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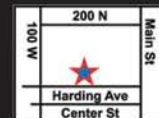
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SBSU President and C.E.O. Eric Schmutz prepares to cut the ceremonial ribbon along with other board members and community leaders.

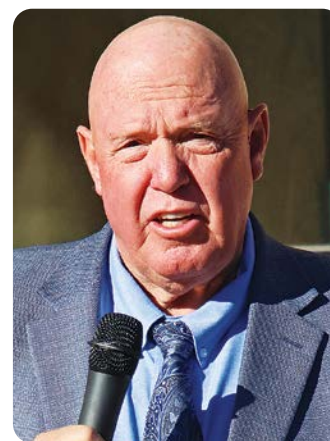
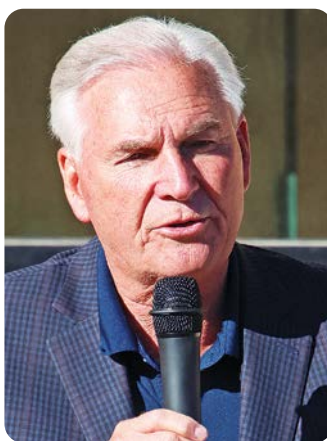
State Bank of Southern Utah celebrates 66th birthday with new building grand opening

by Corey Baumgartner

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Last Friday, the community of Cedar City gathered for a bank birthday and special ribbon-cutting for the new State Bank of Southern Utah Corporate office addition. Built next to their current downtown office, this state-of-the-art building will help SBSU not only remain competitive, but better serve Cedar City and the surrounding southern Utah.

After moving to its headquarters in Cedar City in 1999, SBSU has continued to evolve and expand its facilities. In 2016, it was decided that a new building was required. According to David Eberhard, Chief Financial Officer, "The bank has experienced tremendous growth over the past six years, doubling the bank's assets during this time." Since that time, it was decided more space was needed and in June of 2022, the construction of the newest addition began and was completed this month (November 2023) just in time to be



(L to R) Scott Thorne (Naylor, Wentworth, Lund), Larry Pendleton (Pendleton Building), Cedar City Mayor Garth Green, and Eric Schmutz (SBSU President and C.E.O.) speak outside the new State Bank of Southern Utah Corporate office addition on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023.

celebrated along with SBSU's 66th birthday. The special day included an open-house, food and fun events for families and visitors.

Cordelle Morris (SBSU Chief Marketing Officer) began the ribbon-cutting ceremony by welcoming the audience, which included many SBSU board members (past and present) and community leaders. There

were also several guest speakers who helped make the moment more memorable. There were many thank yous and appreciation for everyone involved in this project.

Scott Thorne (Naylor, Wentworth, Lund) expressed the significance of the new addition. "It's always great to be a part of an addition, remodel or expansion because it means that

business is good and that's good for us and the community."

Larry Pendleton (Pendleton Building) shared the value of not only having a good team to accomplish things, but that SBSU has the best of the best. "The way you have a great project is to create a good team. And

see **SBSU** » 7

New Soccer Field Complex begins construction in Cedar City thanks to generous land donation

by Gabrielle Costello

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

CEDAR CITY — Nearly one year ago in September 2022, Cedar City requested feedback from the community about potential sports complex concepts after receiving a generous property donation of approximately 30 acres from the Burgess Family. The property is located near 4700 West and 100 South, closely hidden behind the Iron West subdivision off Highway 56.

Over the last few months, city public works crews have been grading, excavating, and transporting dirt in and out of the property with heavy machinery in preparation for six new full size soccer fields. Much of the framework for the future complex is also being prepared, including electrical conduits for future lights, a sprinkler system, and plans to utilize fertilizer from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant for grass planted in the spring.

"I am incredibly grateful for our Street Superintendent, Jeff Hunter, and the tremendous dedication from his crew in tackling this project," said Cedar Mayor Garth O. Green. "Jeff plans to retire at the end of the year after a 14-year career with Cedar City. Since my time as the Mayor, I have witnessed Jeff take on a project and finish it quickly and efficiently. He will be greatly missed."

The City will continue making strides in budgeting and planning for the future soccer fields, with an anticipated completion date of fall 2025.



The goal for the 30 acres will provide plenty of pitches for soccer players and fans in Iron County and beyond.

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Cedar Mayor Garth O. Green

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FROM THE EDITOR

A December to remember

As we embrace the new month and brace for new challenges, both wintry and politically, I hope we will not forget that even though the turkey has been carved and the dishes cleaned and cupboarded for another year, we can still be thankful for our lives here in Iron County.

Sure, every season, perhaps more so winter, can plentifully provide uncomfortable, even inconvenient encounters. Nevertheless, we must remind ourselves as Albert Camus encouragingly expressed, "In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer."



COREY BAUMGARTNER
MANAGING EDITOR

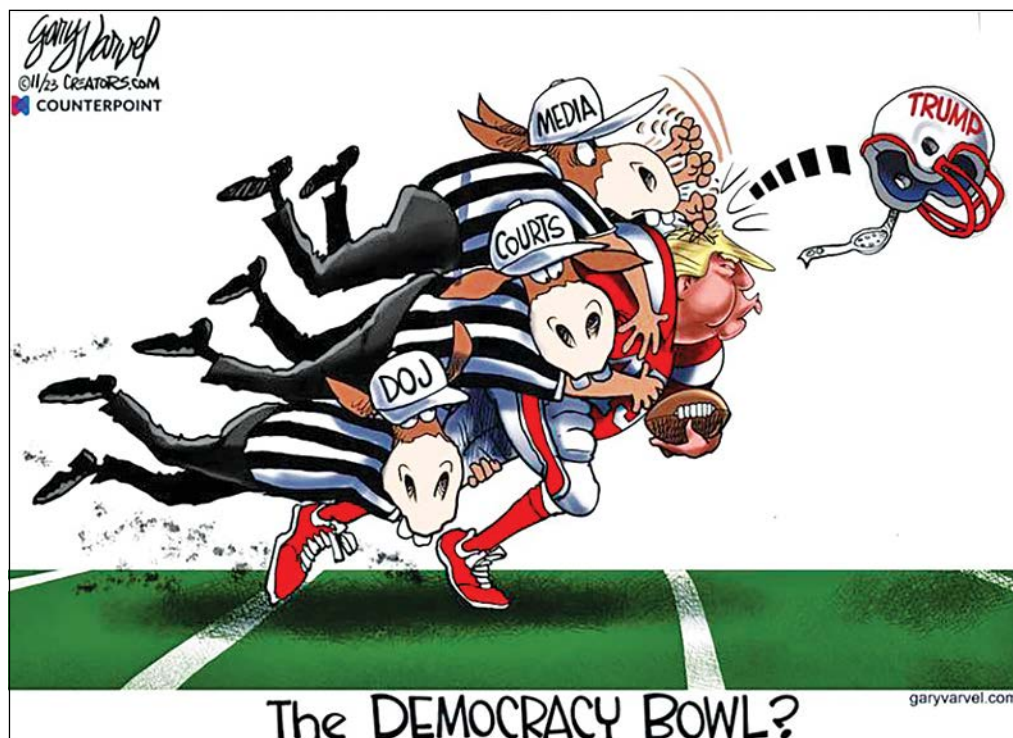
No matter what challenges may come, from the North Pole to the voting polls, may we remain steadfast to what we believe and live for. No matter the degrees, even when we must disagree, may we agree to strive to be more agreeable. Because I think that great things are possible and coming in December—not doom and gloom, but progress and success. And even as joyful jingles, commercials and Christmas music begin to play non-stop, and as motley mobs meander through malls to find the perfect gifts, may we each make this a December to remember for many good and memorable reasons.

WORD OF THE WEEK

HOGMADOG

[hawg-muh-dawg] A large ball of snow made by rolling a smaller ball of snow around a field until it grows.

Don't worry about hogging all the hogmadogs, there will plenty snow to go around!



Communities can control small business success!

Albert Einstein once said, "The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." Put another way, we must change our thinking of the past to realize and facilitate change within our community today.

After the past couple years which impacted many small businesses and communities, it is important we remind ourselves of the real and tangible value small business brings to our community. Analyst Nick Rokke, of the Palm Beach Daily, recently indicated some astounding small business facts. Small businesses make up 99.7% of U.S. firms. They employ 49% of all Americans and create 64% of all new jobs.

Now is the time for every community in America to focus their efforts inward and determine if their community is doing everything possible to support

and build their local business base. Now is the time for your community to double down on efforts to assure small business growth. Now is the time to create an atmosphere of innovation, change, entrepreneurship, collaboration, and synergy.

There can be many reasons why this may not be occurring in your community, but in spite of the reasons, each community must take their future into their own hands. Be the future you wish to see. If taxes are too high, offer tax incentives. If regulations are stifling, reduce regulations making start-ups easy and painless. If you haven't taken

advantage of micro-TIFs, look into it and see if that fits your community. You might be surprised. If you have a tight labor market, provide tax incentives for hiring locals in lieu of out-of-town



JOHN A. NEWBY
COLUMNIST

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

Calvin Coolidge

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The AGs encourage the administration to remain steadfast in assisting our ally, Israel

from Richard Piatt, Deputy Chief of Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

SALT LAKE CITY — Attorney General Sean D. Reyes led a coalition of 26 attorneys general in sending a letter to President Joe Biden and congressional leaders, urging the federal government to prioritize and provide financial and humanitarian assistance to Israel after the October 7th terrorist attacks by Hamas.

General Reyes issued the following statement: "My heart is broken by the horrific tragedies that Israel experienced last month. Israel is one of America's greatest allies, and we must ensure that they have the full support of our government as they protect their homeland from terror and genocide. I pray for peace in Israel and for the end of this conflict."

In their letter, the attorneys general write, "The atrocities in Israel from a month ago prove, yet again,

and perhaps more so than at any time since WWII, that the United States of America must stand with unwavering, unbending, and unrelenting support for the Jewish people during their great time of need. Israel must be supported through her efforts to protect herself from terror, and our nation must lead by example to show the world that America will not leave Israel's side until this war is completed and her citizens can live in peace."

Joining Utah on the letter were the attorneys general of the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

SUCCESS

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employees. For every issue, there seems to be an excuse. Don't dwell on excuses, seek solutions overcoming your issues through creativity, innovation, and a willingness to invest in local people.

Many communities invest major dollars in courting national businesses, not that this is always bad. Evaluate the long-term impact of those dollars on your community. In most cases, the long-term impact is much worse than we can imagine or realize. Not to mention, when times get tough, national chains know no loyalty and will leave.

Most importantly, while investing in small business, simultaneously invest in your downtown and the surrounding area. Not only are your downtowns the eyes into soul of your community, but National statistics also indicate investing dollars into your downtown bring the highest return (ROI) to your community. When downtowns are left to deteriorate, you can be assured other parts of the community will soon follow. You won't see it overnight. It will be like a cancer or degenerative process that slowly infects the body until it is too weak to battle back. On the other hand, I have yet to see a rebuilt and vibrant downtown that hasn't positively impacted the entire community.

Our downtowns are treasures, they link the past, present, and future together. They are what drives small business growth throughout the entire community. They are what connects the young, middle aged, and the mature. They are the future for those communities seeking answers to a better tomorrow.




IRON COUNTY FORECAST

INCREASING CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW TO CLOSE THE WORKWEEK AS COOLER TEMPS FILTER BACK IN. SNOW POTENTIAL LINGERS INTO SATURDAY BEFORE CALMING SUNDAY INTO MONDAY AS TEMPS BEGIN A WARMING TREND. BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK SKIES LOOK TO BE MOSTLY SUNNY WITH ABOVE AVERAGE WARMTH.

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THURSDAY

Chance Rain/Snow

41°/24°

PRECIP: 20%

WINDS: SW 5-10

FRIDAY

Chance Snow

38°/21°

PRECIP: 50%

WINDS: WSW 5-10

SATURDAY

Chance Snow

37°/18°

PRECIP: 40%

WINDS: SW 5-10

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

40°/20°

PRECIP: 10%

WINDS: SW 5-10

MONDAY

Partly Cloudy

47°/25°

PRECIP: 10%

WINDS: SW 5-10

TUESDAY

Mostly Sunny

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WINDS: SSW 5-10

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PRECIP: 10%

WINDS: SSW 5-10



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GENERAL ELECTION (Unofficial Results)

IRON COUNTY

Registered Voters - Total 29,061
Ballots Cast - Total 10,677
Voter Turnout - Total 36.74%

U. S. House District 2

Una, Perry T. Myers	73	0.71%
Una, Joe Buchman	77	0.74%
Uup, January Walker	137	1.32%
Con, Cassie Easley	306	2.96%
Lib, Bradley Garth Green	617	5.96%
Dem, Kathleen Riebe	1,463	14.13%
Rep, Celeste Maloy	7,646	73.85%
Write-In Totals	34	0.33%
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Jonathan La Rele Peterson	0	0.00%
Not Assigned	34	0.33%
Total Votes Cast	10,353	100.00%
Contest Totals	10,677	

Iron County School Board Bond

FOR	5,036	49.47%
AGAINST	5,144	50.53%
Total Votes Cast	10,180	100.00%
Contest Totals	10,677	

Iron County Special Bond

YES	3,730	36.44%
NO	6,507	63.56%
Total Votes Cast	10,237	100.00%
Contest Totals	10,677	

BRIAN HEAD TOWN

Registered Voters - Total 104
Ballots Cast - Total 40
Voter Turnout - Total 38.46%

Brian Head Town Council 2 Years

Mitch Ricks	31	77.50%
Total Votes Cast	31	77.50%
Contest Totals	40	100.00%

Brian Head Town Council 4 Years

Larry R. Freeberg	28	35.00%
Kelly Marshall	29	36.25%
Total Votes Cast	57	71.25%
Contest Totals	80	100.00%

Brian Head Town Special Bond Election

YES	20	50.00%
NO	16	40.00%
Total Votes Cast	36	90.00%
Contest Totals	40	100.00%

Proposition 11, Brian Head PAR Tax

FOR	24	60.00%
AGAINST	13	32.50%
Total Votes Cast	37	92.50%
Contest Totals	40	100.00%

CEDAR CITY

Registered Voters - Total 16,129
Ballots Cast - Total 5,777
Voter Turnout - Total 35.82%

Cedar City Council

Kathy Long	1,609	11.80%
Mark Mumford	1,862	13.65%
Brittany Fisher	2,344	17.19%
Carter Wilkey	2,453	17.99%
Robert S. Cox	2,550	18.70%
W. Tyler Melling	2,820	20.68%
Total Votes Cast	13,638	100.00%
Contest Totals	17,331	

Proposition 7, Cedar City RAP Tax

YES	3,529	62.27%
NO	2,138	37.73%
Total Votes Cast	5,667	100.00%
Contest Totals	5,777	

ENOCH CITY

Registered Voters - Total 4,062
Ballots Cast - Total 1,264
Voter Turnout - Total 31.12%

Enoch City Council

Brandon E Cox	442	15.41%
Westley Harris	443	15.44%
Debra A. Ley	599	20.88%
David Harris	648	22.59%
Shawn E. Stoor	737	25.69%
Total Votes Cast	2,869	100.00%
Contest Totals	3,792	

PAROWAN CITY

Registered Voters - Total 1,915
Ballots Cast - Total 968
Voter Turnout - Total 50.55%

Parowan City Council

David M Harris	537	21.88%
John Dean	570	23.23%
Jim Shurtleff	415	16.91%
David M. Burton Sr.	466	18.99%
Jessica L Smith	466	18.99%
Total Votes Cast	2,454	100.00%
Contest Totals	2,904	

Proposition 5, Parowan RAP Tax

FOR	564	59.87%
AGAINST	378	40.13%
Total Votes Cast	942	100.00%
Contest Totals	968	

Iron County School District Work Staff Meeting

Personnel Training

Discussion on the scheduled training from chapters 9 and 10 of “The Anatomy of Peace,” focused on choosing relationships of mutual understanding (“I-Thou”) rather than objectifying others (“I-It”). One board member shared her perspective that shifting to an “I-It” viewpoint allows one to justify negative judgments. Another tied this concept to seeing groups as monoliths rather than individuals. The superintendent noted the importance of honoring one’s thoughts - betraying one’s better instincts leads to self-conflict. Board members then shared personal stories of struggling to lovingly respond to irritants.

Iron Stories Website

The board excitedly received a presentation on the new Iron Stories website for collecting community member stories. It has an intuitive, aesthetically-pleasing interface to facilitate searching stories by customizable filters like category, length, and curriculum-approval status. Submitting and managing stories are also streamlined to publish across media platforms. The board is eager to receive community submissions and learn from local experiences.

Positive Behavior Plans

The board approved school positive behavior support plans aimed at fostering inclusion, mental health, and preventing substance abuse through peer mentoring, counseling, and restorative principles. Funding and oversight are provided by the state legislature’s Behavioral Health in Schools Act. School counselors elaborated on tailored tiered interventions like Second Step classroom lessons on self-regulation and relationship skills, as well as Check-In/Check-Out programs providing regular teacher feedback to struggling students.

Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP)

The counselors shared data from the SHARP statewide survey indicating youth mental health trends, including rising rates of depression, self-harm, and suicide considerations (with nearly 1 in 4 senior students reporting suicidal thoughts). One board member called the statistics terrifically alarming. The counselors highlighted urgent student needs in this area, noting over half display moderate depression indicators.

Policy Updates

In other business, updated policies were reviewed to comply with various laws/regulations, including service animal access rules, designated nursing mother facilities, expanding athletic concussion protocols to recess injuries, and consolidating accounting policies into a centralized, digitized manual facilitating responsive updates. Questions on liability protections and athletic equipment replacement schedules were raised for future follow-up.

SBSU

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we did that on this project,” he said. “The shareholders and patrons of State Bank of Southern Utah can rest assured that they have the leaders who are the sharpest in the state of Utah working here.”

Following Thorne and Pendleton, Cedar City Mayor Garth Green shared some notable history of the great businesses that have built the foundations for success in Cedar City. With a banking background himself, Mayor Green understands the value of a bank investing back into their community.

“Cedar City is the entrepreneurial mecca of the west and definitely Southern Utah,” he shared. “SBSU is definitely woven into the fabric of Cedar City and I want to express appreciation to the Bank and everyone involved.” He also added, “Today we celebrate another milestone—congratulations to all of you. Thank you for your amazing commitment to Cedar City. Thank you for your amazing employees who are our neighbors and our friends. Thanks for your entrepreneurial business and vision. Now let’s do some business!”

Following Mayor Green, Eric Schmutz (SBSU President and C.E.O.) spoke about the skills and dedication of those who fought through and overcame the challenges to build such a beautiful building. “We are grateful for the continued support of our customers that made this expansion



COREY BAUMGARTNER

“Our roots are in Southern Utah, not just our branches and that’s what we intend to be for years and years to come.”

Eric Schmutz, SBSU President and C.E.O.

necessary. The mission of the bank to improve the lives of our customers, employees, and the communities we serve is as true today as it was when the bank was founded 66 years ago.”

He also confirmed that everyone’s hard work reinforced those “missions” of State Bank: Independence, Making local decisions, Building communities—by being a part of them

and giving back, not just pulling from them and Basing their banking on relationships. “The continued growth of the bank is another testament to the need of a true community bank that builds relationships, understands the community, and makes local decisions,” he added.

He ended by emphasizing that, “From 12 employees to almost 300

employees, those principles are the same...our roots are in Southern Utah, not just our branches and that’s what we intend to be for years and years to come.”

Following everyone’s remarks the symbolic ribbon was cut and those in attendance were invited inside for the tour and open house that included food, fun and family festivities. They got a close up view of the building’s beautiful insides, which included a wall of history and custom desks built by Cozzens Cabinets who carved each one with the SBSU’s signature logo of a bristlecone pine symbolizing their progressive growth and certain sustainability.



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Honor our Local veterans during 4th Annual Wreaths Across America tribute

by Gabrielle Costello

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

CEDAR CITY — Cedar City's 4th annual "Wreaths Across America" tribute will take place on Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Cedar City Cemetery where all are invited to attend and pay tribute to our military veterans alongside nearly 4,000 cities who also participate across the United States. 1,300 hand-tied, live balsam wreaths will be placed at gravesites to remind us of our heroes' sacrifice, dedication, and patriotism.

More than 200 volunteers from the community representing students from our high schools and Southern Utah University (SUU), as well as members of several clubs, organizations, veteran's associations, and City departments are assisting in the success of this year's event. Hundreds of hours have been invested over the past year to ensure every veteran is honored with a wreath.

This brief program promises to be touching and patriotic, consisting of a color guard presentation,

a special ceremonial wreath presentation honoring each branch of our military, remarks from Cedar City Mayor Garth Green, music, tributes, bagpipes, taps, and much more.



Wreaths Across America is expecting a large turnout for this ceremony and the Cedar City Police Department and the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) will be assisting with parking. All traffic for the event will be directed to enter the cemetery from Iron Mission Parkway and exit onto Main Street. All vehicles will be entering one way only. Once you enter the cemetery grounds, volun-

teers will direct you in order to maximize parking. Please follow all instructions and proceed slowly. The ceremony will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. and we ask those attending to arrive early. We will have golf carts available to assist the elderly and those needing assistance getting to the ceremony site.

We thank the hundreds of donors who have already stepped forward sharing their generosity and spirit of community to make this event possible. Without them, we would not be able to make this opportunity available. Thank you to Red Acre Farm for donating ceremonial wreaths that will be presented to each branch of the military.

Donations are still being accepted. Each wreath costs \$17.00, but gifts in any amount are appreciated. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to "Bald Eagle Chapter DAR" and mail them to Wreaths Across America, 126 S. 2050 W., Cedar City, UT 84720, or leave contributions at City Hall (10 N. Main Street, Cedar City) in Councilman R. Scott Phillips's box.

We remind everyone to dress warmly and be prepared for December temperatures. The goal of Wreaths Across America is to provide proper respect and remembrance to these remarkable citizens who served in the military so our freedoms would be protected.

Intermountain Cedar City Hospital

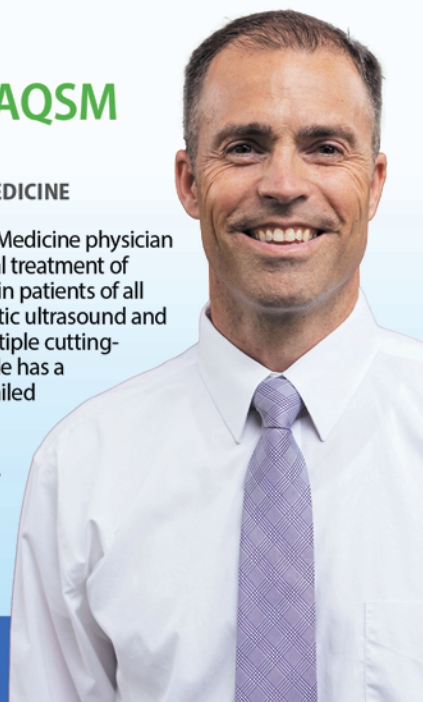
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'Tis the season for giving in Iron County

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

At this time of year as we watch the last warm days of Autumn give way to chilly nights, our mailbox is full of requests from many charities who feed the hungry, and there are always a few TV ads with some politician serving up mashed potatoes at a soup kitchen in another cliché photo op. We normally donate to several of the national organizations that provide food for the needy, but this year I decided to look more closely at what sort of resources we have right here in Iron County. I was encouraged to find just how many resources are available to those in need locally, but I was also pretty surprised to find out the number of our Iron County residents who find themselves in need of these food providers.

I discovered there are nearly a dozen different places that serve the needy and, having no previous knowledge of how any of this works, I just walked in some doors and asked, "How do you operate and where do you get all this food?" It didn't take long to find out there is indeed a common denominator within all these organizations - The Utah Food Bank (UFB). After getting lots of information from the local affiliates it was suggested that I call Mr. Jacob Miner at the Saint George warehouse for the Utah Food Bank - what a helpful guy he was, and he invited me to their warehouse to get a tour and an explanation of how their system works.

Their distribution center is in St. George, and provides food within five counties: Beaver, Garfield, Washington, Kane and our own Iron County. The food is donated from a variety of sources including Lin's Market, Great Harvest, Walmart, local growers and individual walk-in donations. Canned goods, frozen foods, produce, some meats and perishables, bread, peanut butter, pet food, baby food and countless other foods are sorted and delivered on a very regular basis to the food pantry outlets mentioned above. All in all food is provided to a total of nearly 20,000 clients each month in Iron County alone. I also learned that the Utah Food Bank is under the umbrella

of the Feeding America Organization, a national nonprofit network, leading the fight against hunger in the United States.

If you are wondering how you can help, Mr. Miner at UFB explained that there are three great ways to help.

Give Food



PHOTOS BY JOHN TURNER

This is the time of year when food banks need many volunteers and donations to help those in need.



Host a food drive or bring in a box of non-perishables to your church or social group, or to the outlets above.

Give Time

Contact the UFB at (435) 656-9122 or walk into any of the outlets and offer your services. The logistics of delivering all this food couldn't be done

without the many volunteers who are "the boots on the ground."

Give Money

Every dollar donated generates \$8.36 of goods and services - The UFB folks know the best way to make your money go further, since 96% of the money donated goes to the food

registered with them. They also have something called a Campers Special, with ready to eat food immediately available for those who need help on the spot. They also offer some emergency sheltering. Their phone number is (435) 586-4962.

» True Life Center - Food Distribution, 2111 N Main Street, Cedar City, (435)

867-0405. Food is available at the church every Wednesday between 2 pm and 6 pm.

» Hope Pantry, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City and 417 W 200 S, open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm with supplies for students.

There is also a service for folks who are housebound, primarily seniors, who need food. A box of supplies is delivered to them once a month, based on needs and income level. For details on this service contact Utah Food Bank at (435) 656-9122.

Utah Food Bank Mobile Pantries

Every other week the Mobile Pantries visit four locations throughout the county, where a truck full of food is unloaded in the parking lot of local churches. They will want

program and not to paying salaries.

The outlets that I learned about or had a chance to visit are:

» Iron County Care and Share Food Pantry, 229 W 900 N in Cedar City, open Monday through Thursday 9 am - 4 pm. They offer weekly or monthly food packages once you have

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to know how many in your family and then volunteers will load an appropriate amount of supplies into your car. The locations and days of operation are:

- » Cedar City, every other Friday at 520 S 1100 W, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- » Parowan, every other Tuesday at 845 W 200 S, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- » Enoch, every other Friday at 451 E Mid Valley Road, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- » Beryl, every other Friday at 702 N Hwy 18, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Call this number to verify actual dates at your location: Angela Torres (801) 739-4155

These locations are primarily supplied by the Utah Food Bank, who are the heartbeat of this local food network. Other sources that help the hungry are The Cedar City LDS Bishops Storehouse where Ward leaders are able to call in food and supply orders for their members and others who are in need. They also donate to the Care and Share Pantry.

Organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Service Clubs, schools etc. hold their own food drives and donate to any and all of the above groups. Lastly, Christ the King Catholic Church in Cedar City collects food throughout the month and donates it to the Care

and Share Pantry and the Canyon Creek Crisis Center.

Since our county has grown so fast over the last 4 or 5 years, so has the portion of the population most in need of food. A lot of people have moved here from big cities to escape the grit, grime and crime they left behind. Also, we have watched as developers have turned the Iron County sagebrush into suburbs and inflation has increased to the point where many can no longer afford to live in or rent their own homes.

Everyone needs to do their part including donating at the local level, by calling any of the local facilities above to see where you can best help, donating to the Utah Food Bank (www.utahfoodbank.org), or to volunteer at UFB, contact Marsha Watson, the lead volunteer coordinator at marshaw@utahfoodbank.org. Also, think about volunteering with your kids and making it a family project, to instill the habit of helping those in need early on. If you don't want to get your hands dirty, or if your schedule is too busy, money is always a big help. They told me that the holidays are always the busiest time for donations, but the rest of the year gets forgotten, so consider a monthly donation to cover the less generous times of the year. Those that have the most need to help those that have the least.

Enough nagging, just please do your part. If we all participate in some way, we may never see blue tarp encampments under our freeway overpasses like those many of us left behind in the big cities.



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A warehouse in St. George strategically stores food for the Utah Food Bank.



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Revolutionary

Canyon View's *Les Misérables* a beautiful, powerful performance

by Amyanne Rigby

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Canyon View High School Theatre Department presented *Les Misérables* School Edition in November. It was under the direction of Holly Barrick with Randall Seely as Tech Director and Alex Byers as Music Director.

Barrick always knew she wanted to bring this rendition of *Les Misérables* to the stage, but she was waiting for just the right group of students. She found them. Barrick remarked,

"This story deserved to be told and these students were the ones who needed to tell it. Their individual work ethics, personalities, and talent made the story come to life."

On their closing night the cast powerfully performed before a full house. Senior, Ivy Colbert, "owned" the stage as everyone's most loved villain, Javert. She was simply sensational. Colbert said of this role, "Javert was not the easiest part to

play; however, with a lot of work, I fell in love with playing the character." Austin Peterson played opposite Colbert as Jean Valjean. He didn't miss a beat. But perhaps it was senior Andrew Barrick (Marius) that captured his piece, "Empty Chairs and Empty Tables" most poignantly. Barrick played the young revolutionary and Cosette's suitor and his performance drove the audience to tears.

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Get to know John DiAntonio, USF's new artistic director

from Utah Shakespeare Festival

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

We are thrilled to welcome John DiAntonio to the Utah Shakespeare Festival. In September, DiAntonio was announced as the Festival's new Artistic Director after an extensive nation-wide search.

Now, we'd like to share more about DiAntonio with our patrons with this full-length Q&A article and get-to-know-you video.

The Festival: Can you share with us a bit about yourself and your journey into theatre?

DiAntonio: I'm from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and am the oldest of four siblings. I was an athlete growing up, but I also loved to paint and draw. I didn't discover theatre until late in the game. My father is an engineer and my mother is an accountant, so I didn't know theatre existed until I was in ninth grade in English class.

We were reading Romeo and Juliet, and after class, my teacher came up to me and said, 'You should consider taking theatre.' So, my sophomore year, I signed up for my first theatre class, and my head exploded a bit. It funneled all of that class clown energy into the right place. Theatre is always where the misfits can find their ensemble, and I certainly found that.

I discovered the bonds that form when you put a play together, what it's like stepping into a character, getting to experience all the emotions like grief, love, passion in a safe environment. I fell in love with it, and the rest is history.

The Festival: You most recently worked at Creede Repertory Theatre in Creede, Colorado. Can you share an accomplishment you're particularly proud of in your previous role as Producing Artistic Director?

DiAntonio: I was the Artistic

Director for four years, a member of the staff for eight years, and part of the seasonal staff for 12 years. I spent a lot of time there. I was thrilled with our 2023 season in every way. We hit a revenue record, it was our second-best season of all time, and we were above pre-pandemic numbers which was fantastic.

But artistically, the shows, the lineup... I was incredibly proud of the artistic quality and what was presented, including the diversity of those shows and the stories being told.

There was a cohesiveness to the company, and folks were just leaning into what we were trying to accomplish. It felt like we were living our vision, and it was a great season to wrap things up on.

The Festival: The Utah Shakespeare Festival holds a special place in the hearts of many. What drew you to this position and what resonates with you about the Festival?

DiAntonio: I am so honored to be taking on this new role. I've always looked up to this

theatre and revered the work that's been done here. When I was moving to Denver for grad school, my mother and I stopped at the Festival and saw all the shows, and it was an incredibly pivotal point in my life. At Creede, I saw it as a big brother or big sister theatre of what we could become.

There's so many things that resonate with me. First, the power of repertory theatre and what it means. I've experienced rep as a performer and audience member.

Repertory theatre pushes everyone in the company [and audience] and forces you to grow.

Also, what an honor to make Shakespeare the cornerstone of the work here.

The Festival: Can you share your favorite play that's been featured here at the Festival?

DiAntonio: At this point in my life, Henry IV Parts I and II are the plays that resonate most with me. Now that I am a father, hold leadership roles, and have dealt with a pandemic... it's been a time of growth that has felt like war at some points. I resonate with the character arc of Prince Hal.

The Festival: How do you plan to immerse yourself in our local community and culture?

DiAntonio: My family and I are excited to become a part of this community in every way. My wife and I have three little kids, and we can't wait for them to be a part of the

school system and make new friends. We are big outdoorsy folks, and we've started hiking trails. We went to the farmer's market the other day, and it was glorious, and there are so many wonderful restaurants.

We are coming from a tiny town, that during winter, had 400 people. We learned what community is all about there, and we will bring that mentality here.

I can't wait to work with Southern Utah University, it'll be a wonderful thing for both institutions. We can't wait to get to know everyone and dive in!



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Impressive young performers shine in 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

by Cami Cox

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Has such camaraderie, spunky spirit and fun energy ever been seen on a high school stage before? Perhaps. But all the same, the students of Parowan High School deserve high marks for the recent production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which took place from Nov. 16-21 and boasted a cast of more than 60 performers. These students brought such personality, charisma and fun to the stage as to rival any professional theater group.

From start to finish, Parowan High's performers shone brightly with high energy, smile-inducing charm and polished musicality. Kendall Wilkey brought a golden singing voice and an endearing personality to the title role of Joseph, while Madison Kohler brought poise, sparkle and her own superb voice to the role of the narrator. Max Marsh was a delight in the role of Pharaoh (sounding uncannily like a certain other "king" well-known for his musical swagger...).

The ensemble to end all ensembles was found in Joseph's 11 brothers, played by Wes Howser, Adam Howser, Jason Carlise, Kaleb Kohler, Zach Clarke, Riley Johnson, Rustyn Mackelprang, Maddax Jackson, Kyle Orton, Gideon Carter and Cooper Heath. The number "Those Canaan Days," performed by the brothers and their father, Jacob (played by Micah Sparks), was unquestionably the showstopper of the production. The young performers were over-the-top in the best possible way, eliciting cheers, whistles and catcalls from the audience as they delivered a cabaret-style performance that was just plain fun, holding nothing back as they put all possible energy and audacity into the performance.

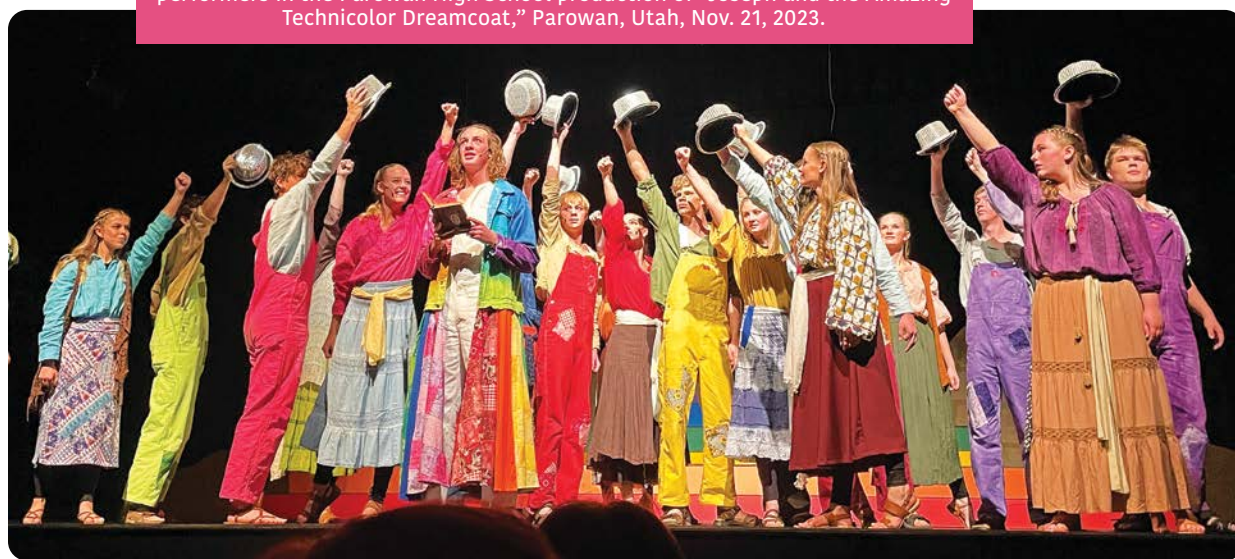
Foreign exchange student Sasha Lementovskiy was a standout in the brief but memorable role of Potiphar, bringing poise and presence to the part. Brentlee Mineer rounded out the cast as Potiphar's wife (additionally playing a dual role as the wife of one of Joseph's brothers).

Traditionally a show that does not contain many lead female parts (generally just the narrator and Potiphar's wife), this production of "Joseph" was cleverly expanded to include wives for all 11 brothers, thus giving more PHS students the opportunity to have roles in the production. The 11 brides for 11 brothers (mentally insert smile emoji here) were Matilee Sudweeks, Chloe Sudweeks, Tristyn Lister, Tanya DeGroff, Raven McNeil, Lina Eagar, KatieMae Judd, Abbie Mason, Brentlee Mineer, Addie Tuttle and Belle Staheli.

The terrific ensemble included some very talented dancers and some very young children, who



Kendall Wilkey, playing the title role of Joseph, leads a cast of over 60 performers in the Parowan High School production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Parowan, Utah, Nov. 21, 2023.



PHOTOS BY MEGAN LISTER

were both adorable and earnest as they attended to their roles in the show.

If I were a Hollywood talent scout, I would be signing some of these kids right now and jump-starting their professional performance careers. (Anybody know a Hollywood production company looking for a talent scout?)

Well done, Parowan students. You are truly awesome, energetic and special!

The show was directed by Noel Bauer, with music direction by Trevor Walker. The adults who guided this talented cast are to be praised for putting in long hours alongside their performers to create a truly enjoyable experience at the theater.

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But this powerful, politically driven story didn't stop there. There was laughter and love, too! Senior Skyler Cooper delivered the chuckles

as Monsieur Thénardier. Because even Hugo's Heavy Les Misérables needs a little comic relief. And love? Mother for daughter, woman for man? The two strongest women roles in the play were performed by the senior Haley twins, Brenna (Fantine) and Braelynn (Eponine). Brenna immersed herself in the world of Fantine

surviving poverty, prostitution, and despair for her daughter Cosette while her sister Braelynn sacrificed her life for the man and the cause she loved, Marius. Both Brenna and Braelynn delivered commanding portrayals.

While the story of Les Misérables has all the right ingredients, it was the ensemble music pieces which brought both laughter and tears simultaneously. From the opening rowing scene "Look Down," to the scene at the barricade "One More Day," these music pieces invited the audience to stand for truth, to invite justice, and to extend mercy. The audience embraced the role of revolutionaries, and it was the voices of the CVHS Musical Theater Team that made it all happen.

When asked what he liked most about his final senior musical production, Andrew Barrick paid tribute to the entire cast of Les Misérables, "I feel so blessed to have been able to perform in this show. Every aspect, from the lighting to music, was well planned and beautifully designed. I noticed the cast came together and how much love we had for each other, and how much love we had for the art we produced. It was such an incredible experience and I enjoyed every moment."

Every aspect of this production required hours of preparation. Nick Evans led the way as stage manager accompanied by lighting designer, Ashton Avery; Gavin McLelland led on set design accompanied by a very strong "build crew." Hair, make up, props, costumes—it was all fabulous. It was one of those shows that was hard to see come to an end.

Each member of Canyon View's talented cast and crew brought this inspiring story to life.



VANTAGE POINT

It's time to get out those warm coats

by Mary Anne Andersen

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

And the snow finally came. With a bang. Literally. A huge thunder clap and Cedar City went from a beautiful, mild autumn to winter one Sunday morning. Things just feel different, now. Different coats, different mailbox contents, different lights on the streets. And a calendar that fills up with Christmas activities. Not that November wasn't full with tree displays, concerts, and school programs, but now there is the anticipation of things that happen annually, and in spite of the dark and cold, we put on those heavy coats and venture out to those familiar festivities that say, "Christmas is here."

On November 30th, the Orchestra of Southern Utah will present a Christmas pops concert in the Heritage theater. The theater itself

is warmly decorated with lights and full of families wanting to hear "Sleigh-ride", "White Christmas", and such. OSU won't disappoint, with conductor Carylee Zwang promising a concert that speaks to the season. That is tonight, so eat dinner early and be on your way downtown by 7:00 for a 7:30 showtime.

On the next night, Friday December 1st, the SUU Music Department will present its annual Christmas concert. That will be a happy problem for us, as it is the same night as our church annual Christmas party. We go early, eat that good holiday-type food, and make it downtown for the downbeat at 7:30.

Handel's famous "Messiah" will be presented by OSU on December 10th and 11th. Originally written as

an Easter celebration, "Messiah" is part of the Christmas season for any community of any size. Often communities will present sing-alongs, where anyone can bring a score and sing along with orchestra or piano, depending on the size of the musical community.



The piece is an oratorio, a category that is a narrative but not a staged presentation. Soloists sing arias of biblical texts that, in this case, tell of the predictions about and ultimate birth of

Jesus Christ. According to Handel himself, the work was written in 24 days, with the help of "angels", with little sleeping and eating along the way.

Most conductors choose various choruses and plan a production of approximately an hour and a half. There is no intermission or applause

between numbers. We love to go and see who of our community is going to sing what this year. It is a tribute to the stamina of the singers, players, and especially the conductor that the work is given two evenings in a row! Thanks to generous sponsors, "Messiah" is free, but tickets are necessary and the theater is usually sold out.

SimonFest Theater is calling for auditions for what will prove to be Christmas dramatizations, I'm sure. We'll need to read this paper for more information on what the show will be, the when and where of the shows.

On December 13th, CCMA will present Vocalocity, an a cappella vocal group that performed last year. Back by popular demand, the group will present a concert of favorite Christmas pieces.

Is that enough to keep you entertained for the next couple of weeks?

Where the Magic Begins

CEDAR'S DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY THRILLS

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The magic of the 2023 holiday season began in Historic Downtown Cedar City on Saturday November 25th. It was a cold, chilly night and Main Street was full of bundled up guests. Cedar

City's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening night of the Holiday Tree Jubilee fundraiser was a huge success.

It was like no other as it was an above and beyond experience that made this year even better than before. The evening's event was complete with

a Christmas Market filled with a curated collection of artisan crafts, free train rides sponsored by ERA Realty Center and live nativity performances by the Cedar Area Interfaith Alliance. There were also local food vendors, giveaways, a kid crafts station, professional dance

performances by world-renowned choreographer Mic Thompson, dancing violist, Fiddlers Canyon Elementary School Choir, solo singing, fireworks sponsored by Visit Cedar City Brian Head, and

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of course Santa's grand arrival by SUU Aviation helicopter.

Once the holiday lights filled the skies, guests lingered downtown, enjoying all the festivities. Also that evening was the annual Holiday Tree Jubilee fundraiser event, which opened in the Heritage Hall. This favorite event contributes thousands of dollars every holiday season for various organizations in the community.

During the tree lighting, Cedar City Mayor Garth Green greeted everyone with a special speech about going down "Memory Lane." He remembered shopping in Cedar City as a young boy. There was a JC Penney store, with a 1500 square feet basement with nothing but toys, a Woolworth store, a Spouse-Reitz, complete with 1200 square feet of toys. While under different owners, those buildings are still on Main Street today.

As a young boy in 1957, Mayor Green remembers working for his Aunts for 25 cents an hour. He remembers when he was 8 years old, he wanted to buy 9 gifts for his loved ones. A box of Queen Anne Cherry Chocolates was a good gift. One box of Queen Anne Cherry Chocolates costs 25 cents a box. His Mom took him shopping to buy the chocolates. He had earned \$2.25 to buy all nine. Today, you can buy one box of Queen Anne Cherry Chocolates for \$2.50. He, also remembers Bessie Dover playing the Bell Chimes Christmas Carols at SUU that he could hear her clear down on 900 West. Of course he remembers that there was a Christmas Parade on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and Santa arrived. He also enjoyed singing Christmas songs like, Joy To The World, I Heard The Bells, and Silent Night. He ended thanking all those who attended, and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, Peace On Earth and to not forget the Queen Anne Cherry Chocolates!

Speaking of the amazing event, R. Scott Phillips shared, "The entire event was magical and the perfect way to officially ring in the holiday season. Where the Magic Begins is a true Christmas card to Cedar City. It is about the magic and excitement you see in the eyes of the children."

Benjamin Batty added, "There is no better place to kick off the holiday season than Cedar City, seeing the kids' faces holding their lighted wands to the sky truly believing, brings a tear to my eye. Downtown Cedar City truly is where the Magic Begins"

Vietnam War veteran couple recognized with Quilts of Valor

from Esmeralda Carter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On November 20, the anniversary of the Foundation, the Patches4Patriots group of Iron County, along with Group Leader Esmeralda Carter USN Retired/Gulf War Veteran, PJ Sylvester Vietnam veteran, Jen Oeland and Debi Smith, awarded a husband and wife, who are Vietnam veterans their Quilts of Valor. Carter and her board members were honored to award these Vietnam veterans their Quilts of Valor.

The community, family and friends joined in celebrating and supporting these Veterans. Welcome Home Ronnie and Joe Winningham. Thank you for your service to this grateful nation.

» Sergeant Ronnie Winningham, US Air Force, Vietnam War Conflict

» Staff Sergeant Joe Winningham, US Air Force, Vietnam War Conflict



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(L to R) Staff Sergeant Jo Winningham and Sergeant Ronni Winningham

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3. Now through December 31, earn points with each check-in. Show the pass at participating businesses for special offers and to redeem points for fun prizes.



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THURS, NOV 30

PERSONAL SPACE DAY

IRON COUNTY HOMELESS COUNCIL (3PM)

@ Libertad Community (Building A) 1044 N. Hovi Hills Drive, Cedar. A collaboration of homeless providers, public agencies, private entities committed to reduce causes of homelessness in Iron, Beaver, Garfield, Kane counties.

**OSU FALL CONCERT (7:30PM) @ HERITAGE**

Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). \$12 Adults, \$6 for students. Kick off your holiday season with this exciting concert for the whole family. Well-loved Christmas Classics, talented performing artists, groups, and special guests, this concert will warm your hearts with festive joy. INFO/Tickets @ www.mysou.org.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT IMPAC (7:30-10PM)

@ InterMountain Performing Arts Conservatory - IMPAC (389 N 100 W Ste 7, Cedar). Tickets \$20 online (<https://events.humanitix.com>). A heartwarming celebration of talent, tradition, and togetherness. (Also Dec 1-2, 4, 6-9). INFO: info@im-pac.com, 435-572-0072.

FRI, DEC 1

GIFT OF SIGHT MONTH

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR (1ST-2ND 10-5PM) @

Cedar City Visitors Center (581 N Main). Handmade holiday items by local artisans.

WIZARDING WORLD CHRISTMAS FEST (DEC

1st 5-8pm, 2nd 10-4pm, 9th 10-4). @ 150 E Altamira Ave, Cedar. Shop Diagon Alley, Drink butterbeer and try other themed treats, visit Father Christmas, Listen to the Christmas Frog Choir, and other Local Live Entertainment. \$2 Entry Fee. Visit cccmt.org for tickets/info.

CEDAR STREET FEST (EVERY FRI 4-10PM) @

Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar). Local businesses, farmers markets, artists, musicians, comedians, drive-in movies, etc. for a weekly celebration of Cedar City's unique culture. INFO: www.cedarstreetfest.com.

SAT, DEC 2

POLLUTION PREVENTION 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.

RED ACRE CHRISTMAS (10-3PM) @ RED

Acre Farm (2322 W 4375 N, Cedar). Complimentary hot cider, warm your hands by the fire, roast marshmallows, take pictures, shop the Farm Stand, take a buggy ride (\$5 per person), try traditional candle dipping (\$4 each), take the Farmhouse Tour (\$8 per person available at redacrecenter.org), purchase food from the Farm Kitchen, and more.

**LABYRINTH WALK (NOON-2PM, 40-MIN**

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PAROWAN WINTER WONDERLAND (6-10PM

Thru Janu 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.

CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA (6:30PM) @ NEW

Harmony Fire Kolob Station (1388 S Old Hwy 91, I-15 Exit #40). Christmas boutique, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, cookies, kids crafts! Santa arrives at 7pm.

ICAMA CONCERT (7PM) THE

Birdwatchers ukulele band (aka Naked Waiters). @ Park Place Eatery (23 W Center, Cedar). Also offering free ukulele workshop, 4pm (\$5 suggested donation)



SUN, DEC 3

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"WELCOME, DECEMBER. NEW MONTH, new chapter, new page & new wishes. May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, and peace. May every day in December be filled with hope, love, sunshine, and energy. Let there be joy, fun, and laughter." — unknown

MON, DEC 4

BROWN SHOES DAY

NATURE HILLS LIVE NATIVITY (5:30-

7:30pm) @ Nature Hills Farm (4326 N 2100 E, Cedar). Tickets \$4 @ naturehillsfarm.com. The Farm as it is transformed into a magical Winter Wonderland with lights and Christmas displays. 20 - 30 minute live, interactive tour.

TUES, DEC 5

NINJA DAY

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS GRIEF GROUP

(7-8:30pm, 1st Tues) @ Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Everyone 18+ who are a bereaved parent, grandparent, sibling, and/or professional person (those from funeral homes, chaplains, pastors, doctors, nurses, mental health workers, police, etc.) who are sensitive to the needs of the bereaved are encouraged to attend.

WED, DEC 6

TRICK SHOT DAY

YOUTH SERVICE LEAGUE (YSL) MEETING

(1st Wed, 3:30-4:30pm) @ Cedar Visitors Center Conference Room (581 N Main). Opportunity for youth between the ages of 11 - 18 to volunteer in making a positive difference in our community. Volunteer hours look great on college applications.

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.

WONDER WEDNESDAY (4-7PM) @ SUMA

(13 S 300 W, Cedar) FREE community event for families with children in grades K-5. Fun, hands-on, art-related activity (artsFUSION) for kids.

HOLIDAYS AT THE HOMESTEAD (6TH - 9TH,

5:30-8pm) @ Frontier Homestead State Park (635 N Main St, Cedar). \$2 per person or \$8 per family. Enjoy holiday-themed activities, crafts, and entertainment. Santa Claus will be making a special stop to listen to Christmas wishes during the event. INFO: 435-586-9290.

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, DEC 7

LETTER WRITING DAY

AVALANCHE AWARENESS (7-8PM) @ SUU

Church Auditorium, STE #155 (351 W University Blvd., Cedar). SUU Outdoor Education Series - Know Before You Go. FREE and open to everyone. Utah Avalanche Center Instructor, Levi Pendleton, shares his knowledge of understanding the destructive power of avalanches, and why & where they happen. INFO: 435-865-8704. suuoutdoors@suu.edu.

DIAMOND RIO HOLIDAY CONCERT (7:30PM)

@ America First Event Center (351 W University Blvd., Cedar). Tickets \$38. Available online @ libertyentertainment.live.

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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 KKCBB 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

KKCB 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, Cedar. All levels of the caregiver's journey from pre-caregiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 702-292-9911.

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 KKCBB 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 • KKCB 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.

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

Every other Tues, 1-2pm, starts Nov. 28. • Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W Cedar). Fun, engaging activities. Drum/Flute circles, group juggling, fine arts projects, more! All levels/abilities! 702-917-2151.

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. Text Sheila 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 cedarbreaksmodela@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: 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 6-8 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Open, Authentic, Relevant, and Spiritual. Dinner group, ages 18-30. Talk about spirituality, mutual support, curiosity, community service. Text 541-579-1554, pastorschuyler@gmail.com

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 signup: 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, rights, ed. on CRT & borderer illegal immigration, 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, PW: health, Info: Kristi Sharp (435) 986-2564, ksharp@swuhealth.org

Youth Group

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

Failure is an option

LEADERSHIP 101.41

If you're a fan of space movies, Apollo 13 is out of this world. Even if you haven't seen it, you're most likely familiar with the famous quote by Flight Director Eugene Kranz (Ed Harris), "Failure is not an option!" While he didn't actually say this in 1970, this wisdom from NASA's "successful failure" applies today.

While failure was not an option, death was. That's why they didn't focus on the problems, they focused

numbers, Kranz holds his ground and confidently denies providing odds, by replying, "We are not losing that crew." That's the kind of confidence and commitment leaders need to rescue, rebuild and reinforce relationships, businesses and homes.

While his confidence may have been misunderstood as arrogance, ignorance or even foolishness, had he not stuck to his guns and gut, those men would most likely have never made it home. He had the patience and persistence to find the answers, not just go with the flow of "Everybody else is doing it," or "That's how it's always been done."

That's what a great leader does. They understand that whether it's one small step or a giant leap, you can't be afraid to fail or fall. Because failure isn't the opposite of success, it's often an important

part of achieving it. Fearing failure is a real reason why most business fail. They're trying to avoid failure altogether. And when you focus on failure altogether, you overlook what's necessary to succeed all together.

This patience and persistence is also what motivated the people back on earth to, despite being under intense pressure, persist in finding a probable and workable solution. They trusted the certainty of their Flight Director and were willing to give it a shot and truly believed in the possibility (and in themselves), of saving the day. This belief, despite overwhelming odds, realizing that nothing like this had ever been done, let alone planned for or simulated, kept them from not giving up until every option had been exhausted.

Today, whether you're attempting to land on the moon, coach a team or lead a newspaper, stick to your guns and your guts. Don't just not be afraid to fail, but get out there and fail! No, don't become a failure, but whether it's with words and/or works, the sooner you fail, the sooner you can learn what works best and become even better for yourself and your team, whatever planet you're on.

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on the solutions, even if they were untired and unconventional. And fail they did, but because they were willing to fail, and keep trying new solutions, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant (with exception to experience), they eventually found the answer.

As Director Kranz is trying to find out how to rescue those men and bring them home, the President of the United States wants a report on the odds of their success—or rather, of their failure. Instead of focusing and fussing on providing odds and

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history

The coming of the telegraph to southern Utah

by Jay M. Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On 17 October 1861 telegraph lines from Omaha, Nebraska reached Salt Lake City. One week later, on 24 October 1861, lines from California were completed to Salt Lake City, allowing telegraph messages in the United States to be sent from coast to coast.

The telegraph replaced the Pony Express, which had been initiated in the Spring of 1860. Despite the heroic feats of the Pony Express riders in relaying mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California in 8 days, there was no way the organization could compete with the telegraph. Despite charging five dollars for carrying messages weighing one-half ounce or less, the expenses of running the Pony Express were greater than the revenue they could generate.

Telegraph technology was then relatively new. The first telegraph signals between major cities had been transmitted from Washington D. C. to Baltimore in 1844, after years of development by Samuel Morse and others. These signals contained the message "What hath God wrought!"

Soon telegraph lines sprung up between other cities, and it did not take long for the idea of a transcontinental telegraph to be articulated. In 1852 Senator Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois proposed a telegraph line to California, but the idea was considered by many to be impractical at the time.

Whether impractical or not, the Deseret News on 1 May 1852 reported that the Utah Territorial Legislature had petitioned the U. S. Congress "for appropriations for the construction of a National Road, Railway and Telegraph, from Missouri River to the western coast."

Over the next few years, telegraph lines were established from the east coast to Omaha, Nebraska and from California to Carson City, Nevada. In 1860 the Pacific Telegraph Company, a subsidiary of Western Union, prepared to build the transcontinental wire the following year.

1861 was an eventful year. Besides the building of the telegraph line connecting the Atlantic to the Pacific, Abraham Lincoln became President and the Civil War commenced. Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, traveled west. And the "down-and-back" wagon trains from Salt Lake to Nebraska and back to Salt Lake began.

In the Spring of 1861, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sent several wagon trains, assembled from communities throughout Utah,

eastward from Salt Lake City to assist groups of immigrant converts from Europe to complete their journey to Utah. The travel details for both immigrants and wagon trains were carefully planned and timed, with the assistance of agents located at key points, to allow the wagon trains to meet the immigrants at Florence, Nebraska and finish the circuit to Salt Lake City before winter set in.

Sixtus Johnson, one of the original pioneers to settle both Parowan and Cedar City, led one of the "down-and-back" wagon trains in 1861. Homer Duncan, who became mayor of Cedar City in 1871-72, was captain of another train.

American workers due to the onset of the Civil War made the contributions of the immigrants essential.

From the Winter 2007 issue of Utah Historical Quarterly, an article titled "The Dearest Laborers": Pilgrims on the Lightning Road to Zion," by David Lyle Wood:

"Available information about the Mormon telegraph workers indicates that they were recent immigrants to the United States; they had come from diverse parts of England; they were young men, ranging in age from eighteen to twenty-two; some were married, others were single; most of them were unskilled. All were pilgrims—religious devotees enroute to the center place of their faith; they

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COURTESY FAMILY SEARCH

The Lunt Hotel and Stage Stop on 100 East, location of the telegraph office in Cedar City in 1872.

George Teasdale traveled with the Sixtus Johnson train and kept a journal that noted the progress of various phases of telegraph construction along the way. And some of the immigrants to Utah were hired to help build the telegraph lines.

Edward Creighton of the Pacific Telegraph Company managed the construction of the line from Omaha to Salt Lake. Included in the 400 workers he hired to cut and haul poles, dig holes, place the poles, haul supplies and string the wires were as many as 75 immigrants to Utah. (If a list of workers was kept, it has not been found by researchers.) A shortage of

became pilgrim-laborers."

Meanwhile, the building of the Carson City, Nevada to Salt Lake telegraph line was managed by James Gamble. He wrote an article "Wiring A Continent," first published in "The Californian" magazine in 1881, detailing some of his experiences and challenges faced 20 years earlier.

With the conclusion of the Civil War in April 1865 came the decision in Utah to establish a telegraph wire from Logan to St. George. The cost

family

GET FESTIVE!

Thanksgiving is officially over, which means that even the Grinch would agree that the Christmas season is upon us at last! What that means differs from family to family. The following are a list of festive activities that my kids enjoy from year to year.

1. Visit a mall

While this is a place we haven't shopped at since the invention of Amazon, the beautiful holiday displays in just about every shopping mall are something we love to look at while eating a soft pretzel.

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2. Family Christmas movies

Every weekend in December we enjoy snuggling in for a holiday flick as a family. Our favorites are The Santa Clause, The Star and The Grinch (to name a few).

3. Cookies and caroling

We don't get too carried away with the caroling, but my oldest can belt out Jingle Bells better than anyone and his two little sisters do a great accompaniment ringing actual bells. They like to help bake fresh cookies and do quick, one verse performances for close friends and family upon cookie delivery.

4. Stories and cocoa

We have a large Christmas library that each kid loves to pick their favorite book from for holiday storytime. I make cocoa and read their selections while they lick whipped cream out of their cups before drinking the actual cocoa!

5. Visiting Santa

Even our most reserved child

comes out of her shell this time of year!

Watching our kids stand in line to whisper their Christmas wishes to Santa is a sight that warms my heart. Their eyes twinkle and they giggle to each other in nervous anticipation, discussing what they might actually say to the man in red.

6. Wrapping presents

Wrapping scraps are in high demand! The kids love to watch me disappear into another room with an arm full of boxes. They know when I eventually emerge I will leave a sizable mess of brightly colored paper and ribbons behind that are fair game. They spend hours wrapping colored pages to gift their friends. They even wrap up their own toys just for the joy of immediately unwrapping them!

My hope is that this list of holiday fun inspires you to get festive with your families. Keep it simple, or go big! Do something new, or cozy and familiar. Anything done together will be a treasured gift that your kids will never forget.



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The challenges of changing gender

YOUTH AND GENDER – PART 6

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In this final segment the question is proposed, What happens when a child is influenced by others, who is told that she/he was born in the wrong body and undergoes life-altering surgery, but then experiences regret?

A growing number of young people in the USA and across Europe, allegedly being manipulated by social media, educators, and medical professionals, to take hormone therapy and undergo surgery. However, even with responsible choice making, what happens when one accepts that influence, undergoes drug and surgical manipulation of their bodies, but then regret it? Many such youngsters are finding the courage to not only detransition, but to come forward and warn others.

Please accept my acknowledgment that not all transitioners regret or rescind their choices. Though, there are many youngsters under the age of accountability who do regret their transition and are not only doing what they can to reverse the effects of drugs and surgery, but finding the courage to educate and warn others.

In a superficial and quick examination of YouTube, I discovered what I think is a relatively large number of such courageous “regretters and detransitioners” with approximately 100 videos. First, I suggest that you watch the YouTube video entitled “Science, the Transgender Phenomenon, and the Young” presented by Abigail Shrier and sponsored by Hillsdale College where she states that, “We should: oppose the indoctrination of children, speak the truth, make ourselves knowledgeable about the ideological background of the transgender movement, and we should awaken other parents and grandparents so that the sleeping giant will oppose the involuntary enslavement of children that is posing as giving

children freedom of choice.”

Please look for these videos under the following titles: “Hiding Behind Transition: A Detrans Story with Kevin”, “Detrans Awareness Day Panel Discussion with Detransitioners”, “Should Minors Transition?”, “Being trans wasn’t my authentic self”, and others. These videos will provide support for parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and anyone wanting to be involved and inform the ones you love and care about.

Remember that the gender alteration movement uses terms like “gender affirming” plastic surgery, some in an attempt to hide or diminish the dangers of their actions, when children who may hate their bodies or hate society’s restrictions become susceptible to brain altering drugs and body altering surgeries. Dr. Kinnon MacKinnon, a 37-year-old transgender man and assistant professor of social work at York University, thinks that we need more focus on giving support to those who have had the drugs and surgery. He expressed, “I think we should be giving more support to our youth before they become susceptible to those who recommend puberty suppressing drugs and permanent surgery.” For more information go to: reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa/transyouth-outcome/

No matter what choices and challenges our youth face into today’s sometimes confusing and chaotic world, teach your children to be courageous and love their own bodies, being proud of how distinctive and different each of them are. Let us also protect children from the fringe of a society attempting to appear to be mainstream. Love and acceptance are intense feelings of deep affection which our children have a strong need to receive from their families, teachers, and friends. Let us love and encourage them to love themselves and become the best they can be.

finances

ASK RUSTY: SOCIAL SECURITY

Can I voluntarily suspend my Social Security payments?

Dear Rusty: My wife retired in 2015 and is receiving Social Security. I am past my full retirement age, and I still work. I recently filed for Social Security benefits and received my first payment earlier this month, and my benefits are around three times my wife’s. I now find that, due to other income, I am having some regrets about filing for Social Security, as the taxes will be complicated. So, my questions are:

1. If I do a “Voluntary Suspension”, can my wife still apply to get up to 50% of my benefits, or do I have to be “actively” receiving Social Security benefits? In other words, does the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015” prevent this?
2. If I do a “Voluntary Suspension”, how soon could I “restart” my benefits?

Signed: Having Second Thoughts

Dear Second Thoughts: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 closed a loophole which previously allowed someone to file for their Social Security retirement benefit in order for their marital partner to claim a spousal benefit, after which the primary beneficiary could suspend their own benefit and allow it to grow to maximum at age 70. That “file and suspend” option went away in April of 2016; thus, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit while your Social Security retirement benefits are suspended (you must be “actively” receiving benefits for your wife to get benefits on your record).

Nevertheless, because you’ve already reached your full retirement age, you can

voluntarily suspend your benefit payments at any time to allow it to continue growing by simply calling Social Security at your local office (or at the national number 1.800.772.1213) and asking them to do so. Your wife will not receive her spousal benefits for any months your benefits are suspended, but she would continue to get her own SS retirement amount (only the spousal portion of her monthly amount would be suspended).

You will be able to restart your benefits at any time by calling Social Security again and asking that your benefits be resumed.

You can suspend and restart your benefits as needed (no restriction on how many times), but they will only start/resume the suspension effective with the month following the month you call. And, as you likely already know, for each month your benefits are suspended you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) resulting in a higher payment amount later.

Just for clarity, voluntary suspension of benefits is only available to those who have reached full retirement age but is an excellent way to increase your monthly Social Security payment. Your benefit will grow by .667% for each month suspended and, if your benefit is still suspended when you turn 70 years old, Social Security will automatically resume payments at that time, at your higher maximum monthly amount.



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BUCKLE UP!

No matter what kind of vehicle you drive, in today's world there are few things more important to do as a driver and passenger than to buckle up. Because accidents can happen no matter how alert and attentive you are to the road and other cars around you. True, seatbelts can be uncomfortable, and in some accidents they don't always save lives, but I believe the chances of survival are much better when they are used properly.

Is there a spiritual version of the seatbelt? How about comparing it to putting on the Armor of God (Ephesian 6:10-18)? How about the protection (direction) that comes from striving to keep God's Commandments and Covenants (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)? How about the added protection (direction) from reading the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16)?

Just like a physical seatbelt, these spiritual ones, don't mean that we won't have opposition, make mistakes or sin, or that the mistakes and sins of others won't put us in danger, but as we are willing to

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always remember God and keep His commandments, we can have His Spirit to be with us always to guide and guard us all ways.

Also, using spiritual seatbelts is not just about robotically or blindly buckling up, but doing so with real intent and love for ourselves and each other. Spiritual seatbelts are like God's guiding, guarding love that helps each of us realize that whether we're driving, or riding, we each deserve to feel (to be) safe through learning to make good choices.

Imagine for a moment if Jesus was riding in your vehicle. Would you make sure He was buckled up? Would you feel safer with Him next to you? Would you make sure you paid more attention to the road, signs and other drivers? Of course! What about your friends, family, co-workers? Are they included in the verse, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:38)?

There is a higher version of this loving law found in (Matthew 25:40). "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This kind of love runs deeper and reaches farther into your heart and the hearts of others to remind you that you are more



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valuable than this world has taught/showed you and you are worth protecting.

Today, Jesus may not require a ride in your vehicle, but if you will invite Him into your heart and your life—whether you're driving or not, you will come to experience and know that He is the best Navigator (Psalm 25:4-11), Teacher (Psalm 32:8), Provider (Matthew 6:25-34, 7:7-8), Protector (Proverbs 18:10), Comforter (2 Corinthians 1:3-5) and Redeemer (John 3:16-17).

And though you may not see Him, He is right beside you! He goes before you and will never leave or forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:8). So, buckle up physically and spiritually every day. Because you've still got great places to go and amazing things to do!

VERSE OF THE WEEK

PSALM 143:8

"Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee."

Which is easier—making time to pray to receive our daily bread (direction) each morning, or to turn on our phones, radio, TV, for the weather and news reports? Is there time for both? Which will have the greater effect? Choose ye this day...

TELEGRAPH

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was expected to be \$100,000. Bishops in each community were expected to raise money and provide for the labor to build the line in their localities. Within a year funds were available, and Horton Haight was sent east to procure materials. The Deseret News reported that he returned on 16 October 1866 with 65 wagons carrying 84 tons of wire, insulators, batteries, relays, and other equipment.

In the meantime, poles had been cut from the mountains and placed along the telegraph route. Young men from communities across the territory were sent to telegraph school in Salt Lake. The Deseret News reported on 23 January 1867: "The Deseret State Telegraph is now complete and in perfect working order between its present termini, Logan in the north, and St. George in the south."

As time went on, women played an increasingly important role in the story of the telegraph in Western America. The telegraph office in Cedar City was located at the Lunt Hotel and Stage Stop at 100 East. One of the telegraph operators was Ellen Whittaker Lunt, a wife of Henry Lunt. Thomas and Elizabeth Kane stayed with the Lunts as they traveled with Brigham Young to St. George in 1872. Elizabeth wrote about the visit and the telegraph:

"In front of a window full of scarlet geraniums stood a table with a brightly polished telegraph apparatus; and she [Ellen] turned from her stove and its pots and pans to her battery and clicking needle-point without flurry or embarrassment.

"I asked her whether it had not been hard for her to learn, for she was no longer young. She said 'Yes'; that her fingers were inflexible, and that it had been very hard to eyes unused to delicate sewing and ears unpracticed to listen to fine differences of sound; but the Lord had helped her.

"She spoke of herself as a rough and uneducated woman, though I found she had an accurate ear for music and a lovely voice in singing. But she had mastered her profession well enough to tell by ear what was going over the wires, and I believe that is considered a tolerable test."

Mrs. Kane went on to praise the qualities of women telegraphers, but noted that "women yield to one dissipation [gossip] men are less apt to indulge in." Mrs. Lunt had remarked that evening that "Parowan has been called by St. George three times without answering. She will go to meeting!"

Although the telegraph has been mostly replaced by advanced communication technologies, many of the building blocks and knowledge required for modern technologies came from the experience gained from the invention of the telegraph.

CV GIRLS RALLY, BEAT MUSTANGS

4TH QUARTER SURGE LIFTS
CEDAR OVER CARBON

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Canyon View Falcons didn't get off to the best of starts in its non-region matchup, falling behind early by as many as 15 points. Once the second half started, the Falcons flipped the script and rebounded for a key road win.

Maylee Spencer led the way with 17 points, and CV used a 22-6 scoring run in the third quarter to rally for a 59-53 victory over the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs on Nov. 21 to even their record at 1-1 on the season. Maya Nichols added 13 points and Canyon View came through with eight 3-pointers as a team to aid the comeback.

Kenedee Richey led the Mustangs (0-2) with 18 points in the loss.

Across town, Cedar came through with a big fourth-quarter scoring surge as they rallied for a 59-53 win over the Carbon Dinos to improve to 2-0 on the season. Gabby Gomez and Mya Bishoff combined for 36 points – 19 and 17, respectively – and the pair drained all of the Reds' eight 3-pointers in the win, five by Bishoff and three from Gomez.

Kiara Hansen added 10 points for Cedar, who outscored the visiting Dinos 26-15 over the final eight minutes. Amiah Timothy led all scorers for Carbon with 25 points and Madi Orth added 21.

CV will next play at North Sevier on Friday starting at 5:30 p.m., while Cedar played host to North Sanpete on Tuesday in a game that was too late for press deadline.



Cedar's Gabby Gomez (Top) and Kiara Hansen helped the Reds defeat the Dinos in a tough battle.



Canyon View

59



Crimson Cliffs

53

Canyon View 8 14 22 15 – 59
Crimson Cl. 19 11 6 17 – 53

CV – Spencer 17, Nichols 13, Brush 4, Farrow 9, Miles 6, Davie 3, Vargas 5, Newman 2. Totals 17-23 59. 3-pointers – Spencer 3, Nichols 2, Farrow 3.

CC – Plewe 11, Korella 5, Christensen 2, Richey 18, Adams 4, Martinez 6, Whittaker 7. Totals 15-19-29 53. 3-pointers – Plewe 1, Korella 1, Richey 1, Adams 1.



Cedar

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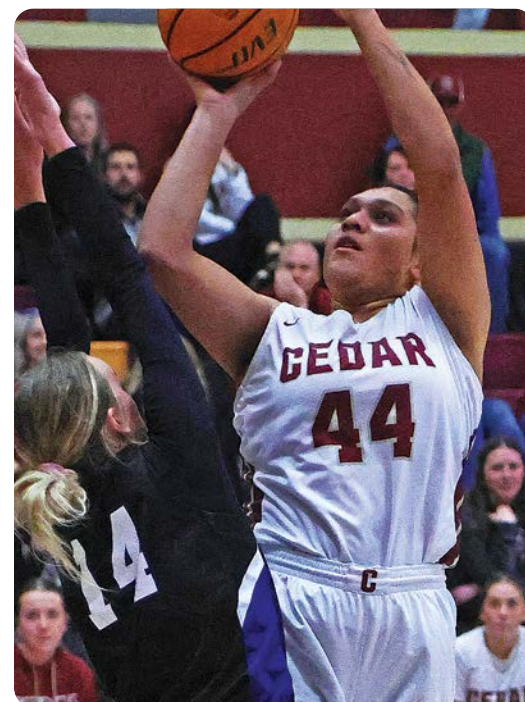
Carbon

53

Carbon 8 19 11 15 – 53
Cedar 12 11 10 26 – 59

Carbon – Timothy 25, Ferguson 21, Curtis 4, Sorenson 3. Totals 20-9-13 53. 3-pointers – Timothy 1, Ferguson 2, Sorenson 1.

Cedar – Gomez 19, Bishoff 17, Hansen 10, Shimada 9, Bird 3, Orton 1. Totals 19-13-19 59. 3-pointers – Gomez 3, Bishoff 5.



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Buzzer-beater lifts Thunder over Falcons

by Tom Zulewski

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On the first possession of the season opener for the Canyon View boys basketball team, the defense drew a 35-second violation. It was a sign for the battle that was to come, and the Desert Hills Thunder were the ones who had just enough offense to get into the win column.

Ben Chase hit a jumper with less than five seconds to play, and the Thunder edged the Falcons, 66-64 on Nov. 21 in the season opener for both teams. Canyon View was led by 25 points from Carson Miles to go with the team's 11 3-pointers, but couldn't overcome 16 lead changes in the game.

"We made him go to his left hand, and he made a tough shot," CV head coach Kim Blackner said of Chase's winning points. "I love my guys and they play hard. We came to battle and we understood what we were getting into."

The Falcons would trail 7-6 early in the opening quarter, but Miles hit a pair of his team-best six 3-pointers to spark an 8-0 run that left them with a 14-11 lead. Eli Allred – who led the host Thunder with 20 points, hit a jumper midway through the second for a 24-22 lead, but another 3-pointer from Miles finished off a 13-6 run that gave CV a 35-30 lead at the break.

"We'll fix some things and fine-tune. This is the first game of 22," Blackner said. "Our guys like to compete, and we expect to win any time we step on the floor."

Canyon View would keep the lead through much of the third quarter, but Ty Attig hit a runner in the final seconds of the period to put CV in front at 54-53 heading to the fourth.

Allred would score eight points over the final



Canyon View head coach Kim Blackner talks with his players during a timeout in the Falcons' season-opening boys basketball matchup Nov. 21. CV fell at Desert Hills, 66-64.

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Desert Hills

66



Canyon View

64

Canyon View 14 21 19 10 - 64
Desert Hills 11 19 23 13 - 66

CV – Farrow 12, Attig 11, Sanders 9, Buhler 7, Miles 25. Totals 24 5-8 64. 3-pointers – Farrow 3, Attig 1, Sanders 1, Miles 6.

DH – Rasmussen 11, Holman 16, Chase 13, Allred 20, Holbrook 6. Totals 24 6-12 66. 3-pointers – Rasmussen 3, Holman 5, Chase 3, Holbrook 1.

"Our guys like to compete, and we expect to win any time we step on the floor."

Kim Blackner, CV head coach

eight minutes, and his last basket tied the score at 64-64 with 26.4 seconds left. Canyon View had a last chance of its own, but turned

the ball over to set up the heroics by Chase.

Trevor Farrow added 12 points for CV and Attig had 11 in the loss. The Falcons returned home to face the Pine View Panthers on Tuesday in a game that was too late for press deadline.

Cedar opened its 2023-24 season with a pair of road losses last week. Easton Albrecht scored 14

points, but the Reds were outscored 23-11 in the fourth quarter as Brighton pulled away for a 68-49 win Nov. 20. Nash Matheson had 32 points to lead the Bengals.

On Nov. 21, Cedar fell 68-32 at Herriman. The Reds scored just 13 points in the second half as the Mustangs cruised to the win in its home opener.

Tate Stubbs was the only Cedar player to score in double figures with 10 points. The Reds will travel across town for the rivalry game against Canyon View on Friday starting at 7 p.m.

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CV's Calvez, Millett sign baseball letters

by Tom Zulewski

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Canyon View baseball head coach Jason Jacobsen believes for any of his players to reach the next level, they have to be good on and off the field. On Nov. 21, two more earned their ticket to play college baseball.

Catcher Cameron Calvez and pitcher Zach Millett signed letters of intent in front of friends, teammates and family at the school library. Calvez signed with College of Southern Nevada and Millett will join Utah State-Eastern in Price.

"They've done a good job to get the chance, and they'll have to continue to do it even more now," Jacobsen said of the duo, who became his 10th and 11th players to sign to play college baseball. "After they announced the signing, I told them the work has just begun. There's more work now."

Cameron will be joining his brother, Chase, at CSN. It was purely his own choice.

"I knew I was going to go there before he was, either way," Calvez said. "I loved the coaching staff, and it's a quality program."

Millett said his initial visit to the USU-E campus proved to be a big help in his final



TOM ZULEWSKI

Canyon View seniors Cameron Calvez (left) and Zach Millett signed their letters of intent to play college baseball Nov. 21. Calvez will attend College of Southern Nevada, and Millett will head to Utah State-Eastern.

"They've done a good job to get the chance, and they'll have to continue to do it even more now. After they announced the signing, I told them the work has just begun."

Jason Jacobsen, Canyon View baseball head coach

decision.

"I liked it there. I liked the feel of it, a bunch of cool dudes, a bunch of cool coaches," Millett said. "It was an all-around great time."

The Falcons were runner-up to Carbon in Region 12 last spring, but still finished 21-9 overall before a 5-3 loss to Juan Diego in the final one-loss bracket game ended the season. With the experience of Calvez (three-year starter) and Millett (two-year starter), Jacobsen likes the potential for an even better season in 2024.

"They'll figure huge into our season and our success," Jacobsen said. "We'll need them to continue to get better and improve, and we'll see where it takes us."

PREP SCOREBOARD

SCORES

Region 9 Boys Basketball

11/17 Hurricane 71, San Juan 30
11/18 Hurricane 73, South Sevier 47
11/20 Brighton 68, Cedar 49
11/21 Herriman 68, Cedar 32
Desert Hills 66, Cyn. View 64
Payson 77, Hurricane 73

Region 12 Boys Basketball

11/17 Richfield 58, Uintah 46
11/18 Richfield 58, Union 49
11/20 Juab 82, Tintic 36
11/21 Desert Hills 66, Cyn. View 64
Carbon 38, Union 36
Manti 89, South Sevier 80, OT
Richfield 76, Millard 38

Region 18 Boys Basketball

11/15 Bryce Valley 60, Parowan 53
11/17 Kanab 81, Escalante 40
South Sevier 72, Wayne 54
Panguitch 66, Millard 27
11/18 Hurricane 73, South Sevier 47
Kanab 54, Valley 45
11/21 Panguitch 71, Parowan 43
Piute 63, Beaver 50
Manti 89, South Sevier 80, OT
Richfield 76, Millard 38

Region 9 Girls Basketball

11/15 Cedar 43, Canyon View 34
11/16 Kanab 54, Crimson Cliffs 37
Hurricane 51, Hillcrest 11
11/17 Judge Mem. 67, Hurricane 44
Draper APA 61, Pine View 35
11/18 Hurricane 39, Jordan 29
11/21 Cedar 59, Carbon 53
Cyn. View 59, Crimson Cliffs 53
Snow Canyon 55, Beaver 35

Region 12 Girls Basketball

11/14 Emery 65, Juan Diego 16
11/15 Cedar 43, Canyon View 34
Delta 53, Providence Hall 26
11/16 Juab 47, Salem Hills 45
Emery 74, San Juan 13
11/17 Richfield 45, Uintah 28
Maple Mtn. 61, N. Sanpete 25
11/18 Richfield 50, Union 20
11/21 Cyn. View 59, Crimson Cliffs 53
Grantsville 59, Richfield 40
Juab 66, Millard 32
Emery 61, Provo 44
Manti 56, San Juan 20
N. Sanpete 42, Prov. Hall 35

Region 18 Girls Basketball

11/15 Piute 51, Parowan 33
11/16 Kanab 54, Crimson Cliffs 37
11/17 Milford 49, Water Canyon 20
South Sevier 66, Gunnison 16
11/18 Escalante 36, Water Canyon 14
11/21 Kanab 73, Wayne 32
Enterprise 61, Bryce Valley 43
Milford 36, Water Canyon 28
Juab 66, Millard 32

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Region 9 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills	0-0	1-0
Hurricane	0-0	2-1
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	0-0
Snow Canyon	0-0	0-0
Dixie	0-0	0-0
Pine View	0-0	0-0
Cedar	0-0	0-2

Region 12 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield	0-0	3-0
Emery	0-0	1-0
Juab	0-0	1-0
Manti	0-0	1-0
North Sanpete	0-0	1-0
Carbon	0-0	1-0
Canyon View	0-0	0-1
Delta	0-0	0-1

Region 18 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	2-0
South Sevier	0-0	1-2
Enterprise	0-0	0-0
Water Canyon	0-0	0-0
Beaver	0-0	0-1
Millard	0-0	0-2
Parowan	0-0	0-2

Region 9 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Cedar	0-0	2-0
Snow Canyon 0-0	1-0	
Hurricane	0-0	2-1
Desert Hills	0-0	0-0
Dixie	0-0	0-0
Pine View	0-0	0-1
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	0-2

Region 12 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Emery	0-0	3-0
Delta	0-0	1-0
Juab	0-0	1-0
Manti	0-0	1-0
Richfield	0-0	2-1
Canyon View	0-0	1-1
North Sanpete	0-0	1-1
Carbon	0-0	0-1

Region 18 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	2-0
Enterprise	0-0	1-0
Beaver	0-0	0-1
South Sevier	0-0	1-0
Millard	0-0	0-1
Parowan	0-0	0-1
Water Canyon	0-0	0-3

T-Birds get big win in game two of the MTE

by Parker Haynie

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RUSTON, LA — Men's Basketball secured a big win over Texas St. Wednesday morning, defeating the Bobcats 74-67. Zion Young led all scorers in the contest with 25 points on 8-13 from the floor and 5-10 from three, he also pulled down seven rebounds in the win. Dominique Ford did it all for the Thunderbirds with 16 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals.

SUU shot 45% from the floor and nearly 35% from three. They also held the Bobcats to just 10% from three and 43% from the field.

Braden Housley also had a great game for SUU with 13 points, three rebounds and three steals. Parsa Fallah played 33 minutes in the game and nearly had a double-double with 10 points and seven rebounds. The team had seven steals on the night and forced 11 turnovers that would lead to easy transition and fast break layups that helped propel them to victory.

"We played a much better game defensively and had a lot more effort on both ends of the floor." Said Head Coach Rob Jeter. He added, "We are continuing to get better each game. There will always be things we can work on, but if we can continue to buy into the program we will start

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Zion Young led the T-Birds to the win with a 7 rebound, 25 point performance.

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Samantha Johnston helped fuel a 12-3 run, but the Thunderbirds came up just short in California.

SUU comes up short against UC Santa Barbara

by Tyler Francis

SUU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The Southern Utah University women's basketball team fell to the University of California Santa Barbara 71-61 on Sunday, Nov. 19 at The Thunderdome. The Thunderbirds move to 1-3 on the season, while the Gauchos improve to 2-1 overall.

Head Coach Tracy Mason said, "Overall, I thought we had some good stretches, we just have to figure out how to string them together. We did a great job on the offensive glass but we needed to get stops and execute better."

After the Gauchos scored on their first two possessions, the Thunderbirds exploded with an 8-0

"We did a great job on the offensive glass but we needed to get stops and execute better."

Tracy Mason, SUU Basketball Head Coach

burst to take an 8-4 lead early in the game. UC Santa Barbara rallied to tie the score at 14-14 with 3:33 remaining in the first quarter. Charli Kay and Ashley Banks sparked a

5-2 run by SUU to give the T-Birds a 19-16 advantage at the end of the quarter. Shiho Isono led SUU with six points in the second quarter, as UC Santa Barbara took a 32-29 lead at halftime.

UC Santa Barbara came out strong to start the second half, outscoring SUU 21-12 in the third quarter to take a 53-41 lead approaching the final period of play. The Gauchos hit a triple on the opening possession of the quarter to stretch their lead to 56-41. Megan Smith and Samantha Johnston combined for 10 points as the Thunderbirds mounted a ferocious 12-3 run to get within six, 59-53, with 5:03 remaining in the game. That was as close as SUU would get, however, as UC Santa Barbara would go on to claim a 71-61 victory.

IT'S NOT HARD TO WRITE OR SAY THE RIGHT THING

There was a news item that circulated among my fellow media brethren last week involving host of the Thursday Night Football pre-game, halftime and post-game shows on Amazon Prime, Charissa Thompson. It was a big deal because of what she said.

During her time as an NFL sideline reporter, Thompson openly admitted in an interview with Barstool Sports earlier this month that she would "make up the report sometimes." The backlash over her remarks was swift and harsh from her fellow sideline reporters – especially the women – and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Thompson added she's never been fired for what she said. As if journalists don't have it bad enough in the never-ending search to be accurate and credible, all of us – women and men – have been tarnished by Thompson's words.

She walked back her remarks later on Instagram, saying she "used the wrong words," adding the fabricated reports were observations on the game she didn't believe anyone associated with it would correct her on.

My biggest question on this, lack of ethics aside: Why make up anything at all? What's the point when there are armchair quarterbacks and stat nerds everywhere waiting to pounce on the slightest transgression. It's not hard to take a minute and make absolutely sure what you're presenting is factual and correct, but if you're on TV and need to convey material in a flash, sometimes it's better to say nothing at all.

"(Insert coach name here) wasn't available for comment" works fine, too.

On a personal level, I've always made absolutely sure to present facts on my stories in a credible manner, from the sports around town to my times on the game show stage. But when the script was flipped and I was the one being interviewed about my TV journeys, the end result left me a little baffled when the finished product was released.

I won't discuss the outlets here (an easy Google search will uncover them), but let's just say there was a lot of selective listening going on.

For the record, I was one of four Utahns who made it on Jeopardy in Season 39. I

conveyed this information and even dropped names of the other players who made it on the show during that time frame. Both outlets wrote that I was one of four Utah players to make it on Jeopardy in the show's entire history, at least at first.

When I brought this factual error up to the reporters who did the interviews, one made the needed correction for the online story, but couldn't make corrections to the video. The other corrected the headline, but not the lead sentence.

I've been blessed to become a part of a wonderful community of fellow Jeopardy alumni, and all of my Utah friends did not hesitate to enter social media and make the necessary callouts for the mistake.

For one reporter, I went ahead and provided a full list of every player from Utah – there are a total of 40 – who have been on Jeopardy since the show took its current form in 1984. It was also said I grew up here in Southern Utah. I never said a specific location.

There was another item I mentioned to the other reporter about how before the age of doing everything online, you had to travel to the Jeopardy studio in Los Angeles to take the test to start the tryout process. That reporter wrote the detail by saying I lived in Los Angeles. That has never been true about me. Of course, I sent an email repeating what I actually said, and it was fixed.

The one moral I want to get across here is when it comes to doing what journalists do, accuracy matters. When you present facts, do your research so you can know for certain they're right. When you speak with a source and they tell you their story, don't write what you thought you heard – write what was said. When you're presenting video, let the pictures and the source's words do the talking.

In an age where jobs in media are harder to come by more than ever, accuracy in fact, word and deeds matter most.

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

With Thanksgiving in the rear-view mirror, this week's dozen devotes some time to sports in our post-turkey mood. 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. In a weird and rare occurrence, San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich took to the PA microphone late in the first half Nov. 22 and admonished the crowd to stop booing what former Spurs player, now playing for the Los Angeles Clippers?

2. Heading into the Thanksgiving Day game, the Detroit Lions were on lofty heights with an 8-2 record, a milestone not seen in more than 60 years. Who was President the last time the team had this mark – a year before it was sold to the Ford family?

3. Prior to this writing, the last time the Detroit Lions won on Thanksgiving came in 2016. Which NFC North rival did the Lions beat on that day?

4. What NFC East team was the opponent for the Dallas Cowboys on Thanksgiving? The Cowboys own an 8-2 record against this rival in the previous 10 holiday matchups.

5. What AFC team is the only one who has not played in a Thanksgiving Day game?

6. In 2019, the Cowboys commemorated their wins in Super Bowl XXVII and XXVIII by facing what team? The opponent got a bit of revenge and won on this Thanksgiving matchup.

7. In tribute to the late John Madden, the official coin

used for the coin toss at the Lions-Packers Thanksgiving game featured a silhouette of Madden on one side and what six-legged, three-bird feast on the other?

8. He had to wait more than a half-season, but what former Baltimore Ravens quarterback, now 38, signed with the Cleveland Browns last week to back up rookie Dorian Thompson-Robinson?

9. What NBA team set a franchise record for points in a first half with 86, but allowed 84 in the second and lost to the Indiana Pacers 157-152 on Nov. 21?

10. Washington entered the top 4 in the latest installment of the College Football Playoff rankings. Which team was kicked out despite rallying to beat North Alabama at home after trailing 13-3 early?

11. What two Pacific Division teams will be competing in the NHL Winter Classic on Jan. 1?

12. Who was fired by the Pittsburgh Steelers as the offensive coordinator despite having a 6-4 record and being firmly in the hunt in the AFC playoff picture?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Atlanta
2. James Madison. The school has since dropped the lawsuit.
3. The A's new stadium is expected to be ready for the 2028 season.
4. Jimbo Fisher
5. World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).
6. Draymond Green.
7. Anthony Davis.
8. Stefon Diggs. Tramon Diggs plays for the Cowboys.
9. Aaron Rodgers.
10. Blake Snell won the NL Cy Young, and Gerrit Cole was the AL winner.
11. Tiger Woods.
12. Shaquille O'Neal.

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The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the

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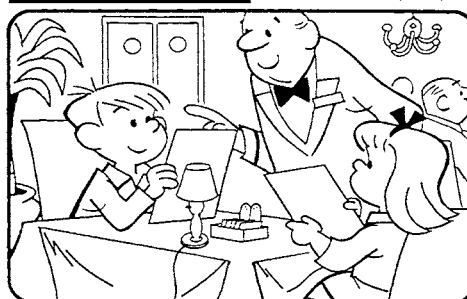
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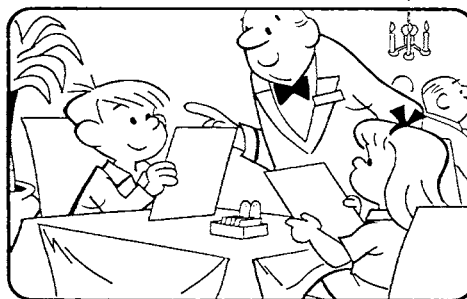
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Doors are missing. 2. Elbow is missing. 3. Lamp is missing. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Light fixture is different. 6. Hair is concealed.

King Crossword**ACROSS**

- 1 Microwave
4 Jubilation
8 Scruff
12 " — Believer"
13 Give temporarily
14 Big-screen format
15 Layered desserts
17 Refer to
18 Irrate
19 Breaks away
21 Stockholm's land
24 JFK's veep
25 Fleur-de- —
26 Cutting tool
28 Parlor pieces
32 Now, on a memo

- 34 Luau bowlful
36 Karate level
37 Prison-related
39 Atty.'s title
41 Mauna —
42 Soda
44 Steering device on a ship
46 Leaping antelopes
50 Hosp. hook-ups
51 Donald Duck's nephew
52 Like a good golf score

- 56 Greek mountain
57 Cannes milk
58 Blackbird
59 Favorites
60 PC programs
61 Ewe's mate

DOWN

- 1 Energy
2 Docs' bloc
3 Italian cheese
4 Forest clearings
5 Tiki bar neckline
6 Tolkien creatures

- 7 '50s Ford
8 "Great work!"
9 During
10 Top of the head
11 Former mates
16 Passing craze
20 "Survivor" ailer
21 High-five sound
22 Sagacious
23 Snooze
27 Misery
29 Crystalline mineral
30 Skin soother
31 Twinkler in the sky
33 Tropical fruits
35 Leb. neighbor
38 Texter's chuckle
40 Calms
43 "Straight Up" singer Abdul
45 TiVo, for example
46 Denny's rival
47 Inspiration
48 Nuisance
49 Break suddenly
53 Chips go-with
54 Santa — winds
55 Crater part

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the captain in "The Love Boat"?
- MOVIES: What is E.T.'s favorite candy in "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is Hungary's national spice?
- ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot is Elsie the Cow?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called plutophobia?
- GAMES: How many pawns are on a chessboard?
- SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
- LANGUAGE: What is an octothorpe?
- LITERATURE: Where are the novels "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" set?

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. Capt. Merrill Stubing.; 2. Reese's Pieces.; 3. Paprika.; 4. Borden Dairy Company.; 5. Fear of wealth.; 6. 16, eight pawns for each player.; 7. Pangaea.; 8. Lake Erie.; 9. A hashtag or pound sign.; 10. Missouri.

Trivia Test Answers

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