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COREY BAUMGARTNER

Pre-applications for small business grant opportunities in iron county opens Dec. 15

by Gabrielle Costello

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

CEDAR CITY — The Iron County Economic Opportunity Board and Cedar City Business & Innovation Center will administer \$60,000 in funding through the Small Business Grant program, which allows businesses in Iron County to submit pre-applications from December 15, 2023, to January 12, 2024, for incentives that promote economic growth.

The pre-application process will determine preliminary eligibility for funding assistance. Distribution of funding is dependent on the quantity and quality of applications. Key components to evaluate the pre-applications include a business

Application Instructional Packet include:

- » Infrastructure developments
- » Construction of a new building/ adding to an existing building
- » New or upgraded equipment or machinery
- » Value-added agriculture expansion projects
- » New or uncommon industry investment
- » Business-related technology or services
- » Business start-up costs

Previous grant funding recipients include *Ala Chelle Catering*, *American Fireline*, *Gem Awards*, *Little Village Resort* and *Yummy Tummy Sweets Bakery*.

to prepare in anticipation of the pre-application window. The Business & Innovation Center partners will review pre-applications and narrow down finalists after the Friday, January 12 deadline. If selected to move forward, businesses will be invited to fill out a full application for the Iron County Economic Opportunity Board to review. As part of the grant requirements, awardees must provide at least a 1-to-1 funding match.

"Small businesses often get weighed

down managing the day-to-day and simply trying to fund their businesses," said David Johnson, Economic Development Director for Cedar City and Iron County. "This grant opportunity allows small business owners to focus on what they do best and help their dream become a reality."

For more about the Iron County Small Business Grant and the requirements to qualify, visit www.bit.ly/icsbgo.



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project description, general company information, business development and job creation potential.

"A lack of capital causes significant challenges for small businesses," said Joni Anderson, Director of the Southern Utah University Business Center. "The Cedar City Business & Innovation Center encourages Iron County's small businesses to seize this opportunity to help foster our growing and thriving business community."

Project examples outlined in the

"The small business grant we received through this program helped us tremendously in obtaining much-needed equipment to get up and running before our grand opening," said Chelsey Durand, owner of Yummy Tummy Sweets Bakery. "We are now fully up and running and couldn't have done that without the help from this grant."

Business owners are invited to explore the Application Instructional Packet online at www.bit.ly/icsbgo

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Iron County School District Board Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

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Enoch Elementary

Enoch highlighted improving attendance rates to 93% despite pandemic impacts, transparency efforts, such as posting detailed school goal metrics publicly for community accountability, enriched community partnerships such as the Thanksgiving food drive, comprehensive student recognition programs that reinforce positive behaviors using methods like monthly assemblies, and dedicated supportive staff that build personalized connections with students.

East Elementary

East highlighted creative efforts to build fun school culture and unity by organizing events like Halloween costume parades, enriched alumni connections inviting graduates like Miss Utah to speak in assemblies about overcoming self-doubt on educational journeys, broad-based community partnerships coordinating events like Animal Ambassador zoo demonstrations and 5K fundraisers averaging \$25,000 in parent donations this year, robust data tracking systems to monitor school progress goals around grades and state testing with visual displays in teacher workrooms, and positive reinforcement programs formally recognizing student citizenship and scholarship achievements in principal awards ceremonies.

Redmen vs. Reds

Impassioned commenters spoke about the intensely debated Cedar High “Redmen” mascot retirement issue earlier this decade, emphatically stating this deeply traditional name change to “Reds” was executed too hastily and absolutely should be revisited for reconsideration by newly elected board members to restore a spirit of respectfully honoring our local native heritage.

Additional speakers built upon these sentiments with calls to action around proudly reinstating historic tributes to American Indian culture across hallways

and sports fields, cementing perceptions that previous delegations failed their educational stewardship duties by acquiescing to unvetted external pressures over vocal community objections from diverse tribal elders.

High-impact Items Approved

Among the high-impact action items approved were systemic positive school behavior reinforcement plans, improving security coordination with Cedar City and Parowan police departments, and changes modernizing policies related to disabled student accommodations around specialty service animals, nursing mothers accessing lactation stations, tobacco use restrictions tightened to conform with vaping pen statutes, safety protocols for managing diagnosed concussions or head injuries incurred during sanctioned athletic events, codifying holistic district mission statements and strategic goal planning procedures, personnel evaluation rubrics weighted towards targeted teaching credentials, and facilities use permitting fee schedules intended to prioritize civic recreation access for local families.

Cedar City Council Nov. 19, 2023

by Iron County Today Staff

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Mayor Garth Green thanked everyone involved in the recent Christmas lighting ceremony, especially the event staff and performers. He also thanked those involved in setting up the nativity scenes. Councilwoman Hartley echoed the mayor's comments and noted that holiday prints were being sold to support the local food bank.

Cedar City Flag

Designer Kenton Pope presented the latest version of the redesign, which incorporated feedback from the previous meeting. There was debate over whether to include an image of the Red Hill and concerns about setting a precedent for custom local business signage. The council voted to table further discussion until a future meeting after getting additional feedback.

Happy Factory Lane

The council approved changing the name of 2175 West to “Happy Factory Lane” to recognize the toy charity located there.

Landscaping Requirements

An ordinance was approved to update landscaping requirements for water conservation. However, an ordinance overhauling the subdivision process sparked debate. In particular, Section 15 would require developments within 250-300 feet of public roads to improve those roads. Some felt this could make some developments financially infeasible. The majority of changes were approved immediately, but Section 15 was tabled for future consideration.

Cedar Canyon Water Pipeline Repairs

A recent mudslide had damaged a spring collection line, interrupting a significant water source. A helicopter was used to lift over 2,000 feet of replacement pipe into place on the steep terrain. The mayor noted the springs provide over 600 gallons per minute of water at no pumping cost, valued at around \$1 million. He said failing to use the springs could result in losing the water rights. The council awarded a \$446,500 bid to drill an exploratory well to identify additional water sources in the canyon.

Planning Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

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Residential Concerns

During the public hearing, several residents spoke about issues with high-density housing on the north side of the city and the lack of infrastructure services like grocery stores, traffic congestion, ignoring the city's master plan, etc. They asked the Commission to carefully consider any zoning changes.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Personal Pearl Harbors

With today being the anniversary of the devastating, world changing attack on Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941), may I take a moment to reflect. I believe most of us have seen the movies and documentaries and are familiar with the famous quote from President Franklin

D. Roosevelt, "...a date which will live in infamy." While these events, even the movies, are also challenging.

They challenge us not to dwell on the past, but to remember it nonetheless, as to

not repeat it and to honor all those who gave their lives then,

and those currently doing so now, to provide and protect our freedoms, as well as unify and fortify other countries seeking freedoms.

In life, many of us have experienced our own personal Pearl Harbors—days, even years of our lives that will live in infamy. Nevertheless, as long as there is one breath and one heartbeat remaining, we each have the responsibility and response ability to make our lives and our communities the best they can be. There is so much war and contention in this world that we may be afraid to turn on the news, let alone leave our homes.

And yet, as the bad news seeks to wreak despair and disrepair, the Iron County Today will continue to strive to provide as much good news as possible. Not to turn a blind eye to the bad, but to unify and fortify each other so we can better endure it and eventually overcome it. With that being said, thank you for reading and supporting our hometown newspaper!

WORD OF THE WEEK

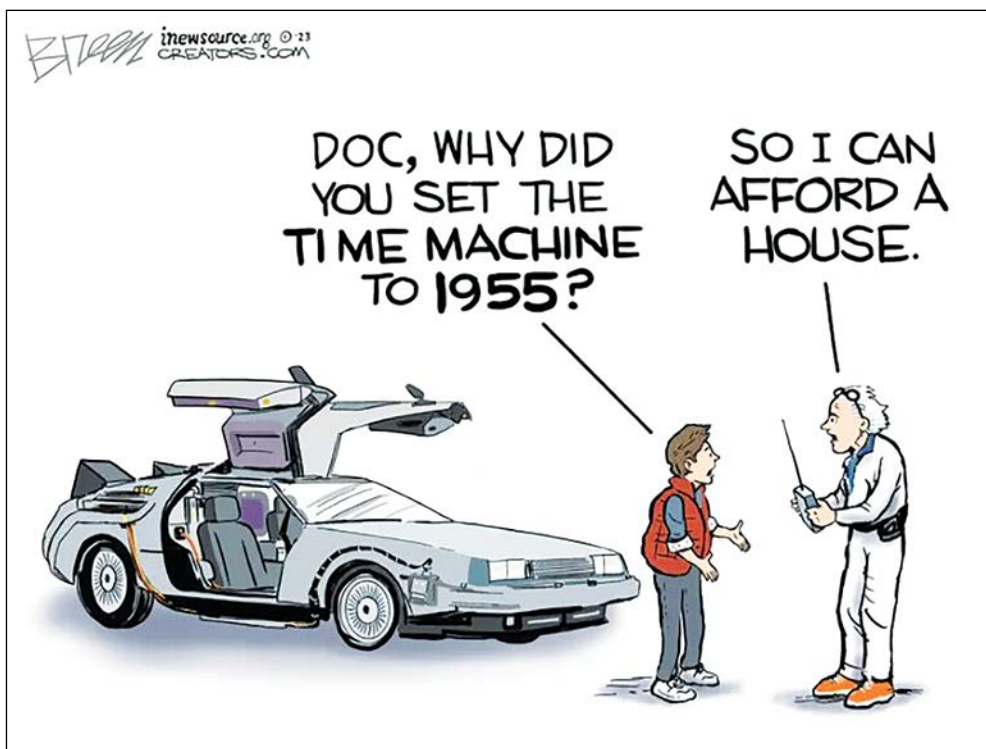
CRUMPING

The sound you make when walking over semi-frozen snow.

As you crump and trump triumphantly through Iron County's winter wonderland, be careful and most of all, be grateful.



COREY BAUMGARTNER
MANAGING EDITOR



ERROR APPARENT

by Corey Baumgartner

IRON COUNTY TODAY

In the world of newspapers, there are few things an editor fears and is tormented by more than a missed typo. Yes, deadlines are up there, too—but missed deadlines don't often ruin headlines. There are also few things our salespeople fear more than a missed or lost sale. Actually, I don't think they fear anything. They excel at providing personal and professional service to every advertiser to make sure we represent them and their businesses well.

That being said, our news team experienced something I don't ever recall happening. It wasn't about typos or missed deadlines, it was a missed newspaper altogether. I know many of you were confused when you opened your mailbox to find the previous week's issue and or also the current week's edition. I am confident you are now reading the correct edition for this week.

Thankfully, the apparent error was sorted out and the newspapers were delivered; better late than never.

However, newspapers aren't static—time is crucial to the news we report on. Also, when that time lost involves advertisers who trust us to get their ads into the hands and eyes of the readers, especially prior to a big sale, or significant event, this can create chaos, lost profits and puts those trusted relationships at risk.

Sure, there's always blame and enough to go around, but the bottom line is, it was a faux pas, a fluke, a perfect storm that blindsided us, but we will not let it blind us. We've already taken steps to prevent such an oversight in the future.

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Sincerely,

*The Iron County Today Team,
Corey, Devin, Patti, Craig and Esther*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point."

C.S. Lewis

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BRITNI ROBERTSON

Parowan High wows community with Technicolor triumph

Under the direction of Noel Bauer and Trevor Walker, the Parowan High School musical production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was an event that was the perfect balance of talent, fun, and pure entertainment. With a High School cast of 49 students and a children's ensemble of nearly 20 more, the substantial cast was on full display in living color. The whole production was sensational. From the costuming and the choreography, to the soloists and the harmonic ensembles, to the acting of both the young and younger. It was obvious that a great time was had by all involved.

After the play, one theater goer said, "My cheek muscles hurt from smiling so much." Even the aisles in the auditorium were used as additional stage space for choreography and singing.

Joseph, played by Kendall Wilkey, and the Narrator, played by Madison Kohler, made a great team and got the largest ovations of the night. PHS came together and created their own version of this popular classic that made the audience laugh, sing, cheer, and cry.

Director Noel Bauer said, "I wanted to do this play for a long time and believed it was finally time to do it now with this specific cast." The closing night was both special and emotional. The cast had become a family who gave their all. You could tell that both on and off the stage, Mrs. Bauer and Mr. Walker had created something special for these students. Long nights of practice paid off. Every performance was nearly sold out and ended with standing ovations.

The community is so proud of our students and staff and we thank them for their time, energy, and effort they put into this production! Go! Go! Joe!

Britni Robertson

Music and much more

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the eve of December, Holiday Magic was in full swing at the concert of the Orchestra of Southern Utah. Yes, Cedar City, Utah has an orchestra!

Carylee Zwang, the conductor of the OSU, has done it again with a delightful concert that was a feast for all the senses. Not only an epic orchestra, but the concert was alive with dancers, excellent choirs, a brass quintet, soloists, video montage, Santa Claus, and audience participation allowing ALL to sing carols of Christmas.

To top it all off as icing on the cake, Zwang must have orchestrated lightly falling snow as the festive audience stepped out of the Heritage Center. Thank you to all who had a part in making this concert a memorable night of magic for all-there were too many to list.

Have a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you all at the other concerts OSU hosts. The Messiah will be performed on Dec 10th and 11th (tickets are required but are free.) Also slated for the year 2024, concerts will be held on February 15th and April 11th.

Our wonderful community has a rich heritage of the arts that enrich us all. For more info see <https://www.myosu.org>.

Kathleen Wells, Beverly Sorenson Arts Specialist
Iron Springs Elementary School

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Welcome to the ICT Insiders Club Corner!

by Casey O. Anderson

ICT BOARD CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the first edition of the Insider's Club Corner, where members will have the opportunity to submit their own content and participate in the editorial process. As the Chair of the Board for the Iron County Today, I encourage you to become an Iron County Today Insider and lend your voice to the important discussions of the day. I would contend that many of the societal issues that we face today as a country are due to reasons related to not enough people lending their voice, or are doing so in unproductive ways.

Utah Governor Spencer Cox, through his Chairmanship of the National Governor's Association, has called for us to Disagree Better. This is certainly a much more viable and worthy goal than to simply not disagree, which is what some may advocate for. Nothing should ever be "settled." We should always be striving to learn, revise, review, and improve. Attempting to end debate is generally not a request for compromise or

finding common ground, but rather a demand for submission, which is incredibly divisive.

We may think that these sorts of deficiencies only happen in our Nation's Capital, but they do not. Here in Iron County, rather than respecting diverse opinions, we often hear the mantra of "we all must be unified" in our public discourse (in support of a public position the governmental entity). The reality is we must all not be unified when it comes to civic discourse of serious public discussions. Removing the opportunity for nuance and diversity of views is not a sustainable model and should never be advocated for. The correct answer is, we should research and learn and then we should be respectful of other's views and encourage them to follow their conscience.

The first step to disagreeing better is to actually disagree more often. While some people may have a natural ability to disagree in productive ways to find common ground, most of us need practice. Advocates of submission have essentially banned discourse related to religion or politics from our everyday conversations, including Thanksgiving. If the only issue that we are permitted to talk about is the weather, then we are lost as a civilization. As we become more practiced in having conversations about serious issues, we will be able to disagree in ways that are more productive and solutions oriented. This allows our society to actually move forward.

While "agreeing to disagree" sounds nice, it's actually not an approach

that should be advocated for, while the opposite of submission, what has actually happened is that it sounds as if we are refusing to understand, gather more knowledge, or gain empathy. That's why this often results in higher tensions rather than the desired result of relieving tension. In addition to disagreeing more often, we should disagree *longer*. In other words, "hold the space." Perseverance, dedication, and commitment to resolution appear to be less desired attributes in modern society.

When we disagree more often and for longer periods of time, we are able to move past the initial emotional rush of confronting somebody who has dared to challenge our thought processes. This will allow us to disagree with reason and logic. The next step to Disagree Better is base our decisions and conversations on facts, data, and reality.

Emotions are important and should be understood. Emotions drive us in directions that are important and matter. At the same time, we may be doing ourselves a disservice if either extreme of emotion or stoicism is too heavily emphasized. I think it's safe to say that difficult conversations as it pertains to civic matters often devolve into highly emotional exercises.

This is where the Iron County Today best serves our community. Our weekly periodical has provided an opportunity for readers to consume more than 140 characters. We attend community events and report on news that might not be convenient for you to attend and gain more information

on. The Board and ICT team are fully committed to protecting the public sphere of discourse, the "town square." Truly, I'm not sure if there is anything more important to society.

Also, while the advent of communicative technology that allows us to have conversations with people around the word instantly, has driven us to new spheres, this is new to us – we need practice. A vibrant local newspaper will help insulate our community from some of the issues that some would say are driving our societal decline – our methods of communication and a greater focus on local news.

When all of the attention is on our Nation's Capital on television, radio, social media, and news print – we lose the opportunity to Disagree Better on local issues where it's usually more nuanced, relevant to our lives, and where we have greater opportunity to make a difference. Iron County presents a unique opportunity because we are big enough to sustain a local publication, but small enough to where we can reach a full audience without dilution from digital competition. For example, in St. George where 150,000 residents reside, it is more difficult to "make the numbers work" when it comes to print distribution logistics and new competition from digital sources. There are too many stories, too much circulation, and too much competition. It's simply too easy to create a website and start blogging about everything that happens.

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BLM to analyze potential changes to West-wide Energy Corridors as part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda

from Dolores A. Garcia

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Land Management announced that it will begin assessing targeted updates to energy corridors across the West, to help speed deployment of transmission infrastructure. The analysis will examine potential changes to the designations that could strengthen energy security, promote renewable energy development in the West, improve reliability, relieve congestion, and enhance the capability of the national grid to deliver electricity. Approximately 673 miles of seven designated energy corridors may potentially be modified.

"Transmission is a vital piece of moving our country to a clean energy economy," said BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning. "These updates will help plot a course for successful transmission deployment in order to

"These updates will help plot a course for successful transmission deployment in order to bring renewable energy to markets across the West."

BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning

bring renewable energy to markets across the West."

The BLM will use a \$1.2 million investment from President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act to support this effort. This work is central to the Investing in America agenda and supports broader Biden-Harris Administration efforts on efficient siting and permitting of transmission lines.

These corridors, known as West-wide energy or Section 368 corridors, stretch across Western states and help guide responsible buildout of

transmission lines and other uses to balance the need for delivering clean energy with protecting America's lands, water, and wildlife habitat.

Making revisions to these corridors, originally designated in 2009, requires interstate coordination and national-level planning to be implemented efficiently and effectively. BLM began internal planning for this effort using BLM's Regional Review Final Report. The seven prioritized, specific energy corridors will affect 19 resource management plans across Utah, Arizona, California,

Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

The BLM will hold four in-person (1 in Cedar City) and two virtual public scoping meetings to collect comments and local input.

- » January 9, 2024 – Cedar City, UT: Cedar City Heritage Center, 96 N. Main St. (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
- » Virtual Meetings: Visit EplanningUI (blm.gov) to register
- » January 9, 2024 (10 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
- » January 18, 2024 (10 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

For more information, please visit the Section 368 Energy Corridors Regional Review Revisions ePlanning website <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2022227/510> at the West-wide Energy Corridor Information Center website at <http://corridoreis.anl.gov>, or contact Crystal Hoyt, BLM National Project Lead, at choyt@blm.gov or 307-352-0322.

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6 reasons why you should take your mental health seriously

by Stan Popovich

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Many people underestimate the impact that mental illness can have on an individual or family. It can be difficult to admit that you have a mental health problem in your life. Secondly, it can be just as difficult in getting the people you know to understand your situation without making any kinds of judgments.

As a result, here are six reasons why you should make your mental health an important priority in your life.

1. Your situation will improve if you get help

Your anxieties and fears can be challenging to manage and more than likely you will need some help. Just as you talk to your doctor about

your regular health, you should not be hesitant in seeking help for your mental health.

2. Drugs and alcohol are not the answer

They can make your problems more complicated. Many people have said that drugs and alcohol will only add more problems to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues by talking to a qualified professional.

3. You will save time and money

Eventually, you will have to confront your fears and mental health issues. Save yourself the time and heartache and confront your problems now rather than later. You will save months of struggling by getting help right away.

4. You are not alone

Everyone deals with fear, stress, and anxiety in one's life, whether your friends and others care to admit it. In addition, do not be embarrassed that

you are getting help. We all learn new things from others on a daily basis and learning how to manage your anxieties is no different. In addition, your goal is to get your life back on track and not to get everyone's approval.

5. Do not make the mistake of doing nothing

There are many people who struggled with anxiety and other mental health related issues, and they tried to ignore their problems, but eventually things became more difficult. It can be scary asking for assistance, but the key is to take things one day at a time.

6. You have a variety of options

There are many mental health support groups, organizations, and counselors in your area that can help get your life back on track. Talk to your doctor to get more details on where you can go for assistance. Help is available but you must be willing to make the choice of getting better. Remember that every problem has a solution. You just have to make the effort to find the answers.

For more information, please visit Stan's website, <http://www.managingfear.com>.

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The Iron County Today allows us to have a viable path to Disagree Better. We will strive to protect the public square for our community. We ask that you help us protect that public square and disagree better by becoming an Insider's Club Member, submitting articles for review, and advertising with us. The best leaders are those who surround themselves with people they know will disagree with them. This is one area where politicians start off at an inherent disadvantage due to leadership roles in government generally being given to campaign supporters and contributors, people who already agree with them. Let us choose differently, to surround ourselves with people who think differently and Disagree (and then Disagree Better). We can solve humanity's greatest problems through this revision (read: disagreement) process and reduce human suffering through the time tested and proven engines that drive society.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." – Thomas Jefferson

This quote by Jefferson is perhaps not a surprise, but further inspection is warranted. Declaring that he would prefer to have newspapers than government may be hyperbolic in nature, but these types of rash declarations help to create interesting and new conversations that help us to Disagree Better. There's little room for debate if all we are allowed to talk about is the weather.

Social media has simply not replaced true and value-added publications of ideas and while I hope it graduates from its current status, I am not holding my breath despite constant pleas for improvement. Jefferson's statement is paramount and if you disagree with it, at least Disagree Better. Are we treating our most important society institutions with the importance that they deserve? I hope you will join with us in this effort at the Iron County Today.



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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE — SENATE

Friends and neighbors,

I hope you enjoyed the Thanksgiving season with your loved ones. It was a wonderful Thanksgiving for our family, as we got to spend time together on the California coast with most of our kids and grandkids, and we were definitely missing our two missionary grandkids, one serving in North Carolina, and one heading to Mexico. I have so much gratitude in my heart for the blessings we have. And appreciate this time of the year where we make a point of expressing our thanks to God for the gifts we've been given, especially for the gift of family.

Also, I'm very grateful to have Celeste Maloy sworn in this week as our newest Congresswoman. I know her well and have gotten to work with her on different issues and she's outstanding. Celeste lived in Beaver for several years working with public lands, and she's worked in Washington County for the water conservancy district, and as their deputy county attorney. I especially appreciate that she lives here in southern Utah and has firsthand knowledge of what's important to our area and how to best champion rural issues. She'll be a huge voice for rural Utah back in DC. She has my full support.

I am also grateful for you and your trust in me as your senator. Here's some of the work we've been doing as we lead up to the legislative session starting in 2024.

Historic Election of Martha Hughes Cannon

This month, we celebrated the historic election of Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon to the Utah Senate. Martha was a pioneer in the field of medicine and politics. Dr. Cannon received her medical degree at the age of 23, during a time when very few women even went to college. She went on to start a nurses' training school in Utah and was the first woman to register to vote in Utah. After gaining statehood in 1896, Utah held an election for three state Senate seats. Martha was one of five candidates who ran for the open senate seats. You can learn more about the rich history of Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon here (utahwomenshistory.org/bios/marthahughescannon).

School Report Cards

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) recently unveiled the latest School Report Card, a tool designed to show the strengths of each school while identifying areas for potential growth. This comprehensive resource – encompassing state, district, charter and individual school report cards for the 2022-2023 academic year – is accessible here (reportcard.schools.utah.gov)

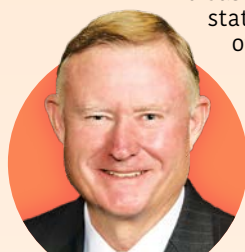
The Utah School Report Card empowers parents by offering detailed insight into key school performance indicators, including achievement and growth metrics; an excellent opportunity to grasp a school's accomplishments and the areas they're working to improve. I encourage all parents of students to review this report card and see ways they can help better the schools in their area. Championing education is

vitaly important to Utahns because the excellence of our students impacts us for generations to come. If you wish to access more information about Utah's schools, please visit schools.utah.gov/.

Draft Legislation Combining Carson Smith Scholarship and Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program

Two opportunities often inquired about for those with special needs are the Carson Smith Scholarship (CSS) and the Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship programs, overseen by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). I'm pleased that the Education Interim Committee recommended a bill combining these two programs, ensuring consistent funding, better management and efficiency through the application and awarding process of these particular scholarships.

After years of evaluation and administration of these and similar programs, state education leaders have advised this combination as an appropriate measure to provide flexibility to special needs students, prevent work duplication for parents and administrators, and ensure consistent funding for students with disabilities who apply for these scholarships. The state has developed a better understanding of how to administer choice scholarship programs efficiently. The bill will still need to go through the legislative process in the 2024 General Session.



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Senate Art Contest Information

I am always impressed by the creativity and skill of artists in our state. Starting in December, Utah's young artists will have the opportunity to participate in this year's annual Utah All-State High School Art Show, run by the Springville Museum of Art. Qualifying students get to display their work in the museum. The Senate has the privilege of selecting distinguished winners who receive scholarships. Winners are invited to spend a day at the Capitol during the legislative session, where the Senate recognizes them during floor time. The contest is a great platform to showcase Utah student's artistic talents. I am looking forward to seeing what they create. Learn more about the art contest and apply here (<https://www.smofa.org/52nd-annual-utah-high-school-art-show>).

Utah's Art Gallery

Speaking of art, this month we recognized the legacy of Alice Merrill Horne, which includes the establishment of the first state-sponsored art agency in the United States. Alice was the third female state representative elected to the Utah State Legislature and is remembered as "Utah's First Lady of the Arts," due to her dedication to bettering the world around her through art. Several of Alice's descendants have continued her legacy, opening an art gallery in downtown Salt Lake City focused on bringing the joy of art into homes and businesses across the state. You can read more of Alice's history here (<https://senate.utah.gov/>

utah-establishes-first-art-agency).

Behavioral Health Licensing Amendments

There are approximately 200,000 adults in Utah who need expert care and treatment. Currently, all health-care professionals must meet the same educational and experience requirements to receive licensing, even though varying levels of skill are required for certain positions. This leads to a shortage of care-takers in the mental and behavioral health industry. The Business and Labor Interim Committee discussed legislation to revamp behavioral health licensing. The



COURTESY CELESTE MALOY

Celeste Maloy is officially sworn in as the Utah Senate's newest congresswoman and ready to serve Utahns.

proposed bill would create more licensing options and encourage more people to enter the field. As more professionals are able to receive a license, it will help reduce the strain on current healthcare workers and help ensure patients receive the care they need.

Thank you for reading this update and for your support and involvement. Please reach out anytime with feedback, questions, or concerns. Thank you.

Evan

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE — HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Good News Keeps Coming

All eyes are on Utah. The Beehive State is on something of a winning streak after a month of back-to-back-to-back good news. The Winter Olympics will make a triumphant return to the state in 2034. University of Utah's Kingsbury Hall will host the third and final General Election Presidential Debate in 2024. Most importantly, Utah once again wears the crown for WalletHub's "Most Charitable State"—our fourth consecutive year.

My colleagues and I met for our last Interim Meetings of the year this November. I look forward to taking what I have learned throughout the interim process to pass meaningful legislation for Utah in the upcoming 2024 General Legislative Session.

House Leadership Team

With the resignation of our former Speaker Brad Wilson, my colleagues and I met to elect a new House Leadership team. I am excited to work with these individuals and I know they will do great things for our state. The new assignments are as follows:

- Speaker of the House - Mike Schultz
- Majority Leader - Jeff Moss
- Majority Whip - Karianne Lisonbee
- Assistant Majority Whip - Casey Snider

Special Session

During last month's interim meetings, the House convened in a Special Session to instate our newly elected Speaker of the House, Mike Schultz. We also passed a Resolution of Supporting the State of Israel. While much of the world fails to acknowledge the full scope of horrors committed against the Israeli people, Utah continues to stand with Israel as we pray for peace.

Water Policy Symposium

As the second driest state in the nation, it's crucial that we are continuously planning for our water needs and preserving our water resources. With this goal in mind, the Utah House of Representatives hosted the third annual Utah Water Symposium, where we met with stakeholders and policy experts to discuss the current state of our water systems and to take a look at what cities, farmers, the legislature, and everyday Utahns are doing to protect our water.

Utah One of Eight states Recognized by Pew Charitable Trusts for Sound Budget Techniques

This November, Pew Charitable Trusts recognized the Beehive State for comprehensive and sustainable budget practices, including the deployment of long-term budget assessments and budget stress tests. Pew recommended other states follow Utah's lead. "States could implement Utah's strategy of paying for infrastructure with cash in most years and to retain borrowing capacity for downturns," says the report. "One advantage of Utah's approach is that the state avoids some of the trade-offs between saving and

spending, instead putting its dollars to work throughout the economic cycle rather than having them sit unused in an account potentially for years."

Taxpayer Receipt

Utahns deserve to know how the state spends their tax dollars. A decade ago, the Legislature authorized the creation of the tool that reasonably estimates how much you paid in taxes and what those dollars fund in state government. The Taxpayer Receipt – an easy-to-use online tool – has been revamped for Utahns. Get an estimate for your household at <https://le.utah.gov/lfa/taxpayerreceipt.html>.



REP. CARL ALBRECHT
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

Legislative Auditors Release Significant Reports on Corrections, Housing and Water

FINDINGS:

Current staffing numbers fall far short of full staffing needs for safe and secure operations at the Utah State Correctional Facility.

A status quo mindset inhibits the Utah Department of Corrections' ability to address challenging issues at the Utah State Correctional Facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Utah Department of Corrections should prioritize

The Department of Agriculture and Food should develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the Agricultural Water Optimization Program.

The Division of Water Rights should continue to develop the Water Right Network so that data is structured in a way that it is accessible and can be used in a wider scope of internal management needs and provide better transparency and accountability.

Get the facts: Utah's Sensitive Materials Proposal

A draft proposal to empower parents to remove pornography from libraries and curriculum in Utah schools passed the Interim Education Committee with the full support of the committee's Republican members. The Committee has worked through the Interim to provide clarity and support for schools, and it's important to set the record straight about what this proposal accomplishes:

"Should this bill become law, books and classroom materials that contain pornography as defined in Utah law, will be removed immediately," according to Committee Co-Chair Rep. Candice Pierucci. "Materials that do not meet that threshold, but are potentially harmful to children, will be reviewed by local schools and parents. Those decisions may be appealed through the local school board. This proposed legislation strikes the right balance in empowering parents, protecting children, and giving the needed support and guidance to schools and districts."



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Rep. Carl Albrecht continues to serve citizens well while in the Utah House of Representatives.

recruitment and retention of correctional offices and procure professional consulting to create a focused recruitment and retention plan.

The Utah Department of Corrections senior leadership should foster a positive culture by working with industry experts and consultants to review the organization and address actions and mindsets that do not align with new organizational values.

Utah's Water Management

FINDINGS:

Water use accountability and transparency can be improved by increasing usability of water use data.

Statutory strengthening is needed for more effective water planning to ensure the state's water future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

This time of year, we have the opportunity to spend increased time with our loved ones and reflect on our many blessings. I am grateful for the continued opportunity to serve each of you and to call this great state home. From my family to yours, we wish you all a very merry Christmas.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent you in the Utah House of Representatives. It's an honor to serve the folks in District 70, (Sevier, Beaver, Piute and Iron Counties). As we get closer to the 2024 Legislative Session, which commences on January 16th, please contact me with your questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Romney testifies at House Budget Committee hearing on the Fiscal Stability Act

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) testified at the House Budget Committee's hearing examining the need for a fiscal commission and reviewing the Fiscal Stability Act, a bipartisan solution to strengthen America's fiscal health and stabilize our nation's finances for future generations, which the senators introduced earlier this month. The legislation would create a bipartisan, bicameral fiscal commission tasked with finding legislative solutions to stabilize and decrease our national debt, which now exceeds \$33.6 trillion—more than double what it was just 10 years ago.

(for a complete transcript, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfhgbgJq28>)

Unless we fix the fiscal calamity, we're no longer going to be able to have a military leadership in the world, and we would have major consequences for our safety and our national security. There's a second reason. Our mounting debt is placing us in the same hazardous character category as Greece and Italy. This shows government debt, gross debt. And by the way, debt held by the public, as a percentage of GDP out through 2028. Here's Greece, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Spain. Notice they're all getting better. We're the one getting worse. And we are now in a category as of 2028, where we're going to have more debt as a percentage of our GDP than Italy. And remember what Greece and Italy and the others went through? This is the trajectory we're on, unless we take action soon.

Simpson-Bowles told us about this crisis, but it's already here and our legislation has a built in path to avoid some of the challenges that were associated with the Simpson-Bowles failure to actually reach a conclusion. Let me just mention what they are.

First of all, four corners appoint the members of this commission. Three will be elected members, and then one will be an expert, but the expert will not be voting. Only members will be voting on the commission's recommendations. The objective of the commission is to stabilize debt as a share of the GDP. It doesn't talk about any particular program. It just says let's get our debt as a percentage of the GDP at a stable level. And finally, all spending is being considered and everything is on the table. We don't say, "This program has to be added, that program..." No, everything is on the table. And finally, if there's a bipartisan consensus—if we have Republicans and Democrats on this Commission that vote together on a bipartisan basis to proceed, then there is a privileged process to take the legislation to the floor and to vote on it in the House and the Senate.

In the Senate, by the way, the [60] vote rule would apply. So it's the same numbers required in order for it to become law. And of course, the

president would then be given the opportunity to sign it. If we don't fix this mess that our country is in, why, it's hard for me to imagine a circumstance where America is able to continue to lead the world. If we're spending more on interest than we're spending on defense, then how in the world are we going to keep up with China, which is already spending a lot more on procurement than we are today.

We all lived in the shadow of the Greatest Generation. If we don't fix this problem, we're going to be known as the "worst generation." Our children, our grandchildren are depending on us to take action, and everything's on the table. And I'll just mention one thing, and that is when Bill Clinton was president, he looked to see what Republicans and Democrats could do together. Each came together and found an equal amount of tax increases, revenue increases, and spending cuts and got a deal done and got us on track and actually got a balanced budget. This is something we can do, but only if we do it on a bipartisan basis.

Senator Romney added, "We're either going to be known as a generation that took on tough challenges and solved them or one that didn't."



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OSU HOLIDAY MAGIC CONCERT BRINGS *The Spirit of Christmas*

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It was an evening of music and magic as the Orchestra of Southern Utah held their very first Holiday Magic concert last Thursday evening at the Heritage Center Theater. The Orchestra of Southern Utah, a group of professional and amateur musicians from throughout the southern Utah area, performed many holiday

classics conducted by Carylee Zwang.

All who attended enjoyed music meant to start the holiday season right, with beloved Christmas carols, familiar favorites, and more. The musical evening featured many special guests, groups, and local artists, including In Jubilo, our local women's choir and the Master Singers, our local men's choir. The Brass Quintet of the Orchestra of Southern Utah

musicians performed 'My Spirit Be Joyful'.

The audience was captivated by an evening of beautiful music and felt the true Christmas Spirit and this performance was one to be remembered. It certainly helped begin our holiday season the musical way!

Throughout the program, the audience had the opportunity to indulge in the "oldies" of Christmastime, with songs like

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, featuring Jordan Sanders as a soloist, and Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*. In addition to these familiar songs, the audience had the opportunity to enjoy the true classics, such as Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* with special guest dancers. Sabrina Gordon performed the *Sugar Plum Fairy*, and

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It truly was a concert filled with Holiday Magic, including an early White Christmas outside.



Music that calms and invigorates the soul

HOLIDAY MUSIC, PART 1

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Most of us love listening to music. Some music to lighten feelings and other times to move and dance to. However, listening and moving to music has an even better result because it can alleviate pain. It works on the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for influencing many important parts of our bodies including our heartbeat and blood pressure, along with the limbic system which regulates our emotions and feelings.

Historically, holiday music has warmed our hearts and lifted our thoughts. The old saying is true, "Music has charms to soothe a savage beast, soften rocks, and bend a gnarled and twisted memory." So, wake up, turn on your favorite holiday carol. And remember that "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" have cheered the lost, the sad, and the rest of us for years.

Awaken your memory bank and remember that during Christmas in 1943, with thousands of American men and women far from home, at Thanksgiving Bing Crosby recorded the most popular Christmas song in history. World War II was roaring in Europe and in the Pacific at the time. "I'll Be Home for Christmas" began to sound its wonderful lyrics wherever Americans stood for freedom against the onslaught of terror and trial going on in Europe and in the Far East.

The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, had led all Americans into a war of their souls and bodies for freedom for the world. In their hearts and minds, whether at home or far away, Americans repeated and sang along: "I'll be home for Christmas. You can plan on me. Please have snow and mistletoe and presents by the tree. Christmas eve will find me, where the love light

gleams. I'll be home for Christmas. If only in my dreams." Let's give thanks for those Americans of World War II who stood so valiantly for freedom, and let us sing their song in our hearts, minds, and loudly with our voices.

Nearly 20 years later, in 1963 another song sang out about our upcoming holiday season: "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year... With the kids jingle belling. And everyone telling you. 'Be of good cheer'. It's the most wonderful time of the year." It is a celebration and description of activities that are associated with the Christmas season, focused primarily on get-togethers between families and friends. It mentions hosting parties, spontaneous visits from friends, universal gaiety, spending time with loved ones, snow activities like sledding for children, sharing stories about previous Christmases, and singing Christmas carols in winter weather. This song became a reliable Christmas carol not only in the United States, but it was also translated into other languages and sung throughout Europe where it has topped the charts in popularity.

The word "holiday" originates from "holy day", a day set aside to celebrate a religious event. Today, it's a "holiday" when it's a day designated to celebrate something specific, religious or secular. Christmas is the only religious day that is recognized as an official federal holiday. There are eleven federal holidays recognized nationwide by the United States. As we sing Christmas carols, let us express gratitude that Christmas on December 25th has been a federal holiday since 1885. Christmas will next be observed on Monday, December 25, 2023. Everyone, sing with all your heart. It's good for your health. And get ready for more family fun as we sing our way through more holiday songs in future articles now and through New Years Eve.

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Johnson Arts Center celebrates spirit of the season

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On Monday, November 27, 2023, The Johnson Center for Community Arts and Education held their annual Christmas Celebration. The event was a great success and was even bigger than last year. The parking lot was full of guests bundled up for the cold, chilly outside air. The evening included, live entertainment, lighting of the Christmas tree, Christmas caroling, and a visit from Santa. And all while drinking hot cocoa, provided by the Soda Nerd.

JAC's new outdoor stage had six performances including all local musicians singing, dancing, and playing instruments. The highlight of the evening was seeing the anticipated faces of all, especially the children, when the tree was lit, while the last group sang a medley of fun and familiar Christmas songs. Christmas was definitely in the air.

Established in 2021, the Johnson Arts Center provides access to a safe, reliable location appropriately equipped for small-scale rehearsals, productions, and performances. Everything from yoga to concerts happen at the JAC and their doors are always open, everyone is welcome.

If you have a dream, the Johnson

Arts Center can help make it happen," shared Melissa Leavitt

Have a very, merry, musical, and artsy Christmas!



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Dance Magic dancers performed the Candy Cane Trepak. There was even a special appearance from the 'Jolly Old Elf himself—Santa Claus.

“Music brings people together. One of my favorite moments of the evening was when the audience sang along with the choir and orchestra. The hall was filled with unity and Christmas Magic,” shared Brooke MacNaughtan.

Christmas is about the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. We also believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world.



It was a beautiful evening to begin the holiday season with song, dance and instrumental magic that inspired the feelings and true meaning of Christmas.



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

Canyon View High Dance Department presents second annual Community Nutcracker Ballet

by Jennie Grimes

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CEDAR CITY — Canyon View High School's (CVHS) Dance Department is thrilled to announce the return of the second annual Community Nutcracker Ballet, taking place on Dec. 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the CVHS auditorium. The production is designed to ignite the spirit of the Christmas season with its classic story of the Nutcracker and little Princess Clara.

"This production aims to enrich the learning experience of our students while fostering collaboration and mentorship within the community," said Jennie Grimes, dance instructor at CVHS and artistic director, producer and choreographer for the Community Nutcracker Ballet. "This season, we hope you'll take the opportunity to come and experience the story of Clara, a young girl gifted a nutcracker for Christmas, and all the other magical characters that make up the ballet."

The production is a collaborative effort between CVHS dance students and community members, particularly those from the Iron County School District. The production involves a large cast and crew, including students filling key roles in dance, stage crew, choreography, artistic direction and more.

The community is invited to attend the production and enjoy the dedication of local dancers. The Nutcracker will be played by Russell Nielson and Paige Stemmons will play the part of Clara. There are several soloists and featured dancers throughout the ballet including Regan Hunsaker as Drosselmeyer, Tessa Gordon, Quorra Grimes, Emma Niles and Charlotte Wood as Harlequin Toy Dolls, Tanley McCurdy as the Mouse Queen, Laura Nelson as Dewdrop, Sabrina Gordon as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Ava Lunt and Kallie Wood as Roses, Maddy Wood as a Chinese Tea dancer and Eliza Lambert as a Chinese Tea dancer and Snow Queen.

The extensive preparation for this full-length ballet involves hundreds of hours organizing concepts, securing production crews and gathering donated supplies, props, costumes and materials. Local studios, including Cedar City Junior Ballet, Dance Magic, Ignite

"This production aims to enrich the learning experience of our students while fostering collaboration and mentorship within the community"

Jennie Grimes

Dance Company, On Stage Dance Studio, The Point Dance Studio, Sunshine Dance and community dancers, join forces with CVHS to contribute costumes and dancers for their assigned roles. The overwhelming support and commitment from everyone involved emphasize the belief in the project's impact on students and the

potential for growth in the coming years.

Grimes, reflecting on the project's inception, said, "I had been wanting to do it for about 15 years. The theme for my dance company that year was 'Don't wait for the right opportunity, create it.' What better time to teach than by example. Why not make it happen." This commitment to action led to the successful inaugural Community Nutcracker Ballet last year and a continuation this year as a cherished tradition.

The CVHS Dance Department to express Cedar City

would like gratitude to the Arts Council for awarding a mini-grant to support the production. Tickets are now available for \$10 for adults, and \$6 for children ages two to 18, at community-nutcracker.com. Donations to support the production may also be made at the same address.

Russell Nielson as the Nutcracker and Paige Stemmons as Clara in Canyon View High Dance Department's production of the Community Nutcracker Ballet

PHOTOS BY PARKER GRIMES

What is your greatest Christmas story?

by Mary Anne Andersen

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

The counter card reads Simon Fest Theatre Co. presents “The Greatest Christmas Stories”, told by Richard Bugg and a talented ensemble, a charming and life-affirming treat for the entire family.” I told you last week that there was something in the works from the Simon Fest Company, and now we know what it is. I just have one question: who picked what stories as the “greatest”?

I can't help but notice that no one asked me for my opinion, and I have one. Of course, in our community, the first reply would be Christ's nativity, but let's grant that and move on. I can tell you what our family's greatest stories are, and we'll see if they made the cut. Charles Dickens' “A Christmas Carol” would certainly be among the first. Over the years, we've watched a number of presentations about the miserly Scrooge and his journey toward the incarnation of

Father Christmas. If you are not familiar with the musical “Scrooge”, you need to find and watch it. It stars Albert Finney as a really over-the-top miser. He is almost too loathsome in appearance and attitude, but since it is a musical, a little bit of cartoonish nature is okay. You'll have brainworms from the likes of “Father Christmas” and “Thank You Very Much” for days after.

My favorite is the depiction of George C. Scott as Ebenezer Scrooge. He is more believable than Finney—mean, a little scary, and his redemption at the end is cause for applause. Of course, you can read the story itself and run across the familiar lines that show up in the dramatizations.

On Christmas Eve, I read O. Henry's “Gift of the Magi” to whoever is in my home that evening. For years it was just our family, but now it includes guests and sometimes just

the two of us. The idea, of course, is that the gifts given have to be treasured possessions. For a gift to have meaning, it has to involve an element of real sacrifice, in money, effort, or sentiment—in this case, an heirloom pocket-watch strap and luxurious, waist-length hair. It is hard to get through the last paragraph without a lump in my throat.

After that is over, it is LeGrand's turn to read “The Littlest Angel”, another tearjerker that involves the giving of a little boy's greatest treasures to the baby Christ child. In this case, it is a collection of those things that are treasured by a little boy: a dog's strap, a bird's egg, a lovely rock. The gift is so pleasing to God that...Oh, wait. Read it for yourself. It has another heart-warming ending.

It will be of great interest to me to see if Rick tells abbreviated

“I can tell you what our family's greatest stories are, and we'll see if they made the cut. Charles Dickens' “A Christmas Carol” would certainly be among the first”

versions of any of these favorites of ours. Apparently, there will be the “greatest Christmas songs”, too. Who can even begin to think what they might be! Three nights—December 21-23 at the Heritage Theater, starting at 7:00. Bundle up and give the kids a look at some real season's treasures. (Hmmm...what about the Grinch?)



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JUBILEE of TREES

Annual event makes a difference

Each year the Jubilee of Trees makes a difference in the lives of those who need a little bit more hope and help this holiday season.

by **May Hunter**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Several years ago, Laura Albrecht opened a local event venue in Cedar City. She had such a strong desire to gather the community together to celebrate the holiday season. She knew it would bring her joy to be able to contribute to local charities that she felt strongly about. So, "The Holiday Tree Jubilee" was born. It's been an annual event for the past 6 years and a beloved part of the holiday tradition that helps so many friends and neighbors here in Cedar City!

Three years ago, the event was relocated to the Heritage Center Theater and began a partnership with Cedar City Events to help make their Downtown Lighting Ceremony even more special by bringing Santa to the



PHOTOS BY MAY HUNTER

Jubilee in a helicopter (thank you, SUU Aviation!) and kicking off their events together! It has truly been a magical collaboration.

Each year, thousands of members of the community come out to the event over three nights. They view 60 beautifully decorated and donated Christmas trees, enjoy free hot chocolate, take photos with Santa, enter to win prize baskets and Christmas trees, listen to live music and celebrate together while supporting important causes. And thanks to the generous donations of families, visitors and local businesses, they are able to support Shop With A Cop, the Iron County Care and Share, and the ICSD Homeless and At-Risk Teens program. This event wouldn't be possible on this level without their

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generous support.

This has been a fantastic year as they were able to donate over \$50,000 to those charities! They are so grateful to the community for their support! Everything was 100% donated—all the volunteers, music, ganache-d brownies, Slurps-Up hot cocoa, trees and all decorations.

“I love this event! It was created from my love of people and gathering together with those I care about—especially during the holidays. Now it has grown to bless so many lives throughout our community. Christmas just wouldn’t feel the same without it,” – Laura Albrecht

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Laura Albrecht



Local law enforcement personnel were instrumental and the event also helps their Shop With A Cop experience be more successful.



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family

Kids are people, too

My oldest daughter has a long sleeve shirt issue. She hates them. I believe it has something to do with feeling uncomfortably warm and not being able to immediately cool off.

Last week we were at an outdoor event after sundown and she got cold enough that she wanted to wear a long sleeve shirt to bed. I found a cute one that was collecting dust in her closet and let her wear it as pajamas. The next day she told me she loved that shirt and asked if she could wear it to school. I told her absolutely, after I washed it, she could wear it to school the next day. So, I dutifully did a load of laundry including the long sleeved shirt.

My four-year-old has a strong dislike for boot cut jeans. She calls them her "fall down pants" because we buy them long to stack over her boots. They fall down past her feet if she isn't wearing any shoes, hence the name.

Even our baby, who turns two this month, insists on drinking his milk with his special blanket on the same section of the couch every morning. His day just isn't going to flow smoothly if it starts any other way.

While these strange habits and quirks have me raising my eyebrows and wondering when my little people will outgrow them, I have come to realize that they aren't all that strange or different from the rest of us.

I, myself, do not like milk. I never have! While this isn't particularly unique or strange, the fact that I eat my

cold cereal with a fork to strain out the milk is a little peculiar. I know people with odd OCD habits and people with superstitions that are flat out weird. (Have you heard of some of the things athletes believe will help them succeed?)

So, when I consider the little things that my kids come up with that cause me to roll my eyes, I know that they aren't all that strange, they're just smaller versions of ordinary people.

While you and I may not throw ourselves on the ground or burst into tears over the wrong color of sippy cup, I'm sure we can agree that we do have a preference on similar items. Think about some of the things that make you human the next time your child expresses extreme frustration over what you consider trivial, for in the words of Dr. Seuss, a person's a person no matter how small.

mom's CORNER(ED)

by **Weslie Stratton**

CONTRIBUTOR



The next morning I presented the fresh top to her along with her jeans and she refused to wear it. In true five-year-old fashion, she nearly had me convinced that I was insane for ever thinking that she would wear that shirt to school. I did eventually win the battle and she survived a full day with long sleeves, but it left me considering the other odd little traits that each of my children have developed over the years. I have learned time and time again that a perfectly good day can be turned into a toddler's worst nightmare by a simple little bump in their sock.

My seven-year-old prefers his quesadillas whole, rather than sliced like a pizza. I argue that a whole round quesadilla is nearly un-dippable, but he manages to drag it through whatever sauce he opts for.

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schools

Students say thank you with service

by Tsadakah Wilberg

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On the eighteenth of November, the Title Six Program students provided a service for the teachers and administrators as a thank you while also representing their culture and having pride in it. The idea was pitched by Mr. Calamity, the district advisor for the Title Six Program. He and the students handmade fry bread and provided toppings like honey and powdered sugar. The teachers and staff were able to grab some after classes on Friday.

The Title Six Program is an educational state program for students with Native American heritage. It is a resource that they can turn to for extra help. The program provides services for those students such as homework help and grade counseling. The students can go to the program workers for guidance and as a safe place to go. The program is available for students in K-12. At the high school, Mrs. Wood is appointed by the Title Six Program

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Along with Mr. Calamity, the students from the Title Six Program provided delicious fry bread to their teachers and administrators.

MRS. WOOD

and offers help to Native American students. The program is mostly there to educate and empower students with a Native American background.

Mr. Calamity, who also has Native American heritage, as the district advisor, has worked with the Native American students since many of

them were in middle school. His idea for the service project came from a desire to share their culture with the other students and teachers for Native American Heritage Month. It was also an opportunity to do a service project that will help many of the students with their future academics. Finally, it was also a way of getting more Native American students involved with the Title Six Program. They were pleased to say that the activity achieved all of their goals.

The Native American students were pleased with the project and all they accomplished with it. It was fun and they got to express themselves. They are very appreciative of the Title Six Program for the work it put towards their education. It is a comfortable place they can go to be with other students who have a lot in common with them. Miss. Wood and Mr. Calamity works hard to make it that for them and is glad to help represent an amazing culture.

Gateway students enjoy educational, inspiring Career Day

from Joni O'Hanlon

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On Tuesday, November 21st, the Gateway Kindergarteners and 1st graders had the opportunity to host a career day as part of our social studies standards. Each class had a parent come to present their career and rotated to each K/1 classroom. We were able to learn about Wildland Fire Fighters, Life Flight, EMTs, Musicians, and Restaurant Owners. The school was also able to coordinate with Gold Cross Ambulance to bring an ambulance to the school and allow the students to walk through it and see all their equipment. Liam, in Mrs. Esplin's class, said, "It was fun that my dad came with his ambulance and I also liked seeing all the different jobs." Payton, also in Mrs. Esplin's class, said, "I liked the ambulance. I also liked Life Flight and was excited that he brought us all pilot badges." The K/1 teachers and students are all so grateful for those that came and shared their careers with us!



From musicians to the medical field, Gateway students got to enjoy a variety of vocations.



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calendar

THURS, DEC 7

LETTER WRITING DAY

HOLIDAYS AT THE HOMESTEAD (7TH-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.

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.

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.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT IMPAC (7TH-9TH, 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. INFO: info@im-pac.com, 435-572-0072.

SUU DANCE CONCERT "RESOLVE" (7TH, 7:30pm, 9th, 2pm) @ Randall L. Jones Theatre (35 S 300 W Cedar City). \$12 adults. \$6 youth. TICKETS: @ Utah Shakespeare Festival Box Office or 435-586-7878.

COMMUNITY NUTCRACKER (7TH - 9TH, 7:30pm, Matinee 9th, 2pm) @ Canyon View High School Auditorium (166 W 1925 N). \$10 adults, \$6 children available online (<https://myseats.co/event/the-nutcracker-2023/>).

FRI, DEC 8

TIME TRAVELER DAY

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

IRON SPRINGS COOKIES WITH SANTA (6-9pm) @ Iron Springs Adventure Resort (3196 N Iron Springs Rd, Cedar). Cookie decorating, photos with Santa, activities, entertainment, and much more! INFO: www.ironspringsutah.com or 435-708-0101.

SAT, DEC 9

LOST AND FOUND 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.

AMERICAN PATRIOT FEST (10AM-8:30PM) @ Cross Hollow Event Center (11 N Cross Hollow Rd, Cedar). Appearances by local police department, military, first responders. K9 demos, concert, beer garden, and SUU Aviation helicopter landing. In support of the military, police, and first responders. American Patriot Foundation will be giving away their first 2 college scholarships to children of American heroes.

9TH SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS (1-5PM) @ Stratum Real Estate (365 S Main, Cedar City). FREE! Holiday treats, crafts, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Elementary School students can earn money for their school by attending. INFO: 435-586-4874.

SANTA'S TREAT & GREET (3-6PM) @ CEDAR City Lodge #35 (2120 W Skyview Dr.). Bring the family for photos with Mr. & Mrs. Clause, Letters to the North Pole, Ornament Crafting, Desserts, Cookie Decorating, Food Trucks on Site. Accepting donations for the Iron County Care & Share and Toys for Tots.

MIDVALLEY FARMERS MARKET & ARTISAN FAIRE (5-8pm) @ (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.

SUN, DEC 10

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

CEDAR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS MEETING. (2nd Sun, 11am) @ 1280 E. Midvalley Rd (Enoch). INFO: Call/Text Bonnie at 435-590-0596 or email Dr.Bonnie8@gmail.com.

LABYRINTH ADVENT WALK (6:30PM) @ ST Jude's Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, 1 block North of W University Blvd). No Charge. Special Advent Walk facilitated by Rev. Lee

Montgomery. Come celebrate the coming of Christmas! An evening walk with luminarias and gentle contemplation. Largest indoor labyrinth in the state of Utah. No experience required, facilitators present. Please allow 30 minutes for your experience. INFO: Anne (702) 539-3400.

ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH: MESSIAH (10th and 11th, 7:30pm) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). FREE! However, tickets required. Available online @ www.myosu.org. Children over 6 with adult supervision. No small children or babies as concert is recorded. Orchestra performing 83rd performance of Handel's Messiah. The music brings in the reason for the season, telling the story of the birth of Christ and his Unparalleled Majesty.

MON, DEC 11

MOUNTAIN DAY

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DELIVERY (2pm, approx.) Wreaths Across America semi-truck arriving in Cedar City to deliver over 1500 wreaths for Paragonah, Summit, Enoch, New Harmony, Cedar City. Police escort begins at Love's Truckstop (Exit 62, I-15) 2645 N Canyon Ranch Dr.



TUES, DEC 12

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DAY

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (12TH, 19TH, 10AM) @ Frontier Homestead State Park Museum (635 N Main, Cedar). FREE! A ranger will read a frontier-themed story and have fun with a corresponding take-home activity. Recommended for preschool-aged children. INFO: 435-586-9290. frontierhomestead@utah.gov

LIVE JAZZ (7PM, 2ND TUES) @ OFF THE Cuff (913 S Main, Cedar). FREE! Brought to you by the Jazz Alliance of Cedar City. INFO: jazzallianceofcedarcity.org.

WED, DEC 13

ICE CREAM DAY

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.

CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS - VOCALOCITY (7:30pm) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 W, Cedar). Singing their a cappella versions of fav Christmas songs. \$30 adults, \$15 students.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT IMPAC (DEC 13-16, 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. INFO: info@im-pac.com, 435-572-0072.

THURS, DEC 14

MORE GOOD TODAY DAY

"I'VE LEARNED THAT YOU CAN TELL A LOT about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights." - Maya Angelou

FRI, DEC 15

CONCERT - JENNY OAKS BAKER (7PM) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). Tickets \$29 - \$51. Celebrate Christmas in Cedar City. An inspiring Christ-centered Christmas show of sacred, exhilarating, and beloved Christmas Carols. Tour Sponsored by Black Desert Resort. INF/Tickets: www.jennyoaksbaker.com.

SAT, DEC 16

CHRISTMAS CHROME & CANDY CANES HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER (10am-6pm) @ Diamond Z Arena (11 S Cross Hollow Dr, Cedar City). Held indoors and will include live music from Muddy Boots, visit from Santa Claus, toy donation drive, and vendors.

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY (2-4pm) @ several locations throughout Iron County. Join the ceremonial wreath-laying events at 2:00 pm at the Summit Cemetery (188 W 300 N), Enoch Cemetery (Cemetery Rd), and Cedar City Cemetery (685 N Main). The mission is to Remember our fallen US Veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach your children the value of freedom by carrying out coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies across America. INFO: wreathscrossamerica.org.

SUN, DEC 17

CRECHE FESTIVAL (4-8PM) @ CANYON VIEW LDS Stake Center (1985 N Main St, Cedar). Enjoy the creches (nativity scenes) from around the world, a live nativity, and live music.

LEX DE AZEVEDO'S CHRISTIAN CHOIR (7PM) December 17 @ Cross Hollow Stake Center (2830 W Cody Drive, Cedar). December 18 @ 725 S 1100 W, Cedar). INFO: cedarcitycrechefestival@gmail.com.

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

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

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

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

Elks Lodge #1556

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

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

So. Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 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, Parowan Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603 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. @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from Braylie Tullis

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Canyon View Middle School

Great job CVMS Honor Society and Student Council for teaming up to make a difference for the community. Student leaders headed up a successful food drive involving the entire school. The result included boxes of food donations! Way to go Honor Society, Student Council, & Student Ambassadors!



Escalante Valley Elementary

For the past 12 weeks our 5th grade class has enjoyed weekly visits from Deputy Ford, who for the past 4 years, has taught D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) at Escalante Valley School. During the course of the program students are introduced to the decision making model (Define, Assess, Respond and Evaluate), and are presented with various problems and scenarios to discuss and work through. Before graduating from the program students are asked to write an essay highlighting things that were learned and explaining how they plan to implement these lessons into their lives. We appreciate the efforts made by the Iron County Sheriff's Department in order to continue this program within our elementary schools.



Enoch Elementary

Enoch Elementary was visited by Canyon View High School's Cross Country team. The team ran around the assembly to share in the celebration of their victories as state champions. Many of the runners were Enoch alumni. They shared messages to the younger students to encourage them to face hardships bravely and to keep running! The Tigers were also visited by the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company. They shared their motto that "Everybody can dance." Students joined the dancers in using their body parts as instruments of art and music. They also used their bodies instead of their voices to communicate. Enoch enjoyed the interactive presentation.



Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

We have had a great time with our Santa's Workshop! Students can shop for gifts for family and friends through Friday, December 8 at school. Don't miss the Fiddlers choir concert on Monday, December 11 at 6 pm in the school gym. These amazing kids have been working hard for months to present a fun concert. Be sure to bring holiday cheer to your heart. Watch homework folders for information on spirit stick sales and other upcoming events. You can also follow Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA on Facebook for the latest news and reminders.

Three Peaks Elementary

On November 21, Three Peaks Elementary held their ninth annual Turkey Calling Contest. The winners for K-2 were: Grayson White, Jaymz Gronowski, and Eloise Levsen. Grades 3-5 winners were: Jaxton Mitchell, Keeley Kalama, and Reese Burton. Thank you to all who participated in this fun and silly event. Thanks also to the PTA who helped with the judging and to GoHunt who donated the prizes. Three Peaks Elementary had the pleasure of hosting the Canyon View High School Marching Band on December 1. The students enjoyed learning about each of the different instruments and

hearing the unique sounds they make. Band members performed some very upbeat songs and taught us the CV Fight Song. Thank you to the band director for arranging the chance to hear this very talented group of musicians. Please remember the Three Peaks Elementary STEAM Festival being held on December 7 from 6-8pm. Parents and students are invited to attend this fun event at the school. There will be door prizes, exotic animals, SUU Aviation, SUU Planetarium, and many other exciting events.



Iron Springs Elementary

November is always a month of expressing gratitude and it wasn't anything different at Iron Springs Elementary this year. Our month was full of gratitude with our Veterans Day Assembly, Charity Drive and our "Thankful For Each Other" lunch provided by our amazing lunch ladies. Teachers, Aides, Administrators, Custodians and Lunch Ladies came together to serve the students turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, applesauce and peach cobbler. Mr. Steve Burton from the District Office came out and joined in serving our student body the delicious meal. We are thankful for the amazing school community that we are a part of.

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving is always an exciting day for your 5th grade students. They have spent the last several weeks learning about the Colonial Time period in Language Arts and Social Studies that concludes with each student writing a paper on a Colonist and having Colonial days at school. Students can dress up to match their interpretation of the colonial period and participate in different activity stations. Some of those activities are candle and butter making, cross stitching, making bricks, games and a sweet treat of biscuits. We are always grateful for the parents who volunteer and support our teachers in helping our students to have these opportunities. This year we had the opportunity to have our school board as well as Superintendent Hatch and other district office members join in the fun.



Secure Leadership

LEADERSHIP 101.42

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the challenges of Job Security (November 23, 2023). I wrote about not worrying so much about the future (yes, preparing for it), but focusing more on doing one's best, no matter the test, in their current situation. That way, while their job may not be secure, their integrity and character will remain even if they finish, retired, or relocated.

If you're a leader in your field,

foundation and replace it for a more sure one, don't be surprised if you go from "I don't know" to becoming C.E.O. In fact, you should remember and strive each day, in each decision, to remember that you are the C.E.O. of your life. No matter how many jobs and bosses you have, you are still in charge of you. You are still accountable to yourself to be the best self you can be. And as you strive for better direction—not perfection—you will become more successful, less stressful and feel as if you are moving mountains, even the earth, to make your life and the lives of those around you better.

So, what are you waiting for? Or rather, who are you waiting for? Don't wait for others, you have the responsibility and ability to fortify and change your life (and those you lead) for the better. If you need a more secure

foundation, don't be afraid to acquire the tools and skills to build one.

Today, if you want to move the earth in your home or office, find a firm place to stand, get your bearings and press forward. If you don't have such a foundation in your home or office, find someone you can trust to help you create (or repair) one. And as you fortify your heart, home and headquarters, you will not only discover a new strength and desire to succeed, but a deeper feeling of fulfillment.

"Whether you desire to move and/or improve the earth—from the home to the office and everywhere in between—you need a reliable foundation and footing from which to do so."



even if (especially if) your field is your family, your main motivation, desire should be to create a solid (secure) foundation for your family to rely on and to grow healthier and happier because of it.

Creating a firm foundation is about more than delegating duties (chores). It's about developing (improving) those around you, including yourself, as to not only make the "job" more enjoyable, but the products, profits and people (especially) better, no matter their income, title or duties.

The famous Greek mathematician and inventor Archimedes said, "Give me but one firm spot on which to stand and I will move the earth."

Whether you desire to move and/or improve the earth—from the home to the office and everywhere in between—you need a reliable foundation and footing from which to do so. So, whether you're a parent, preacher, teacher, manager or messenger, when you create (and utilize) a secure foundation, you will also create secure people who will be able to focus more on what they do best.

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Official *Utah Author Day* a huge hit

by Caleb Monroe

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Utah Governor Spencer Cox issued a proclamation saying that December 2nd, 2023, was to be the official Utah Author Day in celebration of authors who have helped in making Utah's great history, social impact, and value as a state. This was to acknowledge those who have written about the many aspects of the art of writing and storytelling.

Iron County celebrated this day at the Cedar City Public Library, thanks to Mr. Steve Decker the Library Director, and coordinated with the help of Lucy Tayco Price.

Price shared, "Utah Authors Day is important to me because I want the writers in our community to feel recognized and celebrated. If you live in Utah and are interested in building or being part of a literary community—whether you are a reader, a writer, or a little of both—Utah Authors Day should matter to you! Lucy has just released her first book entitled *Spinner*. It was released last October.

Lucy is also a member of the LUW, The League of Utah Writers, who also helped in the putting together of this statewide event. Events like this one were held at many other venues up and down Utah, all to celebrate and promote reading and writing for all ages.

This gathering is the third annual of the Utah Authors Day. It was attended by approximately 13 authors of all sorts of genres. The authors for this one-day event were asked to read or speak about their writing. They were given a 15-minute time slot to read and raise awareness of what their subject is. The authors were asked one question. Why is the Utah Author Day Important?

Wendy Jessen (Hope and Healing) said, "I believe Utah Authors Day is important because we have so many creative individuals in our local community. Whether it's writing for children or adults, fiction or non-fiction, poetry or horror, our words have value. It is authors who inspire change, give hope, build bridges, and encourage learning and growth.



Lucy Tayco Price



Wendy Jessen



Rosalyn Eves



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A selection of books authored by Utah's Rosalyn Eves.

Authors or writers are at the core of every song, every movie, every play, and every life changed. Words and stories are intermingled with our lives and authors bring those stories to life."

Rosalyn Eves (*Lost Crow Conspiracy*) added, "Since I began writing seriously nearly fifteen years

ago, I've been taught and supported by other Utah authors. My first author's conference was Writing and Illustrating for Young Readers, then Storymakers. I've also been to LTUE and the League of Utah Writers conference. It was being around other authors that first made me think—I can do this! Utah Authors

Day is a fantastic way to honor the deep creative roots in our community and the strength of the Utah writing community.

Laura Walker (Assistant Professor of English) shared, "I think the Utah Authors Day matters because it provides an opportunity for connection between writers and the communities we live in. Writing can be such a solitary undertaking. Even when writers do build community, it is almost exclusively with other writers within the same genre (or audience, style, etc.). The Utah Authors day gives us the chance to meet and interact with other writers we may not know, but more importantly, it connects writers and readers. Because of this connection, as writers we know we're not screaming into the void, and as readers we know, we're not alone in our experiences. It's the best kind of symbiosis!

Other authors in attendance were Sara Decker, Elaine B. Vickers, Dianne Berry, Linne Elizabeth, L.E. Modesitt Jr., T.E. Watson, Emily Ann Adams, Lady Wolf, Kareli Loeza, Micah Player, Todd Petersen, Laura Walker. Apologies if I left out anyone.

Keep reading, writing and looking to the Cedar City Library for upcoming events and happenings.

obituaries

Jan Luttio-Hammers



Jan Luttio-Hammers, 65, best mother and favorite grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 23, 2023, at Cedar Hospital, Cedar City, Utah, due to complications from Stage 4 breast cancer. She was born to Donald Elmer Luttio and the late Leslie Faye Haserot-Stettler on October 8, 1958, in Southern California. While in California, she attended cosmetology

school, established her career, and expanded her family by marrying the love of her life and partner in crime 37 years ago. She planted roots in Cedar City in the early 1990s and quickly built a name for herself in the community, eventually opening her own salon: Jan's Barber Shop.

She loved camping, playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, listening to classic Rock'n'roll, and taking long road trips with her husband on her Harley. She loved to have fun, and her smile and laughter were contagious. As a local Cedar City hair stylist, barber, and shop-owner, she was known for giving the best haircuts. Many of her clients became dear friends. She will truly be missed by many.

She is survived by her husband, William Hammers, her father Don (Deanna) Luttio, her brother Mike (Mary) Luttio, her children, Leslie Friedrich (Daniel) Woodard, Ray (Jessica Robinson) Friedrich, Stephanie (Wesley) Workman, Kaleb Morton, Jason Lamoraux, as well as her step-children, Aaron Hammers and Roberta Hammers-Givens, her grandchildren Jan, Anna, Colton, Cooper, Ruby, Matthew, Cathron, Madison, Kailey, and Vivian, as well as 7 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Leslie Haserot, and her brother, Steve Luttio.

Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org.

Want to submit an obituary?

There is a charge of \$100 for obituaries to be published. Submissions can be made online at ironcountytoday.com, emailed to news@ironcountytoday.com or brought in typed/digitized format to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City. A single submission may be up to 600 words and may include up to two photos.

Submitted obituaries over 600 words will be charged an additional 10¢ per word. The deadline for submissions is Monday at 11 am for Thursday's publication.

Darce Vernile Prince



Darce Vernile Prince, 76, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at St. George Regional Hospital. He was known for his constant love of family, broad range of skills and interests, and lifelong devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He will be sorely missed.

Vernile was born on July 1, 1947, in Cedar City, Utah to Darce M. Prince and Lorna Belle Anderson. Despite suffering the tragic loss of his mother as a child, he enjoyed an idyllic rural upbringing in New Harmony, Utah, where he had plenty of room to explore, hunt and run free with siblings,

friends and cousins. His father remarried, blessing Vernile with a caring second mother, Camilla Pace, who he loved dearly. Vernile's parents taught him such important values as faith in God, love of country and hard work, which remained with him throughout his life.

Vernile attended Cedar High School as a member of the Class of 1965, many of whom have remained close friends to this day. Among those friends was a red-haired cutie, Elma Lynne Sandberg. Their first date to the Sweetheart Ball was the beginning of a tender romance and 54 years of marriage, which began with their wedding in the St. George LDS temple on June 14, 1969.

As a young man, Vernile served an LDS mission to Australia. He graduated from Brigham Young University and began his career as a lineman for a rural telephone exchange. Vernile remained a loyal employee with the same company for 35 years, eventually retiring as President of All West Communications.

Vernile and Elma Lynne raised their family in Cokeville, Wyoming and Kamas, Utah. He was a strong and capable provider, a supportive, involved father and a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His children Darin (Suzanne), Clay (Lori), Jillyn (Kenneth) and Joel (Tiffany) will remember him as a fun-loving, funny, adventurous man with boundless curiosity, a contagious laugh and endless zest for life. He enjoyed a special, unique relationship with each of his seventeen grandchildren, and was loved and admired by them. He felt fortunate to have become great-grandfather to one baby girl, with one more baby boy on the way at the time of his passing.

He was a natural leader, serving for many years in various regional and national professional associations where he was known for his practical, commonsense style. Vernile served faithfully in many church callings, including many years leading youth as Young Men's President and Scoutmaster. He was a committed home teacher and ministering brother. He served simultaneously as Bishop of his ward and Mayor of Kamas City. He served a mission to Guam Micronesia with his beloved "Ellie," fulfilling a lifelong dream.

Vernile engaged with and maintained an ever-evolving range of hobbies, skills, and interests throughout his life. He rode and broke horses. He painted with oils. He loved music, and experimented with guitar, accordion and harmonica. He was a master photographer and a talented writer. Vernile explored much of the world through travel. He hiked to the tops of tall peaks and ventured to the depths of the ocean with SCUBA gear. He caught fish in all kinds of waters from Alaska to Mexico. Later in life, he learned woodturning and created many beautiful artistic pieces for family and friends.

In retirement, Vernile returned home to New Harmony and built a paradise on earth in the shadow of the Kolobs. There, he expertly cultivated flower gardens, fruit trees, and a productive vegetable garden. He created his own fishing pond, and cared for his horses and beautiful yard. This home became a precious gathering place where his family has created cherished memories.

A viewing will be held at the LDS Chapel in New Harmony, Utah on Friday, December 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A second viewing will be held at the same location on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 to 10:30 am, with funeral services commencing at 11:00 am. A graveside service will follow at the New Harmony Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences and a livestream of Vernile's service will be available at www.mortuary.org.

Irma Brown Chidester



Irma Brown Chidester, 87, passed away peacefully at her Cedar City home on November 27, 2023. She was born in Grantsville, Utah on March 8, 1936, to Roy Clark and Florence Sutton Brown. Irma's early years were filled with cherished experiences toiling in the fields alongside her father and other family members and working to take care of her younger

siblings. These early moments and memories were instrumental in forging a spirit of hard work, a devotion to others and a lifelong love of teaching and learning—qualities that have deeply inspired her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as the generations of community children she has served through the decades.

A graduate of Brigham Young University, Irma met Evar Leon Chidester during her days at the school, and the two were married for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City LDS temple on November 23, 1960. Irma served as a 1st Grade teacher in the Nebo School District in Utah County before beginning her own family with Leon. Irma's unflagging support of her husband, as he pursued master's and doctorate degrees in Spanish, and her collaboration with and active encouragement of his more than three decade-long career as a professor at Southern Utah University, are additional testaments to her dedication to learning.

Irma's guidance, tutorship and inspiration extended in a number of directions throughout her life. In addition to raising and caring for her own children, she was active in leadership callings in her local LDS ward, serving at various times over the past five-plus decades as Primary president, as a Primary teacher, as an Inservice instructor, as a Young Women leader, as both a Cub Scout and a Girl Scout leader—and in a favorite role that seems to have been tailor-made for her, as Sister Friendly. For many years, she also served young couples in the community by providing childcare for them. Irma always relished the relationships she developed through that experience, and she maintained contact with many of the children she mentored and safeguarded as they have grown to adulthood and created families of their own.

Irma's loving care, devotion and tireless encouragement will continue to guide and inspire those she leaves behind: children Alyse (Scott), Maria, Phillip, Marta (Bert) and Marcela; 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and the generations of children whose lives she has touched through her service in the Primary and as a caregiver. Her passing promises a sweet reunion with her loving husband Leon and her eldest son Michael.

A visitation was scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 5 to 7 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 North 300 West in Cedar City. A viewing was held from 10-10:45 am on Friday, December 1, 2023, prior to an 11 am funeral service celebrating Irma's life and memory. Both were held at the Mortuary. Interment followed at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences and livestream of the services will be available at www.mortuary.org.

faith

Help CAIFA make a difference

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CAIFA (Cedar Area InterFaith Alliance) is doing great things in the community, and we want you to join us! Although there won't be an auxiliary meeting in December, regular auxiliary meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 in the west meeting room at the north end of the Cedar City Public library. The next meeting will be January 18, 2024.

At the November 21 meeting, the organization chose new officers. LaShelle Endly was appointed as the new president. Ann Powell will be serving as the CAIFA secretary. Warm thanks were given to Deb Cowan who has been serving as president, and Amanda Diurba who has been serving as the secretary.

LaShelle is also involved with Iron County Christian Women who meet for lunch at the Sizzler every third Tuesday at noon for lunch and to promote service in our area. They also welcome newcomers. Just show up.

One thing that CAIFA does is to amplify support for projects that are sponsored by specific congregations or organizations. For example, Calvary Chapel sponsored a local drive for Operation Christmas Child to fill special shoe boxes with small gifts and personal care items for distribution to children in need throughout the world. CAIFA helped Calvary Chapel to further its efforts by getting the word out to other community members who were interested in joining. This increased the number of boxes filled locally by caring individuals and families to help the children to have a happier Christmas.

Diane Molner reported that Trinity Lutheran Church's campaign to provide Christmas gifts for homeless

young people sheltered by the local Youth Futures program has received great support from the community. The current residents will have a great Christmas due to the community's generosity. Unfortunately, Christmas is a time when trouble at home can mean more homeless youth. The program is anticipating that more youth will need help during the Christmas season, so donations are still needed to make sure that these young people will also be remembered.

Maybe you have seen the Angel

Trees around town in various places—trees with tags making gift suggestions for children of various ages. These trees are for Iron County Holiday Assistance.

Although this is not a church sponsored event, CAIFA members have been busy helping out. To get involved, you can take unwrapped gifts to the Cedar or Enoch office buildings. Children in our community will have the opportunity to take a parent, and go to the armory where they will be able to choose a few things to brighten their Christmas. The Holiday assistance program needs chaperones to help each family. For more

information or to volunteer, visit just-serve.org or contact Lee Chamberlain, 435-865-8335, chamberlainl@suu.edu.

On a final note: Sunday, Dec. 10, St. Jude's Episcopal Church will open their Labyrinth at 6:30 p.m. It will be decorated with luminaries. Those who have previously attended this event say that it is a beautiful experience and well worth it.

Cedar Area InterFaith Alliance is always eager to invite individuals in the community who wish to participate to join the auxiliary meetings starting again in January. All congregations are invited to have a representative on the CAIFA board.



RUTH SCOVILL

Rotation and Balance

I love getting new tires. I feel safer on the road and there is a peace of mind knowing that no matter the weather, I am better equipped to endure it, especially now as we enter winter. Also, because tires are one of the most expensive parts to replace, maintaining them is important. Yes, it can seem expensive at the time to do so, but the cost of proper maintenance in the present (in time

only will we improve our temporal and spiritual successes, but gain and maintain a greater peace in our lives, no matter the terrains or seasons we must travel through.

Spiritually speaking, your peace and happiness are expensive and extensive things to replace in your life. Yet, with regular maintenance (prayer, scripture study, repentance, service and covenant making and

renewing) your peace and happiness will not only last longer, but will be felt more deeply and become more powerful assets in protecting and directing your life as well as that of your



and money) is almost always less expensive and frustrating in the long run.

You've experienced this when you get your oil changed—being asked if you want to rotate your tires. While it may seem like a simple, or meaningless task, it's important to your safety and even your wallet. Because the back and front tires carry the weight differently, the tread wears differently. Rotating the tires helps extend their mileage (life). Balancing them is also a crucial part of that maintenance because a tire that's out of balance due to wear and tear will continue to get worse, causing less maneuverability and potential accidents. When was the last time you had your tires rotated and balanced? How are your spiritual tires doing?

The Scriptures say that there is a time and season for everything under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3:1). However, we know that mortality is more than simply waiting for seasons to change. We each have daily responsibilities and accountability to "improve the shining (and even the dull) moments" in our lives. This is rarely easy, or convenient, but with regular rotation (resting) of our daily duties and maintaining (or restoring) balance (stability) in our lives, we can endure and succeed more. And not

family's, friends and all who you share the roads of life with.

Today, if you feel out of balance, fear not. The Lord knows exactly how to help you find balance and confidence to get back on the roads of life. He will help steer you towards the things that can help you find better balance and endure and enjoy more miles. This includes guiding you to (or guarding you from) people, places, pursuits that will help provide the tread of perspective and protection. This includes daily scriptures study, uplifting music, organizing every needful thing and seeking out the best of books. And no matter your current season, God will help you take better care of (and make regular repairs) your body, mind, heart and soul.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

LUKE 2:10

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for the people.'"

Angels and shepherds are important parts in the Christmas story. So are you! As we follow that Beloved Babe born in Bethlehem, we too can become angels and shepherds in His kingdom.

FALCONS RUN OVER REDS

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Coming into the Dec. 1 matchup between Cedar and Canyon View, none of the Falcons knew the feeling of beating their crosstown rival, having lost the previous six matchups. Thanks to a second-quarter surge, the feeling came over the team in a big, sweeping motion and put them in the win column.

Ty Attig led four players in double figures with 21 points, and CV broke the game open with a 15-2 second-quarter run that helped beat Cedar, 81-58 in front of a big crowd at the Falcons' Nest. Canyon View improved to 2-1 on the season, while Cedar fell to 0-3.

The Falcons beat Cedar for the first time since 2019, but to players like Carson Miles, the spark was lit to chase bigger things on the horizon.

"Our season doesn't end on this," said Miles, who scored 20 points. "We had the history, but this was a matter of execution at both ends. We have our eyes set on bigger and better things."

After Easton Albrecht (15 points) scored the first basket of the second quarter to break a 16-16 tie, Miles countered with a 3-pointer to put CV ahead for good. Ty Attig – who led all scorers with 21 points – scored a more conventional 3-point play after drawing a foul inside, and it ignited the run that helped the Falcons take a 40-26 lead at the break.

Felps Sanders gave Canyon View an added boost in the second half,

scoring nine of his 16 points in the third quarter. The Falcons bench players got plenty of work as the lead was pushed out to as much as 26 in the fourth.

CV helped out its own cause by hitting 18-of-23 (78 percent) at the free-throw line, while Cedar was just 8-for-21 (38 percent). Jace Farrow added 12 points for the Falcons in the win.

In Canyon View's other game of the week, Attig overcame an ankle injury late in the second half and made two free throws with 3.5 seconds left to give the Falcons a 61-59 win over Pine View on Nov. 28. CV led the Panthers most of the way, but found itself in a tie game with 10 seconds remaining.

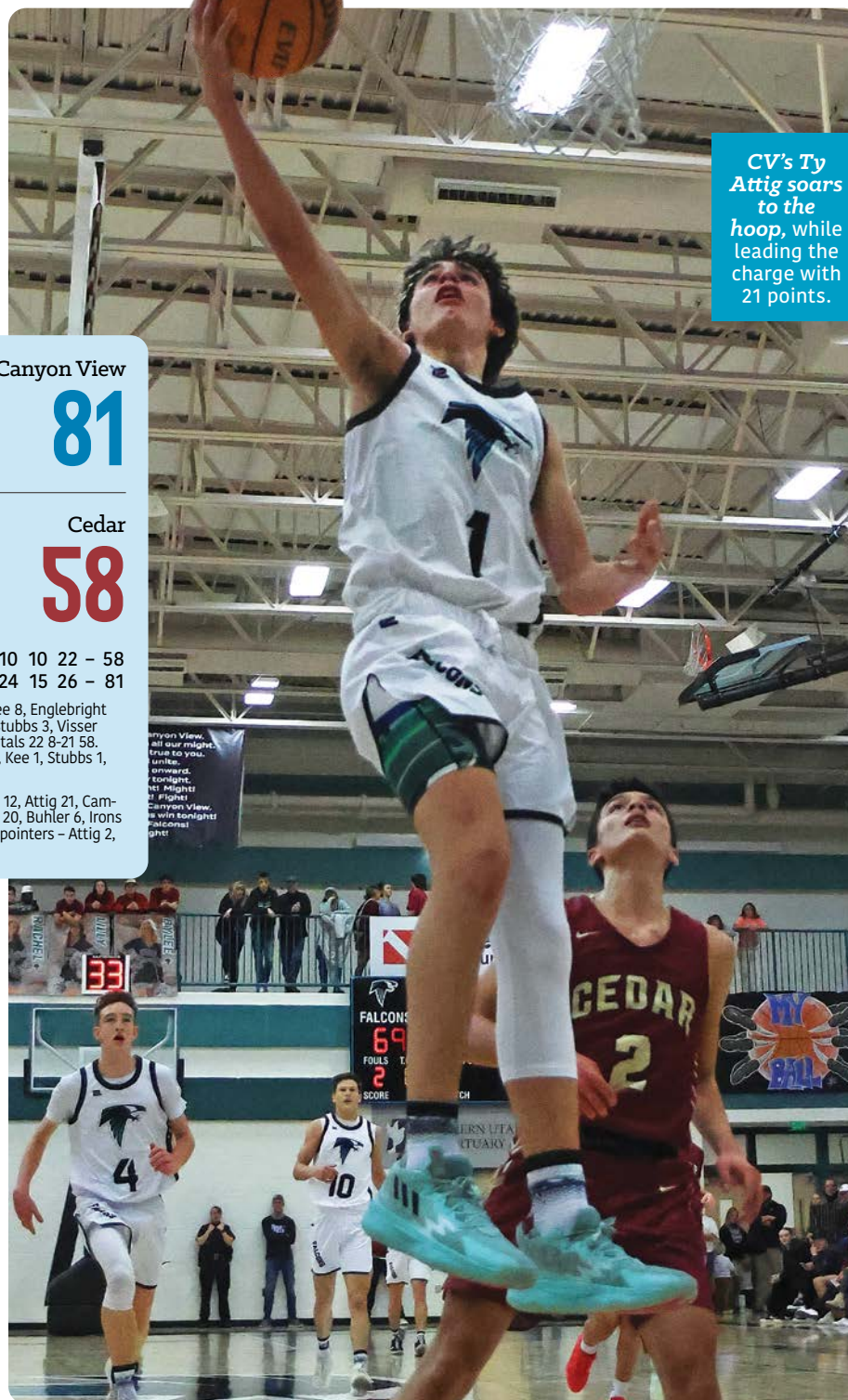
While CV suffered a turnover on its final possession in their season-opening loss to Desert Hills, they forced the issue against the

"We had the history, but this was a matter of execution at both ends. We have our eyes set on bigger and better things."

Carson Miles

Panthers with Attig driving into the lane and drawing the foul that put him on the line.

"Ty's a baller," CV coach Kim Blackner said of Attig. "He's a joy to have in practice and he gets the game. I thought the injury was serious at first, but he went in the trainer's room and next thing we



CV's Ty Attig soars to the hoop, while leading the charge with 21 points.



Canyon View

81



Cedar

58

Cedar 16 10 10 22 - 58
Canyon View 16 24 15 26 - 81

Cedar – Albrecht 15, Kee 8, Englebright 7, Jeter 8, Kreitzer 10, Stubbs 3, Visser 6, Davis 3, Rowley 3. Totals 22 8-21 58. 3-pointers – Albrecht 3, Kee 1, Stubbs 1, Rowley 1

Canyon View – Farrow 12, Attig 21, Camba 2, Sanders 16, Miles 20, Buhler 6, Irons 4. Totals 29 18-23 81. 3-pointers – Attig 2, Sanders 1, Miles 2

Cedar girls roll, nearly double up on Hawks

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Gabby Gomez led three players in double figures with 16 points, and the Cedar girls basketball team sprinted out to a huge early lead before putting away a 67-34 win over North Sanpete at home Nov. 28. The Reds led 23-7 after the first quarter and were never headed as they stayed unbeaten on the season at 3-0.

With Kiara Hansen doing work inside and Mya Bishoff draining three 3-pointers, Cedar added a 19-7 third-quarter edge to help keep control of the game and

earn the easy victory. Hansen had 14 points and Bishoff helped out with 13 as the Reds made 28 field goals to offset a 4-for-11 shooting effort at the free-throw line.

In Cedar's second game of the week played Nov. 30, Danzee Bradshaw poured in 19 points and the Beaver Beavers rallied in the second half to hand the Reds their first loss of the season (3-1), 45-38. Gomez led Cedar with 17 points and three 3-pointers, but they couldn't hold on to a 15-13 halftime lead.

Beaver held the Reds to seven points in the third quarter to grab the lead and hold it the rest of the way. Cedar will play the first of three straight road games starting tonight at Timpanogos in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Elsewhere in Iron County, the Parowan girls team struggled to a 60-21 home loss to the Panguitch Bobcats on Nov. 30 to fall to 0-2 on the season. The Bobcats broke the game open by outscoring the Rams 23-2 in the second quarter to lead 41-10 at the break.



Cedar
67



North Sanpete
34

North Sanpete 7 11 7 9 = 34
Cedar 23 13 19 12 = 67

North Sanpete – Johnson 5, Eliason 2, Madsen 2, Larson 3, Applegarth 5, Job 3, Kendall 7, Schlappi 7. Totals 9 14-27 34. 3-pointers – Johnson 1, Schlappi 1.

Cedar – Orton 7, Gomez 16, Bird 2, Nielsen 4, Shimada 7, Bishoff 13, Twitchell 4, Hansen 14. Totals 28 4-11 67. 3-pointers – Orton 1, Gomez 2, Shimada 1, Bishoff 3.

PREP SCOREBOARD

SCORES

Region 9 Boys Basketball

- 11/27** Layton Chr. 71, Pine View 59
11/28 Canyon View 61, Pine View 59
11/30 Mtn. Crest 60, Hurricane 42
 Dixie 97, Cyprus 22
 Mountain View 69, Crimson Cliffs 65, OT
 Pine View 62, Richfield 50
12/1 Canyon View 81, Cedar 58
 Dixie 71, Mountain View 54
 Snow Canyon 59, Cyprus 50
 Ridgeline 79, Hurricane 52
 Desert Hills 54, Park City 47
12/2 Crimson Cliffs 70, Cyprus 49
 Green Canyon 76, Hurricane 42
 Snow Canyon 74, Mtn. View 64
 Judge Mem. 56, Desert Hills 52

Region 12 Boys Basketball

- 11/28** Canyon View 61, Pine View 59
 Juab 54, Providence Hall 44
11/29 South Sevier 47, Carbon 41
 South Summit 51, Emery 44
 Delta 77, Millard 39
11/30 Pine View 62, Richfield 50
12/1 Canyon View 81, Cedar 58
 Ogden 53, Richfield 52, OT
 Emery 61, Panguitch 53
 South Summit 78, Carbon 55
 Grantsville 52, Delta 51
 Manti 73, Morgan 57
 Juab 64, San Juan 55
12/2 Juab 44, Ogden 42
 Manti 75, Grantsville 41

Region 18 Boys Basketball

- 11/28** Milford 50, Millard 43
11/29 Valley 56, Parowan 43
 South Sevier 47, Carbon 41
 Panguitch 60, Kanab 55
 Delta 77, Millard 39
 Beaver 52, Bryce Valley 40
11/30 Water Cyn. 69, Beaver Dam (AZ) 27
12/1 North Summit 53, Parowan 44
 Duchesne 71, Kanab 59
 South Sevier 74, Grand 68
 Beaver 52, Waterford 43
 Enterprise 56, North Sevier 45
12/2 Parowan 49, Duchesne 48
 Enterprise 80, Grand 51
 Kanab 61, San Juan 40
 S. Sevier 56, N. Summit 54, OT

Region 9 Girls Basketball

- 11/28** Cedar 67, North Sanpete 34
 Beaver 51, Crimson Cliffs 37
 Pine View 40, Virgin Valley 36
11/30 Beaver 45, Cedar 38
 Dixie 46, East 33
 Springville 41, Hurricane 40
 Juab 46, Pine View 31
 Richfield 56, Snow Canyon 54
 Olympus 52, Desert Hills 40
12/1 Crimson Cliffs 45, Duchesne 43, OT
 Kirtland Central (NM) 60, Dixie 51
 N. Sanpete 39, Crimson Cliffs 35
 Hurricane 45, Soda Springs (ID) 36
 Desert Hills 52, Springville 31
 Snow Canyon 58, Olympus 56
12/2 Crimson Cliffs 53, Delta 41
 Hurricane 46, Olympus 45
 Snow Canyon 63, Springville 42
 Salem Hills 51, Desert Hills 34
 Dixie 52, Monument Valley 49

Region 12 Girls Basketball

- 11/28** Cedar 67, North Sanpete 34
 Maple Mountain 67, Carbon 60
 Delta 42, Am. Leadership 17
 Manti 52, Gunnison 38
11/30 Emery 66, Uintah 44
 Juab 46, Pine View 31
 Richfield 56, Snow Canyon 54
12/1 Canyon View 68, N. Sevier 38
 Uintah 39, Manti 27
 N. Sanpete 39, Crimson Cliffs 35
 North Sanpete 35, Millard 28
 North Summit 60, Delta 40
 Salem Hills 56, Richfield 40
 Fruita (CO) 51, Emery 45
12/2 Kanab 70, Canyon View 33
 Crimson Cliffs 53, Delta 41
 N. Summit 50, N. Sanpete 26
 Wasatch 69, Emery 49
 Manti 49, Union 47
 Richfield 59, Soda Springs (ID) 34

Region 18 Girls Basketball

- 11/28** Beaver 51, Crimson Cliffs 37
 Moapa Valley 42, Enterprise 34
 South Sevier 60, Panguitch 33
 North Sevier 61, Millard 49
11/30 Beaver 45, Cedar 38
 Panguitch 60, Parowan 21
 Water Cyn. 48, Beaver Dam (AZ) 30
12/1 North Sanpete 35, Millard 28
 North Summit 62, Millard 31
 Kanab 56, Valley 13
 Virgin Valley 43, Enterprise 36
12/2 Pahrump (NV) 53, Enterprise 31
 Duchesne 43, Millard 36

STANDINGS

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Region 9 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Dixie	0-0	2-0
Snow Canyon	0-0	2-0
Desert Hills	0-0	2-1
Pine View	0-0	1-1
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	1-2
Hurricane	0-0	2-4
Cedar	0-0	0-3

Region 12 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab	0-0	4-0
Manti	0-0	3-0
Emery	0-0	2-1
Canyon View	0-0	2-1
Richfield	0-0	3-2
North Sanpete	0-0	1-1
Carbon	0-0	1-2
Delta	0-0	1-3

Region 18 Boys Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Enterprise	0-0	2-0
Water Canyon	0-0	1-0
South Sevier	0-0	4-2
Beaver	0-0	2-1
Kanab	0-0	3-2
Parowan	0-0	1-3
Millard	0-0	0-4

Region 9 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Cedar	0-0	3-1
Snow Canyon	0-0	3-1
Hurricane	0-0	4-2
Dixie	0-0	2-1
Desert Hills	0-0	1-2
Pine View	0-0	1-2
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	2-4

Region 12 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab	0-0	3-0
Manti	0-0	3-1
Emery	0-0	4-2
Richfield	0-0	4-2
North Sanpete	0-0	3-3
Canyon View	0-0	2-2
Delta	0-0	2-2
Carbon	0-0	0-2

Region 18 Girls Basketball

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	4-0
South Sevier	0-0	2-0
Beaver	0-0	2-1
Enterprise	0-0	1-3
Water Canyon	0-0	1-3
Parowan	0-0	0-2
Millard	0-0	0-5



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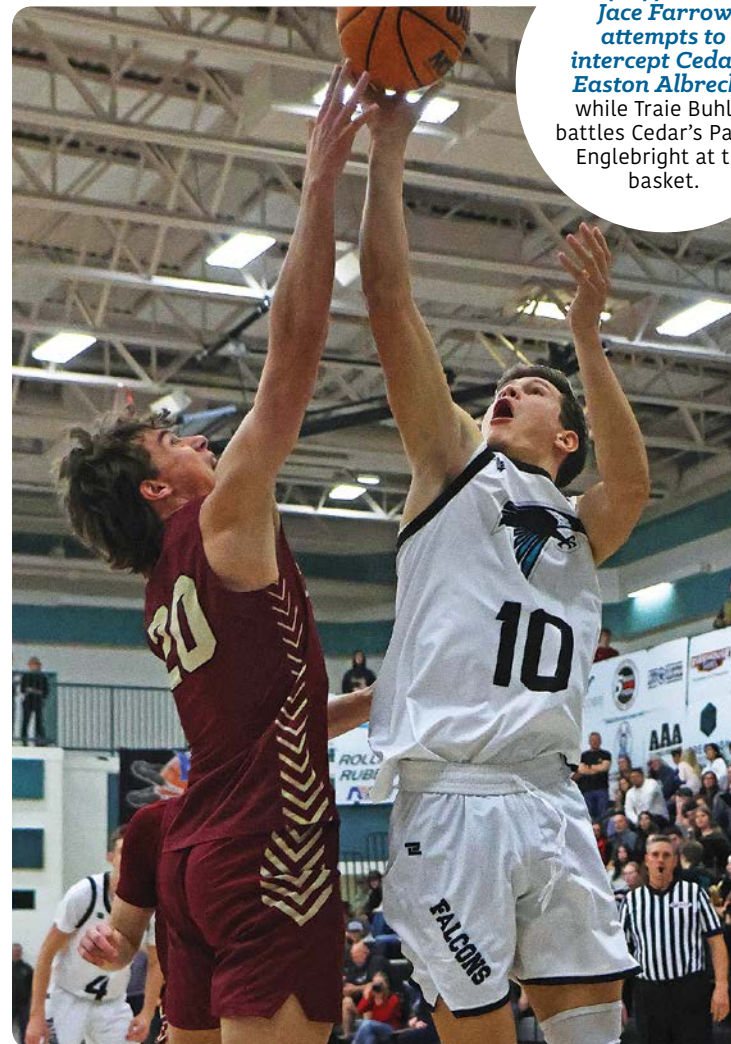
know, he's behind the bench and checking in. He made things happen."

Sanders led the Falcons in the win with 20 points and Traie Buhler added 16. CV will travel to play at Snow Canyon on Thursday in a 7 p.m. tipoff. Cedar will travel to face Bear River in Tremonton tonight, also at 7 p.m.

Also from Iron County, the Parowan boys team had its breakthrough moment and won its first game of the season. The Rams rallied from a 10-point deficit after three quarters and beat the Duchesne Eagles, 49-48 at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield on Dec. 2.



(Top) CV's Jace Farrow attempts to intercept Cedar's Easton Albrecht, while Traie Buhler battles Cedar's Parker Englebright at the basket.



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Canyon View

61



Pine View

59

Pine View 10 11 21 17 - 59
Canyon View 15 12 21 13 - 61

Pine View - Moore 8, Schroeder 19, Schmit 5, Shepherd 13, Condie 12, Smith 2. Totals 22 9-12 59. 3-pointers - Moore 2, Schroeder 1, Schmit 1, Shepherd 2.

Canyon View - Farrow 9, Attig 7, Sanders 20, Miles 9, Buhler 16. Totals 22 10-11 61. 3-pointers - Farrow 1, Attig 1, Miles 1, Buhler 4.

Hunter Bettridge led Parowan (1-3) with 15 points, including the key 3-point play with 3 seconds left that completed the comeback and put the Rams in the win column. Parowan was only 5-for-11 from the free-throw line in the game.



Parowan's Austin Edwards goes up for the shot during the Rams' rally and victory over the Eagles.

JR ROBINSON

Balanced scoring attack lifts T-Birds to victory over Redhawks

by Tyler Francis

SUU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

CEDAR CITY — Four players scored in double-figures as the Southern Utah University women's basketball team defeated Seattle University 83-56 on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the America First Event Center. The Thunderbirds improve to 2-4 overall and 1-1 in Western Athletic Conference play, while the Redhawks drop to 1-7 on the season and 1-1 in conference play.

Head Coach Tracy Mason said, "I thought our team executed well on both ends of the floor. Offensively and defensively we stuck to the game plan and I thought a lot of people stepped up today."

The Thunderbirds opened the game with a dominant first quarter. After the Redhawks managed to get within a single point (7-6) midway through, the Thunderbirds stormed ahead with a ferocious 15-2 run to take a 22-8 advantage heading into the second period. SUU stayed aggressive, using an 11-3 start to the second quarter to go in front 33-11 with 6:23 on the clock. However, the Redhawks fired back with a 16-8 stretch to close the half. Alexa Lord led the team with eight points in

"I thought our team executed well on both ends of the floor. Offensively and defensively we stuck to the game plan and I thought a lot of people stepped up today."

Head Coach Tracy Mason

the period as the Thunderbirds went into the break with a 41-27 lead.

Southern Utah came out strong in the second half, as Charli Kay and Daylani Ballena combined for 10 points in the third quarter to give the Thunderbirds a commanding 60-39 lead approaching the final frame. Eight players scored in the fourth quarter for Southern Utah as the T-Birds outscored the Redhawks 23-17 to secure a 83-56 victory.



SUU's Daylani Ballena calls the next play as the Thunderbirds soared, scored and secured a well-earned victory.

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CV girls ride roller coaster to split

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Maylee Spencer led three players in double figures with 14 points, and all 11 players who saw action scored as Canyon View routed the North Sevier Wolves, 68-38 on Dec. 1. The Falcons led 22-9 after the opening quarter and cruised from there, outscoring the Wolves 27-10 in the third to stretch the lead and allow head coach Jaycee Barnhurst to clear her bench in the final eight



Canyon View

68



North Sevier

38

North Sevier 9 12 10 7 - 38
Canyon View 22 10 27 9 - 68

North Sevier - Jensen 3, Meacham 10, Jones 3, Rhees 2, Roper 3, Mickelsen 5, Goble 6, Rosequist 4, James 2. Totals 11 13-25 38. 3-pointers - Meacham 2, Jones 1.

Canyon View - Brindley 3, Spencer 14, Nichols 12, Brush 6, Farrow 6, Potter 2, Miles 5, Davie 4, Davenport 5, Vargas 11, Newman 2. Totals 28 9-17 68. 3-pointers - Spencer 2, Farrow 1.

minutes. Maya Nichols added 12 points and Bethanee Vargas chipped in with 11 in the victory.

On Dec. 2, the Falcons found themselves on the opposite end of a rout, falling 70-33 at Kanab to fall to 2-2 on the season. CV led 16-13 after the opening quarter, but it took the rest of the game to surpass that total. Rylee Little led Kanab with 27 points in the win for the Cowboys (5-0) with 27 points and Ashlyn Houston added 16. No Falcon scored in double figures in the loss.

Despite late surge SUU falls in Seattle

by Parker Haynie

ASST. DIRECTOR, SUU ATHLETIC COMM.

SEATTLE, WA — The SUU Men's Basketball team fell to 2-5 on the season and 0-2 in WAC play after a 63-73 loss to Seattle U.

"We don't know, what we don't know. And right now we are figuring out how tough it is to win at this level. But we are showing glimpses of how good we could really be." Said, Head Coach Rob Jeter.

The first half was back and forth throughout, with the Thunderbirds being within six with just a few minutes left but a late first-half run by the Redhawks would have them leading by nine going into the break. The second half saw Seattle's lead grow to as many as 17 points, but a late surge by the Thunderbirds cut it to ten, but couldn't quite make it

single digits down the stretch.

SUU was led by Zion Young with 14 points on 5-10 from the field, he added two assists and two rebounds on the night as well. Prophet Johnson tacked on 12 points of his own and Dominique Ford poured in 10, including three deep balls. Braden Housley led the team with six assists on the night and Chazz Hutchison had his best game in an SUU jersey, scoring 11 points, grabbing five rebounds, and had two blocks. SUU as a team shot 39% from the floor and 25% from deep. SUU was below 60% from the free-throw line again.

"If we can go even 20-25 from the stripe it is a five-point game down the stretch instead of 10. That is an area we can control and must be better at." Said, Jeter.

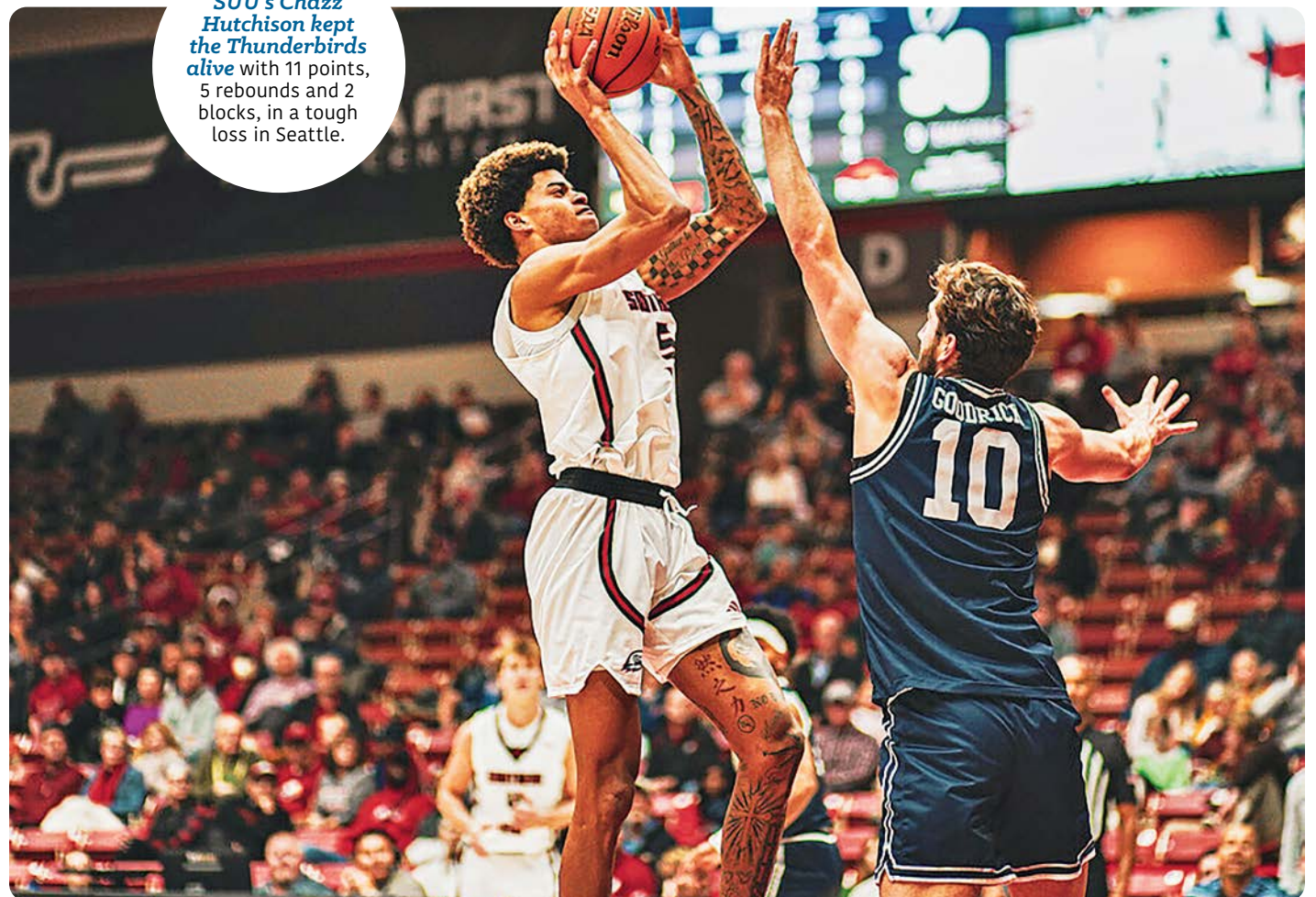
The Redhawks were led by Cameron Tyson with 22 points on the night. Brandon Chatfield added 18 and eight rebounds and Alex

"We don't know, what we don't know. And right now we are figuring out how tough it is to win at this level. But we are showing glimpses of how good we could really be."

Rob Jeter, SUU Head Coach

Schumacher had 14 points and eight assists for Seattle U.

SUU's Chazz Hutchison kept the Thunderbirds alive with 11 points, 5 rebounds and 2 blocks, in a tough loss in Seattle.



Bennett resigns as Cedar football coach

It may seem like a cliché, but when a coach tells the world they want to spend more time with the family, it's certainly true in the case of Cedar football coach Josh Bennett. After 21 years as a coach – the last nine leading the Reds on the football field, Bennett announced his resignation at a team banquet Nov. 27.

With a son returning home from an LDS Church mission before joining the SUU football team and a daughter who works as an equipment manager at Utah, Bennett felt the timing was right to leave the role.

"I'm trying to take a little bit off my plate and be able to support them a little bit more," Bennett said. "This was definitely a family decision."

Bennett leaves his tenure on the Cedar sidelines with a 38-57 record, including first-round wins in the 4A playoffs four out of the last five seasons.

"I've had good years here and worked with some great people," he said. "Built relationships with great kids and coaches."

Among the students who moved on to the next level under his tutelage, Bennett recalled Drake and Mason Fakahua (BYU), Quaid Murray (SUU), Bryce Crowley (Utah Tech), Charlie Cook (Snow College), Bryson Bennett and Parker Kucifer (both at SUU).

No one on Bennett's coaching staff knew of his resignation until he announced it at the team banquet, so the reaction to the news went as expected.

"It came as a surprise, but I felt like it was the best timing," Bennett said. "It was the best time to let the student-athletes and coaches know. They were supportive of it, but also a little bit in shock."

Taking over as the school transitioned from 3A to 3AA and then the 4A ranks Bennett said the team's playoff success was one of the good things he'll remember.

"We've done a good job of finishing strong, and that goes down to the kids for buying in and working hard," Bennett said. "Beating Pine View twice this year (including the playoffs) was a good feat for our kids, too."

No timetable has been set to find Bennett's replacement.

While we've seen the rough start from the Utah Jazz – 7-13 was the team's record as of this writing – I'll raise the ugly specter of an Eastern Conference team that's a whole lot worse.

The Detroit Pistons are 2-18. They've lost 17 straight games with the sad irony that I was in attendance at Little Caesars Arena on Oct. 28 for the last win.

One thing was surprising when I did my research. The Pistons are the 11th franchise in NBA history to lose this many games in a row, and the sad part

is it's anyone's guess when the misery will end.

Next up, Detroit hosted the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday and will travel to play the Orlando Magic on Friday. The all-time single-season losing streak is 26 games in a row, done by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2011 and the Philadelphia 76ers three years later.

At the rate they're going, don't be surprised if the Pistons become the new holder of a record no fan base should care about unless they're into watching train wrecks. Should the losing continue, No. 25 in the streak could happen Dec. 21 against...the Utah Jazz at home.

This ugliness hits hard not only for my roots as a fan, but also because this is the 10th anniversary of one of the worst seasons in SUU men's basketball history. That team

lost 26 straight, and the only thing that kept me sane was the success of the women's team that

ended up winning a share of the Big Sky title in J.R. Payne's final season in Cedar City.

Our message here for the holiday season is simple. No matter where your fan loyalty lies, nothing lasts forever. Winning isn't everything, but the losing will eventually stop.

Follow Tom Zulewski on X – the artist formerly known as Twitter – @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

RANDOM thoughts

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"I'm trying to take a little bit off my plate and be able to support [my family] a little bit more."

Josh Bennett

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

Another week closer to Christmas, and we come bearing gifts of sports knowledge. 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. On Nov. 30, the U.S. Postal Service announced what legendary UCLA men's basketball coach will be honored on a postage stamp starting early in 2024?
2. Who was fired by the Carolina Panthers last week as head coach after just 11 games and a 1-10 record?
3. Tight end Zach Ertz requested a release and it was granted by what NFC West team last week? This team had acquired Ertz from the Philadelphia Eagles in 2021.
4. Before the SEC Championship game between No. 1 Georgia and Alabama was played Dec. 2, the Bulldogs had a 29-game winning streak. Soon to be moving to the SEC next season, what school holds the all-time mark of 47 wins in a row?
5. Prior to Nov. 30, the Detroit Pistons had lost 15 consecutive games, a new franchise record. Name either of the two Eastern Conference teams that hold the all-time single-season mark of 26 losses in a row.
6. Who returned to competitive golf for the first time since the Masters in April at his own Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas last week, shooting a 3-over 75?
7. New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers has moved the needle on his possible return from an Achilles tendon injury. At 4-7 heading into games played Dec. 3, according to ESPN, what percentage chance do the Jets have of making the NFL playoffs?

8. What Las Vegas casino magnate is close to completing a deal to purchase majority ownership of the Dallas Mavericks from Mark Cuban?

9. What former Chicago Blackhawk signed with the Detroit Red Wings last week, six months after returning from hip resurfacing surgery?

10. What NBA Pacific Division team wiped out a 24-point first-half deficit and won its Nov. 28 game over the Golden State Warriors to advance to the semifinals of the NBA in-season tournament?

11. The winners of the Reliever of the Year award were announced by Major League Baseball last week. What two legendary relievers – a San Diego Padre and New York Yankee – are the award named for?

12. The No. 3 Colorado Buffaloes women's basketball team, coached by J.R. Payne, suffered its first loss of the season Nov. 25 at the Paradise Jam. What ACC team, ranked No. 10, beat them?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Kawhi Leonard.
2. John F. Kennedy.
3. Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings returned the favor and beat the Lions in 2017 to start the current streak, which is now at seven in a row.
4. Washington Commanders.
5. Jacksonville Jaguars.
6. Buffalo Bills.
7. Turducken – turkey, duck and chicken.
8. Joe Flacco.
9. Atlanta Hawks.
10. Florida State. The Seminoles returned to the latest CFP top 4 this week after Ohio State's loss to Michigan.
11. Vegas Golden Knights and Seattle Kraken.
12. Matt Canada. In its first game since Canada was fired, the Steelers gained over 400 yards and beat the Cincinnati Bengals.

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The purpose of said hearing is to review recommended budget adjustments of the adopted Iron County budget for calendar year 2023. Persons interested in commenting on the proposed budget amendments should appear in person at the time and place aforementioned. Written comments will also be accepted.

A copy of the proposed budget amendments are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Iron County Auditor, 68 South 100 East, Parowan, Utah.

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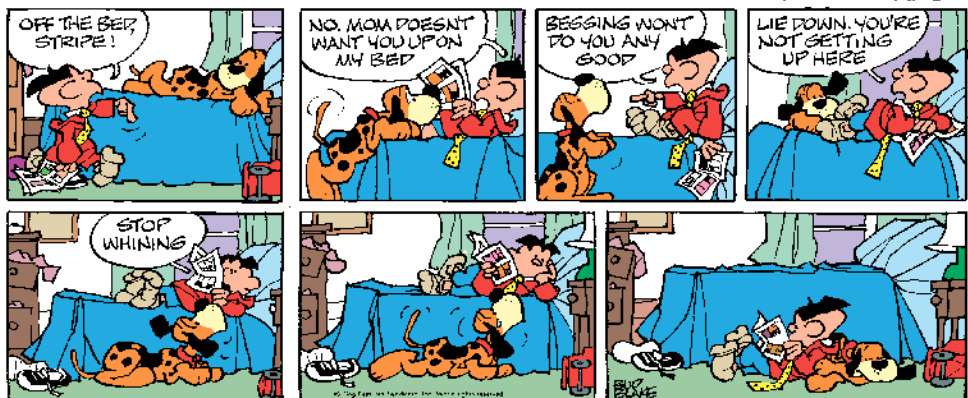
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by Linda Thistle

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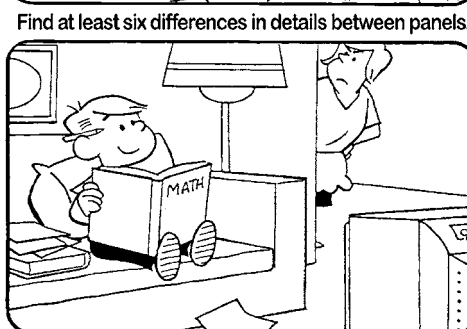
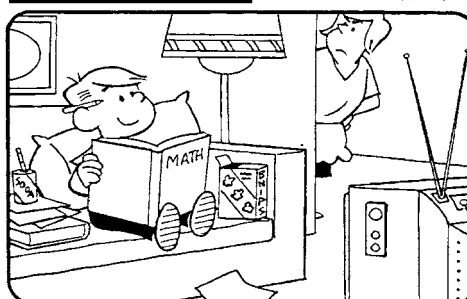
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Can is missing; 2. Pillow is missing; 3. Lamp shade is different; 4. Box is missing; 5. TV controls are missing; 6. Antenna is missing.

King Crossword**ACROSS**

- 1 "Kapow!"
- 4 British ref. work
- 7 Holler
- 12 Director Spike
- 13 Chemical suffix
- 14 Fall sign
- 15 Nest egg acronym
- 16 Large, luxurious car
- 18 Brooch
- 19 Range
- 20 Collections
- 22 — tear (ragging)
- 23 First lady of scat
- 27 Earth Day mo.
- 29 Transparent
- 31 Dolphins' home
- 34 Traces of smoke
- 35 Agile
- 37 Obtained
- 38 Bygone Peruvian
- 39 Flamenco cheer
- 41 Vacillate
- 45 Quick trip
- 47 Shoe width
- 48 Pungent cheese
- 52 Aachen article

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- 53 Sports figures?
- 54 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 55 Speck
- 56 Dunkable treat
- 57 River blocker
- 58 Actor Brynner
- 7 Pivot
- 8 That guy's
- 9 Kimono sash
- 10 Samovar
- 11 — kwon do
- 17 Ellipse
- 21 Ballroom dance
- 23 Radiates
- 24 Vinyl records
- 25 Back talk
- 26 Billboards
- 28 Picnic dessert
- 30 — Jima
- 31 Roman 1051
- 32 "There's no — team!"
- 33 "Better Call Saul" network
- 36 Bellow
- 37 Swiss metropolis
- 40 Sledded in the Winter Olympics
- 42 Like a neglected garden
- 43 Vowel group
- 44 Streisand title role
- 45 Equitable
- 46 Streetcar
- 48 Leary's drug
- 49 Jurist Lance
- 50 Fortify
- 51 A/C meas.

DOWN

- 1 Radar dots
- 2 High nest
- 3 Signified
- 4 Fixes a squeak
- 5 Newspaper chief
- 6 Fiend

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which Disney animated movie features the song "Whistle While You Work"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which two oceans are on Russia's shores?
3. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called euphobia?
4. TELEVISION: What is "The Simpsons" home address?
5. GAMES: How many dimples are on a golf ball?
6. ASTRONOMY: Earth's place in the solar system is how many planets from the Sun?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the only country in South America whose official language is Dutch?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a sweetbread?
9. LITERATURE: In which century was "The Canterbury Tales" written?
10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of modern astronomy?

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Answer

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"; 2. Arctic and Pacific; 3. Fear of good news; 4. 742 Evergreen Terrace; 5. Generally between 300-500; 6. Third; 7. Surname; 8. Internal organs of a young animal; 9. Late 14th century; 10. Copernicus.

Trivia Test Answerst

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