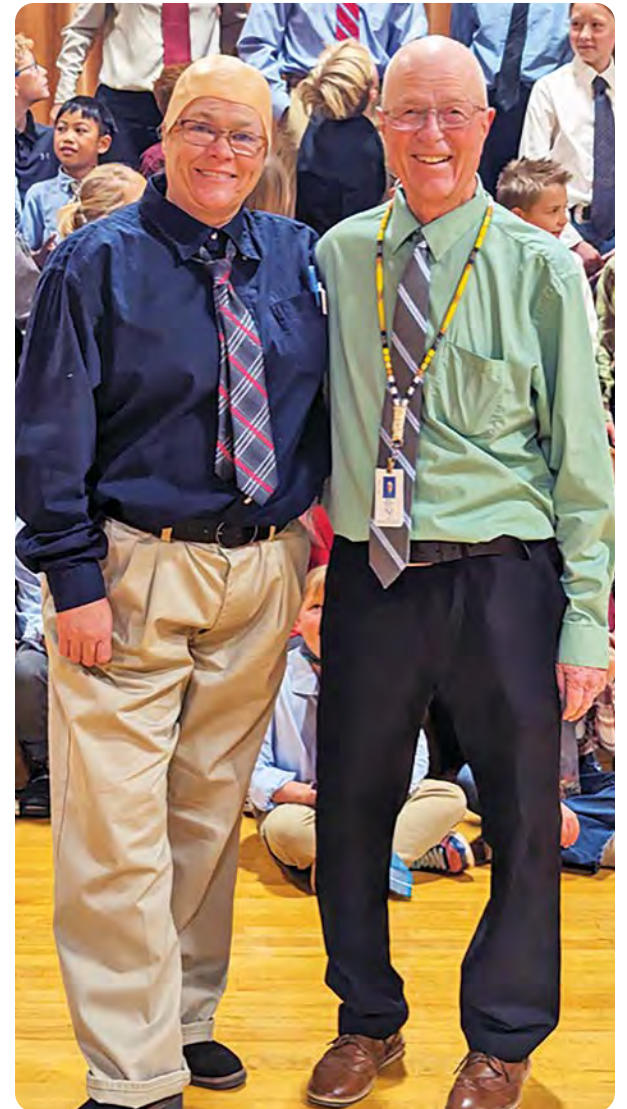
PHOTOS BY BRITNI ROBERTSON

Students honor Mr. Burton with their attire and (Right) Angie Benson does her best Mr. Burton impersonation.

They had dress up days that matched the theme of the day to help remind and reinforce kids in their efforts to learn to stay away from drugs.

One of the dress up days was "Dress like Mr. Burton." Everyone came to school in a tie and

a man who is so loved and respected in his school. He has left a legacy for us all and we wish him the best once he is officially retired! He will be greatly missed!



Lands Providing a Bright Future

Learn about the Utah Trust Lands Administration. They generate revenue from Trust Lands that benefit public schools and other important state institutions, ensuring prosperity for present and future generations.

Learn more at TrustLands.Utah.gov

Iron & Beaver school districts received over

\$2.2 MILLION

in funding this year from revenue generated on Trust Lands.

*Charter Schools in the area also receive Trust Lands funding.



schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from Braylie Tullis

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

South Elementary

It was a busy week at South Elementary. On Tuesday, the halls were filled with students dressed in costumes representing their favorite princesses, superheroes, cartoon characters, creepy monsters, and foods. The teachers joined in on the creativity with first grade team representing the four seasons and third grade team dressed as Waldo from the book "Where's Waldo." The PTA organized a wonderful parade around the playground for parents and siblings to enjoy. On Wednesday, fourth grade students visited Frontier Homestead. They enjoyed learning about Utah history through hands-on activities and a tour of the museum. They wrapped up their field trip with lunch at the park.



Escalante Valley

After studying about the Middle Ages in CKLA, Mrs. Harker wrapped up the unit by throwing a middle ages reenactment party

for her 4th grader class. Students were asked to select one of the five social classes and dress up as a representation of that time period. Throughout the morning, students enjoyed activities, played games and sewed coin purses. The highlight for many was sitting down to a class feast, where they discussed proper manners, enjoyed conversation and sampled food from that era.



Three Peaks Elementary

Thanksgiving is the time of year we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful. Three Peaks Elementary would like to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you. We are thankful for our students who come to school every day, ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the teachers, the administrators, the office managers, the school nurses, the school counselors and social workers, bus

drivers, lunchroom aides, support staff, and custodians who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school. Most importantly, we are thankful for the support of the parents who continue to share their most valuable possessions with us and work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety and wellbeing. We are also thankful to our veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe. Three Peaks Elementary would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving season! School will be out for Thanksgiving break, November 22-26, 2023. We will resume on Monday, November 27, 2023.



Enoch Elementary

Students are exploring with math tools at Enoch Elementary. This year our school is utilizing a new math program. IReady

Classroom Mathematics encourages students to use hands-on tools and manipulatives to make discoveries. Collaboration and discussion are also key elements to helping students understand and enjoy learning with the new math. "It's great to see students working together and actually having fun doing math," shared 5th grade teacher Mrs. Meachum.



Gateway students celebrate International Day

from Myla Ramsden, Hannah Christian & Colt Brady

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On October 27th, Gateway Academy students, faculty, staff, parents and community members all celebrated International Day. International Day is an opportunity for all to share pride in a family culture or joy in another country. Students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to dress up in a way to show their connection and appreciation for a certain country or culture.

After an unplanned fire evacuation—one minute we were parading around the school, the next we were taking our parade outside while the fire alarms went off. Students completed the parade outside around the school to display their costumes. Students then enjoyed a small program where they listened to the Middle School Choir present a song from England, a Scottish bagpipe player, and dancers from the islands of Samoa and New Zealand. After that we had food tastings throughout the school. It was a great day to enjoy new experiences and cultures.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Transgender issues can be confusing

YOUTH AND GENDER – PART 4

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Many young people are being encouraged to “come out” as their most comfortable gender. In the recent past, gender and sex were considered synonyms, but not today. Sex is what your DNA causes you to be while gender is a preference. It’s occurring everywhere as a rage, a feeling or a widespread desire, passion, and prevalence. Even PBS is featuring transgender in films, such as “Little Miss Westie” and “Growing Up Trans”. I watched “Little Miss Westie” through its laborious and long journey showing a mother’s encouragement of her two trans children so that I could understand the context in which trans develops in a teenager (from female to male) and a younger child (changing from male to female). The film really was about the mother of the two children as she encouraged her children to “come out”.

Today, gender is understood as a spectrum and is not binary (composed of involving the two concepts of male and female). In behavior and likes, gender was always a spectrum. Sex and gender (thought to be synonyms) were a range of behaviors, desires, likes, dislikes, appearance, and not just attached to the male female binary created at human fertilization.

Today the transgender debate requires that a person choose their desired place on the spectrum of male/female no matter what their natural physical characteristics might be and to reject the gender given them at birth and recorded on their birth certificate because of the external features of their male/female appearance.

If I was born a female but I like male occupations and hobbies, then I must free myself and become the opposite sex preferably while I am a child and before puberty, perhaps even taking drugs to inhibit and prevent maturation, including the maturing of the human brain, and preventing

the development of sexual organs. Unfortunately, the human brain does not completely mature until the mid-to-late 20’s, and such drugs might prevent the higher development of human intelligence. The prefrontal cortex is one of the last parts of the brain to mature, and it is responsible for skills like planning, prioritizing, and making good decisions.

Why do some choose to identify differently than their biological identity at birth? Maybe they feel that freedom (which teenagers love to explore) requires a change in sexuality and that their identity requires experimentation, including sexual orientation and gender changes. We are all aware that the natural development of humans brings structural, skeletal, organ, and skin differences between male and female although we are all basically the same with differences related to childbearing and physical strength.

Critics of the melding of sex to gender were furious when Dylan Mulvaney, a famous influencer, was named “Woman of the Year” by the LGBTQ magazine Attitude. Dylan claims to have “transitioned” to become a woman, which is their right as an adult, having reached the age of accountability. Other trans athletes want to compete in women’s sports contests even though they have retained all the physical strengths of the male species.

If you want to be told how to relate to these potentially confusing events, get the following book “This Is So Awkward: Modern Puberty Explained” by Natterson and Bennett. If you do get the book, don’t be surprised by their superior attitude toward those of us who they regard as hopelessly backward and still stuck where most Americans are, who believe that gender is determined at birth, and that biological males should not compete in women’s sports. Go to it youngsters but investigate the pros and cons first of how this process will change your life.

T.E.A.M.

You’ve seen, heard, and probably used the familiar acronym “T.E.A.M.” You’ve seen it on the chalkboard, in a memo, or heard someone else quote it during a lesson, meeting, or peptalk. It’s a great (true) reminder that “Together Everyone Achieves More.” It’s easier spelled than done, but more often than not, even attempting this formula can increase your chances of success.

But what does the combina-

granted), the individuals become more invisible than indivisible and that team is dead meat.

However, when you find a way to reach each individual team member—to get them on board by believing that they have something valuable to contribute to the overall success—you will create bonds that surpass the paycheck, the schedule, the meetings and the long hours invested to “achieve more.”

What does “achieving more” mean? Is it improving the product? Increasing the profits? Building the brand? These are great goals to have and to strive to achieve together on any team. However, it’s crucial to



tion of these four letters really mean? Do they apply to every team and situation? I believe that they can, if one understands the dynamics involved in each letter and accompanying word. Because when you understand that more can be accomplished by being together, it creates a transformation in the atmospheres, attitudes of your home, office, classroom, or corporation.

remember that if you do not strive to maintain together what you gain together, achieving more will become a façade that will eventually fade and the team’s desire to reach higher will expire.

That’s why both leaders and followers must focus on each other (individually) first and foremost. This isn’t about trying to solve each other’s problems (public or private) but to provide a supportive

LEADERSHIP 101.39

Alright, so does being in the same office building, or on the same field automatically make everyone a team? Perhaps by association, but just being “together” doesn’t always equal determination or cooperation to reach the goals, or hit designated targets. How then is the necessary kind of camaraderie created that will help the TEAM increase the “more”?

First, no matter how much “togetherness” is desired and required, one must not overlook the individual. The best and most successful teams are made of individuals. True, “There is no I in TEAM” but there is a “ME.” And when the ME is overlooked (taken for

connection that not only unifies the teammates, but solidifies their individual loyalties to the company they keep, or else the company won’t be able to keep them.

Today, if you want your TEAM to be more successful, then it’s time to redefine and reinforce what it means to truly be a team. This means to not only provide a refined definition, but a recommitted affirmation to each team member, to remind them that not only do they matter and are/can make a difference, but by also providing that TEAM (of individuals) with the Tools Encouragement Assistance Motivation to maintain the success of that team.

business

Keeping dollars local, a matter of life and death

BUILDING MAIN STREET, NOT WALL STREET

I read a comment on a local Facebook page this week. The gentlemen said, "We don't want change, the locals like it the way it is." I suggested change is coming regardless of our wants, and we can either manage the change or be swept up in change without any input. It reminds me of a quote by George Bernard Shaw, "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man." We have discussed



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the critical need for local communities to fight to keep their dollars local however possible. This has become not just the right thing to do, but is now a case of either survival or becoming obsolete as a community. When one views the value of shopping and spending local, communities often overlook a most critical element. We have repeatedly shown the major impact on the community if every resident just spent \$25 locally more each month they may have spent online or in a neighboring community. When factoring the 3-7% compounding impact of each of those dollars, this small gesture equates to between \$900 - \$2100 new dollars flowing through your community yearly per resident. In a community of 10,000 residents, that is an additional \$9,000,000 - \$21,000,000 floating through your community each year. How many jobs will this create? How many jobs will it retain? How much better will the quality of life be for many? This is how you save Main Street, not build Wall Street. This is huge!

Small businesses, whether intentional or not,

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FerrolDene Baldwin



Ferry Whatcott Baldwin, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2023, at the age of 86. She was born on December 17, 1936, in Cedar City, Utah, to Elihu and Leila Whatcott. She married her sweetheart, Ben Baldwin, on September 11, 1956, in the Salt Lake Temple. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage and raised five children together.

Ferry was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. She loved the gospel and shared her testimony with her family and friends. She was blessed with musical talent and enjoyed playing the piano and organ in church and in the St. George Temple where she and her husband served for many wonderful years together. She was an amazing cook and baker and enjoyed hosting family gatherings and holidays. She loved to travel and visited many places around the world with her husband and friends. She especially loved spending time in the beautiful mountains at their family cabin in Panguitch Lake.

Ferry is survived by her husband, Ben; her children, Bonnie Jones (Dallas), Shelly Hansen (Kris), Toni Brown (Greg), Amy Horlacher (Stan); her 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; her sister, Mavonna Burris, her brother, Don Whatcott, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Nellie Rae Mecham, and her son, Mitch (Janette).

A viewing was held at the Southern Utah Mortuary Wednesday, November 15th from 6:00-8:00 pm and also the next morning, November 16th, from 9:30-10:30 am. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 11:00 am at the Rock Church, 75 E Center Street, Cedar City, UT 84720. Interment will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A livestream of Ferry's service is available and condolences may be left online at www.mortuary.org.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Our House Assisted Living and Mandy Hatch for their loving care of Ferry. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Joan Heusser



Joan Heusser, 91, died November 5, 2023, at home in Cedar City, UT, surrounded by her family. She was born January 25, 1932.

Mrs. Heusser is survived by her sisters Billie Reilly and Pat Koester; her daughters Shannon (Tim) Dulaney, Lindsay Jones and Jill (Marc) Sullivan; 11 grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Lena Mae Alvine and her brother Tim (Lynn) Alvine.

Joan was born in Artesia, CA, and is the daughter of Glenn and Lena Mae Alvine. She attended Wilson High School in Long Beach. Her father Glenn owned a butcher shop in the Belmont Shore area of Long Beach and Joan often visited her father there after school to check in and steal a dill pickle from the pickle barrel before heading home. She loved the local beaches and could be found sunbathing and having fun with her friends there.

Joan was a talented homemaker while married. Later, she earned her real estate license and became a realtor in the Inland Empire CA area. She had many talents and passions, including gardening, oil and watercolor painting, baking, cooking, sewing, and basketball. Joan was a huge Utah Jazz fan and hardly missed a game. In a notebook she kept close by, she recorded scores, stats, player names and their positions on the team. She enjoyed a game of Scrabble with her daughters and her garden was always filled with beautiful blooms in Spring and Summer.

An active member in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Joan performed a tremendous amount of temple work and became skilled in genealogy, tracing her ancestry back to the 700-800's to Europe and King Charlemagne. She served a Cedar North Stake Family History mission in 2022.

Burial services were held on November 9, 2023, at the Cedar City UT Cemetery. A memorial for Joan will be held at the home of Tim and Shannon Dulaney, 85 N. Roundabout Way, Cedar City, UT on Saturday, November 25, 2023, from 5 to 7pm. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

Joseph Ivor Riggs



Joseph Ivor Riggs, age 93, passed away peacefully November 8th, in Cedar City, UT, surrounded by family. Ivor was born in Hatch, UT in 1930 in his grandma's southwest bedroom to Joseph Earnest Riggs and Elizabeth Ardell Riggs. He was the only son in a family of 7 children. He grew up helping on the farm, teasing and looking after his sisters.

As a young man, he served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the North Central States. Right after his mission

he was called to serve as an MP in the Army, stationed in Korea. When he returned, he met and fell in love with a beautiful, enchanting voiced young woman, Elaine Truman. They married in 1956 and welcomed 4 adorable children into the world. Michelle, Brad, Lesli and Leonard; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

While raising his family he graduated BYU University with a Bachelor of Science. He accepted a job with the State of Utah as the Bookmobile Librarian. As a lifetime reader and favorite of any child in his vicinity it was the perfect job for him.

He was a lifelong rancher and farmer. He served as the bishop of the Hatch ward and in many other capacities in the church. He always put his family first, he cooked the yummiest food, he told great stories and he was a favorite of everyone that loved him. He was generous, caring and he delighted in his grandkids and great-grandkids.

Ivor is survived by his wife Elaine, and children Michelle Riggs (Renea Stillwell), Brad Riggs, Lesli Riggs-Arnold (Robert Arnold) and grandchildren Cheri Yazzie (Mat Gunnufson), Jory Riggs, Mischa Riggs Allen (Cory Allen), Robby Witt, Michael Dolce-Riggs and great-grandchildren Maceo Gunnufson, Evelyn Dolce-Riggs. He was preceded in death by his son Leonard Riggs.

A graveside service was scheduled for Monday, November 13th, 2023, 1:00pm, at Hatch City Cemetery on Highway 89, Garfield County, Utah 84735. Services provided by Hughes Mortuary.

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Joseph Everett Miner



Joseph Everett Miner, 80, lived a remarkable life and passed away peacefully Sunday November 5th, 2023, at his Washington City home surrounded by his family. Joseph was born July 18, 1943, in Bell, California to Raymond Paul Miner and Elma Irene Denslow Miner.

He was a rambunctious kid who pushed the limits: secretly clinging to the car bumper when Little Joe was told he couldn't go to Grandpa's, or carefully unwrapping and rewrapping Christmas gifts to find out what he got beforehand. He continued getting into mischief while attending West Covina High School in West Covina, CA until he joined the marines in 1961 where he served as Corporal, stationed on the USS Topeka with stays in: Hawaii, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, and Japan. After the Marines, Joseph owned an appliance repair business, several rental units in the Los Angeles area, and became journeyman meat cutter. He was fascinated with the law and maintained a life-long zeal for his country and the pursuit of justice.

Joseph joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1970 and taught seminary to LDS youth from 1973 to 1976. It was at Church that Joseph met the great love of his life, Donna Marie LaRue. They both recognized a deep connection immediately and married three months later on

Dec 28, 1974, when Joseph also adopted their first two daughters.

The small family moved to Cedar City, Utah in 1977, where Joseph worked at several meat shops in the area and the juvenile detention center as a guard. In 1982 the family business, Bulldog Meats, opened its doors and operated for 35 years. The family grew in a big way, adding eight children, and everyone worked together to maintain the family business. Joseph had a strong work ethic and expected the same, but he engaged in deep conversation and sharing stories so the time at "The Dog" was also fun and meaningful.

Joseph was diagnosed with liver disease in 2003 and received a transplant in January 2007. Since then, Joseph endured many health issues, always with the same faith in miracles, passion for life, and big smile on his face. Bulldog Meats closed its doors in 2017 and Joseph and Donna retired in Cedar City, then Washington City. When healthy enough, Joseph and Donna saw the world together: Jerusalem, Cayman Islands, Peru, Washington DC, New England, and many others. Joseph's real joy was watching his children maintain strong relationships and all the grandchildren grow together in love.

Joseph is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 49 years, Donna Marie LaRue Miner, and their 11 children: Michelle Ellen Johnston (Mollie), Jean Cecilia Lewis (Glenn), Sandy Wheeler Olsen (Eric), Jason Everett Miner, Jacob Daniel Miner (Melinda), Desiree Irene Holbrook (Jeff), Anna Jolene Geddes (Luke), Danielle Marie Sorensen (JD), Jeremiah Ray Miner, Soleil Michelle Anderson (Trent), Sierra Elizabeth Howell (Devan).

He is survived by 30 grandchildren: Aleena Hinojosa (Harvey), Kevin Miner (Katie), Josephine Olsen, Jay Olsen, Savannah Miner, Ava Miner, Leah Miner, Alexa Miner, Isaac Miner (Hailee), Logan Miner, Olivia Miner, Kailey Rose Miner, Dallan Holbrook (Eliza), Lily Holbrook, Ruby Holbrook, Joseph Holbrook, Rockwell Holbrook, Will Geddes, Marley Geddes, Max Geddes, Damen Sorensen, Zac Sorensen, Penelope Sorensen, Everett Anderson, Ezra Anderson, Anna Anderson, Alva Anderson, Jack Howell, Ned Howell, and Walter Howell. He is survived by four great-grandchildren: Arious Hinojosa, Hudson and Elijah Miner, and Kylan Miner. He is also survived by his sister, Jeanne Miner Wundrow (Gary). He is preceded in death by his parents Raymond Paul Miner and Elma Irene Denslow Miner, and grandson Cameron Smith.

Joseph was a genuine and unique soul with a gift of storytelling and meeting people where they are. He impacted more people, more profoundly than he realized during his time here. A viewing will be held on Saturday Nov 18th from 9-10:30am at the Enoch Stake Center (3575 North Minersville Highway, Cedar City). Funeral services will be held Saturday Nov 18th at 11:00am at Enoch Stake Center (3575 North Minersville Highway, Cedar City). Interment will be at Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org.

Russell Jace Tullis



Russell Jace Tullis was born June 2nd, 1989, in Beaver, Utah to Russell and Sharron Tullis. Our hearts were completely broken on November 5th, 2023, when he passed away at the young age of 34.

Jace spent his childhood outdoors riding horses, trapping, hunting, camping and enjoying both grandparents' cabins. One at Panguitch Lake and one at Horse Valley,

where his family would have a family reunion every 4th of July. He always had a special relationship with his grandparents. They absolutely adored him. From an early age, he was very talented in carpentry. One of his favorite parts of high school was his woodworking class where he made shelves, saddle racks, a gun cabinet and many other things. During the summer between his Junior and Senior year of high school, Jace attended Oklahoma Horseshoeing School and received his farrier certification. He graduated from Parowan High School in May of 2007. Throughout his life he had many trades; horseshoeing, laying tile, structural drilling in Montana and plowing snow. In 2017, he was proud of his hard work in obtaining his general contracting license and starting his own business, Epic Building.

Jace loved his nieces and nephew; Emery, Brinley, Nixon and Indy. He was always ready to goof around or play a fun game with them. He spent a lot of time with the kids raising and taking care of the dogey lambs. Emery was always rearing to get out there and help him. Brinley and Emery said he always tried to be "the favorite uncle." They loved it when he would pull them behind the four-wheeler on the sled, but said they would have to hold on tight because he drove like a bat out of heck. Everyone knew Jace was very generous with what he had. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, even if he needed it, also.

Jace is lovingly remembered and never forgotten by his parents Russell and Sharron Tullis; his Sister Alisha Evans (Cody); Brother Cody Tullis (Taylor); His nieces and nephew, Brinley, Emery, Nixon and Indy; also remembered by his cousins, aunts, uncles, and Grandma Eleen Robinson. Jace is preceded in death by his Grandparents Clayton and Lawana Tullis, aunt Susan Sorbe, Grandpa Clair "Tuffy" Robinson, aunt Nancy Rowley, uncle Doug Robinson, and his cousins Kyle Adams and Lance Robinson.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am Friday November 10th, 2023, at the Parowan Utah Stake Center, 59 S 100 W. A viewing was held Thursday night from 6:00-8:00 pm and Friday morning from 9:30-10:30 am at the Church. Interment was in the Parowan City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be left, and livestream of service viewed at www.mortuary.org.

Janice Williams Robinson



Janice Williams Robinson passed away peacefully in her home in Kanarrville, Utah surrounded by her family on November 6, 2023. She was 84 years old.

Janice was born in Cedar City, Utah to J Reed and Berneice Williams on March 25, 1939, and was the oldest of five children. She grew up in Kanarrville, Utah and graduated from

Cedar High School. On June 14, 1958, she married Don Albert Robinson in the St. George Utah Temple where they were sealed together for time and all eternity. They were married for 65 wonderful years.

Shortly after they were married, Don and Janice relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada where they diligently worked side by side to build and maintain a successful business, as well as raise their six children. Janice was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She valued any opportunity to serve, but especially loved her assignment in the primary as a sunbeam teacher. She had a deep love of the Savior and His gospel which was reflected in the love and service that she gave to others.

For many years Janice ran a daycare service out of her home – a job that was more like a beloved hobby. She loved nurturing and teaching young children, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. For Janice there was no higher calling or privilege than being a mother and grandmother. Her family was her most precious gift.

Janice was known for her vivacious personality and her ability to talk to anyone and everyone. She exuded kindness and was always found in the service of others. She leaves behind a legacy of strength, long-suffering, kindness, and family unity.

Janice is survived by her husband Don A. Robinson, children LeAnn Hewitt (Brian), Lori Champlin (Paul), Lynette Anderson, Lisa Richins (Micah), Lindy Hirschi (Kyle), and Lorin Don "Donny" Robinson as well as her twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings Keith Williams, Kenneth Williams and Vickie Cornelius. She is preceded in death by her parents, J Reed and Berneice Williams, and her brother Norvel "Bud" Williams.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 11th at 12:00pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints church building in Kanarrville, Utah. A viewing was held on the same day and location from 10:00-11:30 am. Following the funeral services, Janice was buried at the Kanarrville Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

Want to submit an obituary?

There is a charge of \$100 for obituaries to be published. Submissions can be made online at ironcountytoday.com, emailed to news@ironcountytoday.com or brought in typed/digitized format to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City. A single submission may be up to 600 words and may include up to two photos. Submitted obituaries over 600 words will be charged an additional 10¢ per word. The deadline for submissions is Monday at 11 am for Thursday's publication.

faith

TOUGHER TOGETHER

The latest truck commercial from Ford talks about everyone having the “Tough Gene.”

It begins by showing several different people doing different, difficult things in their life...and of course with a Ford truck). The narrator says, “You are not related. There’s no ancestry connecting you...” And then talks about how we weren’t born and raised in the same places, but we all know how to work hard and keep going day after day. The commercial ends with, “You may not be brothers and sisters, but if tough were a gene, you would be.”

The world talks a lot about being tough as the template for a successful life. Most commercials reinforces the perception that if you have the right product, wardrobe, or vehicle you can go anywhere and accomplish anything. And

“It sounds counterintuitive, but when we realize that relying on God and our Savior, Jesus Christ is the only way we’re going to make it through this life, we will find true strength to do the things we need to accomplish in and with our lives.”

yet, when I’ve felt weak and weary, down and discouraged, I’ve never owned (or driven) any vehicle/clothes/possession that has reminded me of my true worth and encouraged me to keep going.

That’s because in our greatest times of need, it’s not what’s in the garage that gives us strength to carry on, but what—or rather, Who—is in our hearts. No vehicle/possession can replace that true toughness we require to “bear

all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Corinthians 13:7).

Interesting that God’s way of being strong is actually by being weak (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). It sounds counterintuitive, but when we realize that relying on God and our Savior, Jesus Christ is the only way we’re going to make it through this life, we will find true strength to do the things we need to accomplish in and with our lives (Philippians 4:13). Especially in these latter (last) days, we need God’s strength and courage even more (Joshua 1:9).

This is why we need the Lord more than Ford. This is why our Divine DNA is more important than the “Tough Gene.” Because true toughness doesn’t come from what we drive, but how we live. The toughness that will get us through our trials and tragedies comes from God and from helping each other. And no matter how tough we are, this world will test us and we will only have the strength to endure and overcome when we “wait upon the Lord” to “renew our strength” (Isaiah 40:29, 31) and when we are weak, to receive His rest (Matthew 11:28).

Today, I am grateful that we are all brothers and sisters, no matter what (how) we drive, where we were born, or live. I am grateful for those who have helped me along the way and those I have helped (Galatians 6:2), including family, friends (John 15:13) and angels unaware (Hebrews 13:2). I am grateful for forgiveness when I am weary in well doing (Galatians 6:9). I am grateful that Father, not Ford determines my lineage and eternal heritage and the Atonement of Jesus Christ provides the heavenly genes of mercy and peace as I (we) travel through life.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”

Being on your guard is about courageously preparing for—not negatively expecting—the worst. It’s a different strength, a more positive posture and practice, than being paralyzed by paranoia. That’s why we also need faith—because without God with us, what we guard will be in vain.



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are under assault by technology, burdensome regulations, tax policy, government forced mandates, and the list goes on. This assault is on every local community in the country. Example: large corporate chains remained open while local businesses were deemed non-essential and were forced to close. Since when is providing support for one’s family deemed non-essential? When small businesses go under, it impacts incomes, employment base, supplies ordered and much more. While the chains with deep pockets usually survive, it reaps disaster on the local communities and their business base, impacting the entire community for years.

The reasons for keeping dollars local is well established and beyond dispute. The proof is readily apparent across the country. Most need not travel very far from home to see a nearby town that was once prosperous becoming a shell of what it once was. They have become shells of themselves for many reasons, one of which was supporting Wall Street in lieu of their own Main Street.

The current situation of local communities losing dollars to out of town corporations, chains, and online entities is accelerating rapidly. This trend is unlikely to subside anytime soon. With this acceleration, towns doing well now will do less well in the future. Struggling communities will struggle more. Towns teetering on the brink will be pushed into the abyss. More so, as the outflow of dollars accelerates, the impact on a local community is more apparent. Civic engagement and volunteering decrease, poverty rates increase, more local businesses go under, local jobs are lost, housing prices decrease, tax base dwindles, crime rates increase, and the list goes on.

What to do? I cannot stress enough that communities MUST act now. This issue may not be on the radar of local community leaders, but it must be placed on that radar. Once on the radar, communities need to assemble a team with the sole mission of addressing this issue. To be effective, this team will include city leaders, chamber and/or Main Street, business leaders, media, civic clubs, economic development leaders, residents and whomever else makes sense. As a team, they must brainstorm potential solutions, possible communitywide education initiatives, citywide promotions, and other tactics. Proactive communities can tackle and manage these problems; this is being done every day around the country. It isn’t easy, but nothing great usually is. I implore you, don’t delay, this is an issue that isn’t going away and will only deepen as time moves on the within the community.

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The Beaver Beavers celebrate a hard fought championship victory at SUU's Eccles Coliseum in Cedar City.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

Beavers defense slams door, wins 1A crown

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Describing the defense of the Beaver Beavers in the 2023 season has more superlatives than could ever be dreamed of. In the 1A state championship game Nov. 11, the Beavers played with veteran poise on both sides of the ball and took home

“This is one of the best games we’ve played all year. We fell short the last two years, but our kids played like champions today.”

Jon Marshall, Beaver head coach

another trophy.

Tavyn Hollingshead ran for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass, and the Beavers converted two turnovers into scores as they beat the Enterprise Wolves, 28-6 and claimed its 14th state title overall. It was Beaver’s first state title since

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The Cedar City Reds 8th grade football team conquered the Pirates from Moapa Valley for the championship.

COURTESY PHOTO

Cedar 8th grade football wins SUNYFL league championship

from Coach Joshua Price

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City 8th grade football team won the Southern Utah-Nevada Youth Football League White Division Championship! On Friday night, under the lights at Dixie High School, the Cedar Reds faced off against the Moapa Valley Pirates. The two teams faced off just two weeks earlier, where Moapa Valley took the 18 to 16 victory.

In the championship game, Cedar received the opening kickoff and began to drive down the field. Andrew Brinkerhoff caught a 23-yard pass on third and long to keep the drive alive. But a fumble prevented Cedar from finding the endzone. The teams battled back and forth all the way to the end of the first half. With a few minutes left in the half, Moapa Valley attempted a pass but it was picked off by Brinkerhoff in the end zone and he returned it 50 yards. Cedar threatened to score but the Pirates defense held strong and the two teams entered the half tied, 0-0.

Moapa received the kickoff to start the second half but their offense sputtered as Maddox Giles and Jackson Crowley wreaked havoc in the backfield. With their first possession in the second half, Cedar's own Hector Ortiz broke five tackles on a 42-yard

touchdown run. The extra point was no good. 6-0 in Cedar's favor.

Back and forth the teams went with strong defensive performances on both sides. But with 2:22 seconds left in the game, Moapa Valley broke free and scored on a 12-yard run. Junior Bloomfield Togiai had a tremendous play as he broke up the pass on the extra point attempt.

Cedar worked their 2-minute drill as they started to move the ball downfield. Led by their quarterback Colt Kelling and some big plays by Hunter Burgess, they were able to get the ball to the 33-yard line with just 7 seconds left. Colt took the snap and dropped back. The pressure was heavy, but before he was hit and taken to the ground, he threw a dime to the tight end Camden Nelson deep over the middle. He leapt and caught the ball at the 15-yard line. Two Pirate defenders converged onto him to make the tackle, but Camden muscled his way through. And as the clock reached double zeros, Camden reached the endzone to win the game!

The following boys were members of this championship team: Spencer Price, Logan Robison, Cody Stevenson, Liam Mayes, Andrew Brinkerhoff, Chip Nagel, Colt Kelling, Maddox Giles, Hunter Ortiz, Korbin King, Carson Fackrell, Jackson Crowley, James

McCleary, Camden Nelson, Junior Bloomfield Togiai, Jackson Bromley, Luis Bustamante, Briggs Jones, Wyatt Barker, Blake Spencer, Oren

Tramontanas, and Hunter Burgess. The team was coached by Joshua Price, Megan Kelling, Kade Janes, and Everett Kelling.



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2020 when it won the second of back-to-back 2A crowns.

“We’ve had the No. 1 scoring defense across all classifications in the state, but I was really proud of our offense,” Beavers head coach Jon Marshall said. “Enterprise is a really good defensive team, and our offense made some gigantic plays at key times.”

The Beavers got the football first and set the tone early with a 10-play, 60-yard drive that ate up nearly half of the first quarter. Quarterback Bodie Wheatley finished it off with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Kutlur Matheson for the early 7-0 lead. A fumbled snap set up the Beavers at the Wolves’ 33-yard line, and it led to the second score of the quarter. Hollingshead did the work with his legs in two carries, finishing with a 2-yard run with 25 seconds to play that pushed the Beaver lead to 14-0 after one.

“This is one of the best games we’ve played all year,” Marshall said. “We fell short the last two years, but our kids played like champions today.”

Beaver was able to convert a second Wolves fumble into points in the third quarter when Wheatley threw a third-down screen to Hollingshead that turned into a 34-yard touchdown and a 21-0 advantage. Enterprise broke



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Enterprise

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Enterprise	0	0	6	0	-	6
Beaver	14	0	7	7	-	28

Q1 – B – Matheson 6 pass from Wheatley (Amezcuza kick), 6:22
B – Hollingshead 2 run (Amezcuza kick), :25

Q3 – B – Hollingshead 34 pass from Wheatley (Amezcuza kick), 9:32
E – Phillips 6 run (kick failed), 1:35

Q4 – B – Blackner 4 run (Amezcuza kick), 10:28

Beaver’s bid for a fourth shutout on the season when quarterback Ryker Phillips scored on a 6-yard run on fourth-and-goal with 1:35 left in the period, overcoming a penalty that pushed them back on the previous play.

Beaver had the immediate answer and put the win away on its next possession as Deegan Blackner scored on a 4-yard run with 10:28 left in the game.

The Wolves’ day in a nutshell came on one fourth-quarter drive. Facing a fourth-and-4 at the Beaver 27 with a chance to rally, three straight penalties derailed the last realistic chance Enterprise had to get back in the game.

Beaver finished 12-1 on the year with only a shutout loss to Duchesne, while Enterprise fell to 11-2, both losses coming to the 1A champion Beavers.



Beaver’s Tavyn Hollingshead’s heroics helped Beaver build a dam the Wolves couldn’t break through.



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T-Birds chop down Lumberjacks

by *Regan Hunsaker*

ASSISTANT AD, SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

CEDAR CITY — The Thunderbirds took care of business in East Texas Saturday, defeating Stephen F. Austin 45-17. Southern Utah started slow in the contest but as the sun went down the momentum built for the Thunderbirds scoring 35 points in the

second half. The win brings the T-Birds season record to an even 5-5.

Coach DeLane Fitzgerald said, “We looked like a team that traveled halfway across the country in the first half but we came out of the locker room wanting it more than they did. At the half, our coaches challenged the team to prove that they love football more than the guy across the line from

them.” He added, “We have a chance to be one of the top teams in school history with a win next week.”

The first quarter was a back-and-forth battle of defensive prowess with neither offense able to move that ball significantly. The Thunderbirds struck first with a field goal from 34 yards out. The three-pointer would be the only score in the opening period.

Stephen F. Austin would knot the game up early in the second quarter with a 42-yard field goal. The teams would stalemate for the majority of the period however SFA looked to have a good drive going bringing the ball into the red zone before a big sack by the Thunderbirds pushed them back out. The Lumberjacks would attempt a field goal but it hit the post falling wide left. The T-Bird offense would respond marching 69 yards in 10 plays to score. The drive was capped off when Miller found Isaiah Wooden on a 25-yard touchdown pass with just 20 seconds remaining in the first half.

The Thunderbirds stopped SFA on its opening drive of the second half. It took just two plays for Miller to find Wooden for his second touchdown of the game, making the score 17-3. The Thunderbirds would add on by scoring again on their next drive when Miller hit Wooden for another 38-yard touchdown pass.

The Thunderbirds entered the last quarter with a 24-3 lead. Southern Utah would add when Miller connected with Wooden for their fourth combined touchdown of the game. The Lumberjacks would answer with a touchdown of their own to make the score 31-10. Southern Utah would not be stopped though as after a failed onside kick attempt Braedon Wissler would scamper in from 30 yards out to extend the lead. An interception by George Ramirez on the next SFA drive would lead to Cade Bowring getting his first career rushing touchdown for the Thunderbirds. Down 45-10 the Lumberjacks would get a final touchdown in under the wire to make the final score 45-17.

The Thunderbirds are on the road again this Saturday to take on Utah Tech in the “Battle for the Axe”. Kickoff is set for 5:00 p.m. MT and will be broadcast on ESPN+.



SUU ATHLETICS

SUU's Isaiah Wooden makes a spectacular play despite his lumbering defender.

“We looked like a team that traveled halfway across the country in the first half but we came out of the locker room wanting it more than they did”

DeLane Fitzgerald, SUU head coach

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Region 9 Football

11/9 4A PLAYOFFS, SEMIFINALS

At Rice-Eccles Stadium

Green Canyon 21, Park City 0

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Region 9 Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (2)	6-0	12-1
Snow Canyon (7)	4-2	7-4
Desert Hills (10)	4-2	7-5
Dixie (13)	4-2	5-7
Cedar (15)	2-4	4-7
Pine View (18)	1-5	3-7
Hurricane (23)	0-6	2-9

3A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (1)	5-0	13-0
Manti (2)	4-1	10-3
Canyon View (4)	3-2	9-3
Juab (7)	2-3	6-6
N. Sanpete (10)	1-4	2-9
Carbon (12)	0-5	1-10

1A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (1)	4-0	12-1
Enterprise (3)	3-1	11-2
Kanab (4)	2-2	7-5
Milford (7)	1-3	5-7
Parowan (9)	0-4	1-10

SCHEDULE

Region 9 Football

11/17 4A PLAYOFFS, CHAMPIONSHIP

At Rice-Eccles Stadium

Green Canyon vs. Crimson Cliffs

Thunderbirds hang 108 in first win of Rob Jeter Era

by Parker Haynie

ASST. DIRECTOR, SUU ATHLETIC COMM.

Freshmen guard Prophet Johnson had 22 points on 8-12 shooting and led the Thunderbirds to a 108-73 victory over the Warriors of Life Pacific on Thursday, Nov 9 in the America First Event Center.

"Really proud of our guys, you never know how a team is going to respond when you have a tough loss like we did in the season opener and we came out and played with energy and intensity to start this game," said Head Coach Rob Jeter.

SUU shot an impressive 59% from the field, 38% from three, and 74% from the free-throw line. The defense also held Life Pacific to just 43% from the field, and limited their second chance points to just two. SUU won the rebounding battle by an outstanding 48 to 22, including 14 offensive boards. No player played over 28 minutes for

the Thunderbirds and all 11 players that entered the game found the scoring column. Six players were in double-digits for SUU. Parsa Fallah led the team with eight rebounds and four assists to go along with his 12 points.

Zion Young had 18 points for the T-Birds and was an efficient 4-6 from three. Chazz Hutchison nearly had himself a double-double, scoring 10 points and pulling down seven rebounds.

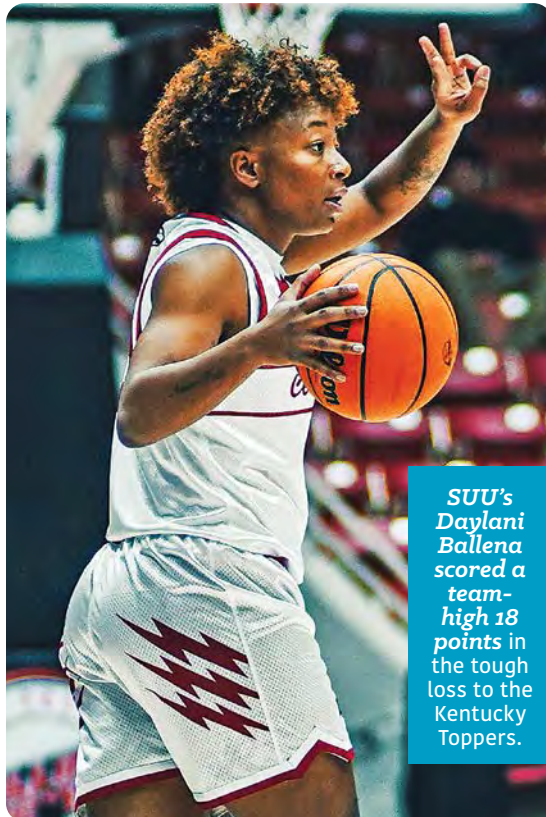
"Zion and Prophet got a lot of the same looks against CSUB as they did here tonight, and tonight they dropped. Sometimes that is just the difference, shots were falling for us tonight and that led to a nice win at home," said Coach Jeter.

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SUU ATHLETICS

With visions of a successful season at SUU, it's imperative to have a Prophet Johnson leading the way.



SUU's Daylani Ballena scored a team-high 18 points in the tough loss to the Kentucky Toppers.

SUU ATHLETICS

Ballena's big night not enough as T-Birds fall to Lady Toppers

by Tyler Francis

SUU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

CEDAR CITY — Daylani Ballena poured in a team-high 18 points as the Southern Utah University women's basketball team fell to Western Kentucky 76-62 on Friday, Nov. 10 at the America First Event Center. The Thunderbirds move to 0-2 on the young season, while the Lady Toppers improve to 2-0 overall.

Head Coach Tracy Mason said, "Just a tough game, there are many things we can learn from tonight. That's what you play these games for, it's an opportunity for us to continue to strive to get better."

Daylani Ballena led the Thunderbirds with 18 points on 50 percent shooting from the

field to go along with a team-high three steals. Ava Uhrich posted an impressive all-around game as she led the squad in rebounds (8) and assists (4). Uhrich also added 10 points to help power the Thunderbirds' offense. Samantha Johnston and Megan Smith contributed significantly offensively, with each player registering 10 points for the T-Birds.

The Lady Toppers came out strong as they took a 9-2 lead to start the game. Southern Utah responded with an 8-0 run sparked by four points from Megan Smith to push the Thunderbirds in front by one, 10-9, with 2:38 left in the first quarter. Western Kentucky held a 14-12 advantage heading into the second period of play.

Charli Kay had a personal 5-0 burst to give Southern Utah a 17-14 lead early in the second quarter. However, the Lady Topper's used a 13-0 sprint to go up 27-17 with 3:08 remaining in the first half. The Thunderbirds fought back to get within five, 29-24, at the break.

Western Kentucky stayed aggressive, outscoring Southern Utah 25-17 in the third quarter to take a 54-41 advantage approaching the final frame. The T-Birds started the fourth quarter with a 13-10 run to get within 10 points (64-54) with 5:45 remaining, but that was as close as they would get. Daylani Ballena added nine points in the fourth quarter for the Thunderbirds as the Lady Toppers claimed a 76-62 victory.

There's no place like home

When we last left our story of the great sports adventure, my best friend and I were in a 22nd-floor room in a downtown Detroit hotel with game day at Ford Field closing fast. Woke up to a cloudy, cold morning, but our hearts were warmed with what was to come.

The Detroit Lions, leaders of the NFC North, were hosting a Las Vegas Raiders team that was in desperate search of anything resembling an offense. After a decent night's sleep, I drifted off on my own and took a

it felt pretty good to follow what was there – warmth without the need for coffee.

For lunch, I took the short walk and returned to Lafayette Coney Island to enjoy more of the excellent food served there. As was the case throughout the weekend, there was room to walk and traffic was light for pedestrians as well as drivers.

We progressed to the afternoon and things started to feel a tiny bit out of place. Kickoff of the game wasn't until after 8 p.m., so we visited a tailgate party and I was introduced to a multitude of Lions fans. I was in the element and more than willing to share stories from my Jeopardy adventure, and one friend admitted he's into the idea of trying out for Wheel of Fortune. The best advice worth sharing to him: just do it. Landing on a game

show is a process that's only worth the investment if you believe you can get there, and I'm living proof of the same.

After walking another short bit to the stadium, the moment finally arrived. Before we settled in, we had to do more walking to see what was inside. There was plenty to keep the brain occupied until kickoff, including food. One food selection I enjoyed was a mac-and-cheese recipe that included pulled pork lathered in excellent barbecue sauce. It was naturally expensive – think stadium

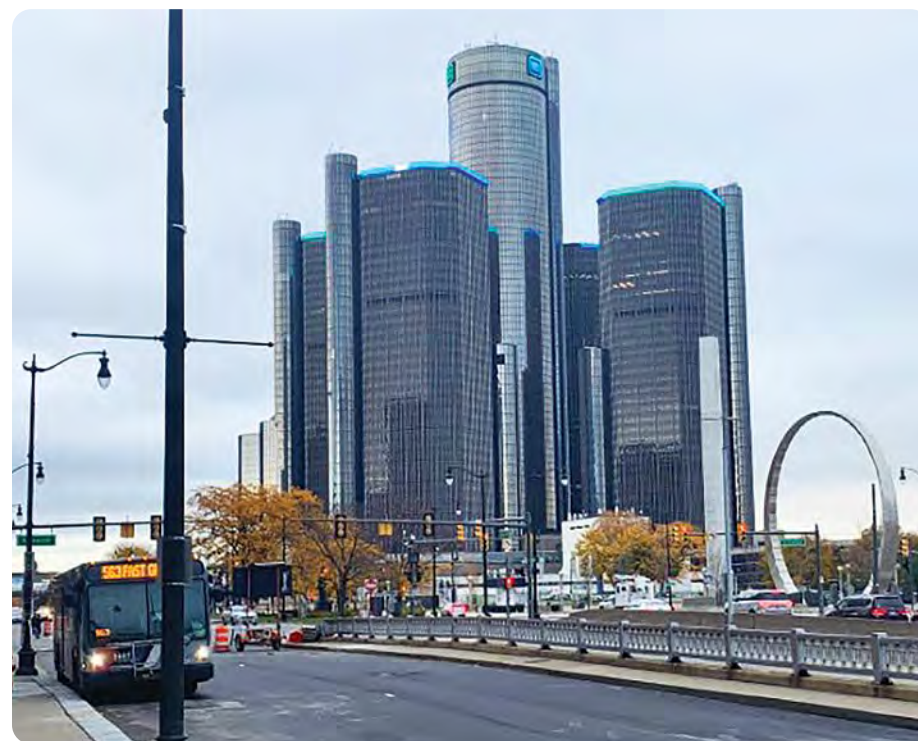
short walk along the riverfront to see some of the area landmarks, including the GM headquarters and Huntington Place – a building I knew as Cobo Hall when I was growing up in the area.

One neat feature along the sidewalk was a mindfulness note that said, "Inhale and reach for the sky," then "exhale and lower your arms." The message added reminders to "feel your body lengthen," then "feel your shoulders relax." With the temperature in the low 40s outside,

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

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The headquarters of General Motors is located in downtown Detroit. The building was known as the Renaissance Center when it came to be in the late 1970s.

concession prices – but absolutely worth it.

Then game time arrived. Playing in front of a standing-room only crowd of over 66,000 fans, the Lions stressed us out a little more than we would have liked, but stayed in control for a 26-14 win over the Raiders to enter the bye week with a 6-2 record. The only challenge I had to get used to: there was a lot of standing up to cheer wildly for key plays and sitting back down. Usual football game delights magnified by the presence of a really good team on the field.

Las Vegas fell to 3-5 with the

loss and managed just 157 yards of offense. Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo was sacked six times, four in the second half, and my friend's frustration was obvious. Two days later, head coach Josh McDaniels and GM Dave Ziegler were fired.

One striking thought I had on all of it came when I was waiting in Metro Airport for my flight home. I saw a Raider fan and asked him if McDaniels should be fired. He offered two words that couldn't express it any better. "Last week," he said. My friend was pleased, calling the firing "inevitable." Better late than never, I guess. The Raiders haven't won a playoff game since 2002 and Antonio Pierce is the 13th different head coach the team has had since losing the Super Bowl that year.

I feel that type of pain. My team hasn't won a playoff game in 31 years, but a corner has been turned. I'm just grateful I got to see a piece of what's becoming a special season in a place that was home for the fan-forming part of my life.



Ford Field hosted the final part of Tom Zulewski's Detroit sports journey on Oct. 30 as the Lions faced the Las Vegas Raiders on Monday Night Football.

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Tom Zulewski is a proud Detroit sports fan, even in the frustrating moments. Follow him on X – the artist formerly known as Twitter @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

SUU closes Cross Country season at NCAA Regionals

by James Wilson

SUU ATHLETICS

LUBBOCK, Texas — The Southern Utah University men's and women's cross country programs wrapped up their season on Friday, Nov. 10 at the NCAA Mountain Regional Championships where the women finished 15th in the 6k and the men finished 11th in the 10k in a field filled with some of the nation's best teams.

“Finishes on both sides, men and women, turned out a little bit better than predicted. It's been a rough long season all around for them so it was good to finish on a high note.”

Coach Eric Houle



SUU ATHLETICS

Their season may be over but both SUU teams deserve praise for showing poise through the finish line.

Coach Eric Houle said, “Finishes on both sides, men and women, turned out a little bit better than predicted. It's been a rough long season all around for them so it was good to finish on a high note.”

With 323 points, the 'Birds finished in 11th place, just behind in-state rivals Utah State and Weber State.

Leading the flock in 41st place was Coleman Cragun with a time of 30:16.8. Noah Jenkins was close behind with a 51st place finish and a time of 30:26.5. Jacob Peterson and Travis Feeny finished in 71st and 74th respectively with times of 30:51.8 and 31:06.2. Rounding out the competition for Southern Utah was Lanse Larsen in 87th with a time of 31:24.3, Logan Peele in 90th with a 31:37.3 and Bowen Martin in 93rd with a time of 31:40.8.

In 15th place, the women's team finished with 458 points, in front of teams such as Northern Colorado and Nevada. In 60th place, junior Sariah Hernandez led the way for the T-Birds with a time of 21:01.4. Taylor Jorgensen finished in 90th with a time of 21:45.8, Addison Dalton crossed the finish line in 94th place and a time of 21:51.2. Wrapping up competition for the Thunderbirds was Josii Johnson with a 101st place finish and a time of 22:08.8 and Daisy Baker in 114th with a time of 22:40.3.

With these finishes, the T-Birds will not secure any qualifying spots in NCAA Nationals at the University of Virginia next weekend and

have officially completed their season.

Stay up to date during the 2024 Thunderbird Cross Country season by following @SUUTFXC on Twitter and Instagram and liking the Southern Utah Track & Field and Cross Country page on Facebook.

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

More general madness from the week highlights the dirty dozen. We go all over the place with pride and hope you've been paying attention to sports stuff everywhere you look. Please remember...no wagering!

1. After a 52-42 loss to No. 5 Washington last week, USC head coach Lincoln Riley fired his defensive coordinator. He wasn't named after a holiday movie and didn't steal Christmas, but what's his last name?

2. What Big Ten school is waiting to hear its fate and the fate of head coach Jim Harbaugh over a sign-stealing scandal?

3. The Iowa Hawkeyes beat Northwestern 10-7 last week in a game played at Wrigley Field in Chicago. In the Cubs' regular season, how many times did they combine with the opponent to score at least 17 runs? (Hint: the number is less than 10)

4. The Vegas Golden Knights are the defending Stanley Cup champion and had started unbeaten in its first 12 games this season. What Pacific Division team scored all of its goals in the third period and rallied to beat Vegas 4-2 on Nov. 5?

5. Former SUU women's basketball head coach J.R. Payne helped her Colorado team get off to a great start Nov. 6 when the Buffaloes rallied in the second half to beat what defending national champion?

6. Who is the new manager of the Los Angeles Angels? It's his first managerial job since he led the Texas Rangers in 2014?

7. After eight years as the TV voice of the Chicago White Sox, Jason Benetti signed on for the same

role with which AL Central rival Nov. 9?

8. What Houston Texans quarterback made fantasy football players happy with a 470-yard effort and a final 75-yard touchdown drive in the last 46 seconds that helped beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week, 39-37?

9. What rookie out of Alabama set a new career high with 152 rushing yards and a touchdown in the Detroit Lions' victory over the Las Vegas Raiders last week?

10. Who was named manager of the Chicago Cubs last week, signing a \$40 million deal after leaving the Milwaukee Brewers?

11. The defending NBA champion Denver Nuggets are off to another strong start, posting an 8-1 record through games played Nov. 8. Which division rival handed the Nuggets its only loss?

12. While Michigan is facing an off-field mess with the sign-stealing scandal, where were the Wolverines ranked in the most recent College Football Playoff poll?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Josh McDaniels. McDaniels was 9-16 in less than two seasons with the Raiders.

2. Tyreek Hill.

3. Bob Melvin.

4. Jaren Hall. Hall was 5-for-6 for 78 yards, but Josh Dobbs came on and rallied the Vikings to a 31-28 road win over Atlanta.

5. Rashid Shaheed.

6. Bedlam.

7. The Big 12 will have 16 teams starting in 2024.

8. Los Angeles Clippers.

9. NBA Cup.

10. Barry Melrose.

11. Mr. October was bestowed on Rangers shortstop Corey Seager.

12. Kansas. The Jayhawks scored in the final minute and beat the Sooners 38-33.

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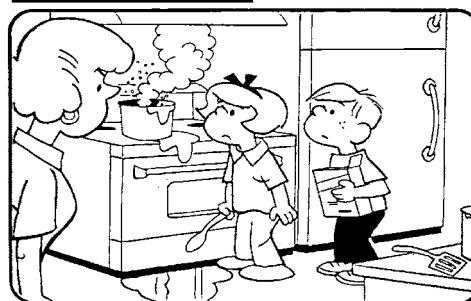
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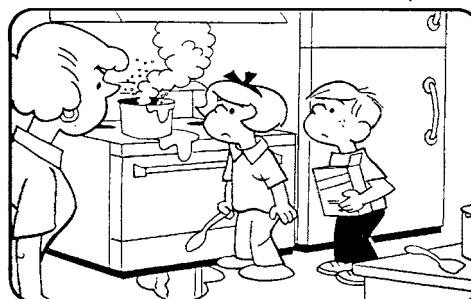
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Oven window is missing. 3. Puddle is smaller. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Hand is smaller. 6. Spatula is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Mausoleum
- 5 "Born Free" lioness
- 9 Branch
- 12 Ornamental jug
- 13 Jupiter counterpart
- 14 Sheepish remark
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- 9 Complete reversal
- 10 Banister
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- 21 Get ready, briefly
- 22 Humdinger
- 23 Like the Supremes and the Pointer Sisters
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- 39 "The Haj" author
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- 41 Elmer of cartoons
- 44 "The Matrix" role
- 45 Dandy guy
- 46 Actress Mendes
- 47 Moray, for one

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What is Dorothy's last name in "The Wizard of Oz"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. states share a border with Mexico?
3. MOVIES: What are Indiana Jones and his father searching for in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"?
4. TELEVISION: Which TV dramedy is set on Wisteria Lane?
5. LANGUAGE: What is a common Latin phrase meaning "something for something"?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the fastest fish?
7. INVENTIONS: Where was the first compass invented?
8. SCIENCE: How long does it take for the sun's light to reach Earth?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is the smallest in land size?
10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for aphthous stomatitis?

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Answers

King Crossword

1. Gale; 2. Four; California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas; 3. The Holy Grail; 4. "Desperate Housewives"; 5. Quid pro quo; 6. Saitfish; 7. China; 8. Eight minutes; 9. Rhode Island; 10. Canker sore.

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