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Proposed tax cut voted down by commission

by Craig **BENNETT**
Iron County Today

PAROWAN — The Iron County Commissioners voted down a proposed property tax cut for Iron County residents, but did vote to give employees in Iron County a small raise in the 2017 budget. The commission meets on a biweekly basis and unanimously approved the 2017 \$93.9 million budget last week.

The budget this year increased from \$37.8 million in 2016 to \$39.9 million in the upcoming year. That number doesn't reflect the estimated \$142,000 slated for all employees to receive an additional 25 cents an hour raise. The exception to the vote includes the County Commissioners and any staff that has been employed less than six months.

Part-time employees will also receive a percentage of the wage increase based on the number of hours each individual works per week.

Interim Commissioner Casey Anderson and Commissioner Alma Adams both voted for the hourly raise for the county employees.

In a public meeting previously held, Iron County Assessor Cindy Bulloch made a statement reminding commissioners of a commitment they had made last year to increase wages for Iron County employees. A 2016 study showed that Iron County was paying employees significantly less than other counties approximately the same size.

Residents attending the meeting wanted to speak out publicly on the property tax cut, but Commissioner Adams, who is the chairman of the commission, refused to open the meeting up for public comments.

One of the attendees, Brad Green, commented on social media that, "Last year, Iron County had a surplus of \$600,000 in revenue. The county paid off all general obligation debt and freed up \$450,000 dollars in annual debt payments." He said that Anderson made a motion to reduce the coming year's budget by about \$250,000, but the motion died for lack of a second by either of the other two commissioners.

Adams has stated that residents had an opportunity to voice their opinions during a previous public comment period. He said last week's commission meeting did not call for a public comment period.

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County Courthouse to close for repairs

MANY IRON COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE MOVED TEMPORARILY
while the county courthouse receives some upgrades and repairs.

by Tom **HARALDSEN**
Iron County Today

PAROWAN — Starting on Jan. 17, the Iron County Courthouse will be closed while repairs and upgrades are made to the building. Many county offices will be relocated while the reparations are made during the closure, which could last about a year.

The interim courthouse services will be moved to the Fiddlers Canyon Building at 88 East Fiddlers Canyon Road in Cedar City. Other offices effected, along with their phone numbers and mailing addresses, are as follows:

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COURTESY OF CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

CEDAR CITY POLICE CHIEF DARIN ADAMS AND FELLOW OFFICERS helped spread some holiday cheer with the Shop With a Cop program.

Cedar Police Chief grateful for community support on events

by Kelsey **KEENER**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — Police Chief Darin Adams addressed the City Council on Dec. 14 to provide updates on events the Cedar City Police Department has put on recently.

The Shop With a Cop event that was held Dec. 11 went very well. Chief Adams reported that 93 kids in the Cedar City community were helped by the efforts of those who participated.

"We appreciate your support and that of all the community," he said. "Nearly \$11,000 was raised through the Tip a Cop and other external donations that came in. It's such a great and worthwhile event that we're so proud and happy to be a part of."

The Cedar City Police Department also held a beard contest, and donated proceeds from the contest to the Southwest Cancer Center. Chief Adams

said the \$1,200 that was donated will go to day-to-day needs of the patients.

"Some of those patients that go and endure the treatments oftentimes don't have day-to-day costs (covered), and oftentimes it's difficult to get them here and provide food and lodging while they're here," he said.

Adams thanked the City Council for its support for these events.

"We appreciate your support of (the beard contest), that is a direct reflection we hope on you and your support of these endeavors and our partnerships with our community stakeholders," Adams said.

93 kids in the Cedar City community were helped through the Shop With a Cop event

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Brush named Employee of Month



KELSEY KEENER

by Kelsey **KEENER**
Iron County Today

Coty Brush of the Employee Advisory Council was honored as Cedar City Employee of the Month for December during the City Council meeting on Dec. 14. Kathy Dahl represented the EAC and presented the award and spoke briefly of Brush's accomplishments.

"Coty has an amazing attitude toward her job," Dahl said. "She is always friendly and gets along well with customers and coworkers alike. She is always willing to take the time to answer customers' questions, and if she doesn't know the answer, she will find the answer for them."

CEDAR CITY MAYOR MAILE WILSON, left, congratulated Coty Brush on being named Employee of the Month for December.



SUNSET OVER CEDAR

KELSEY KEENER

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Opinion



A HERO ALL OF AMERICA COULD LOOK UP TO...

My annual Christmas carol

Early this month I traveled to Germany and Austria to visit the numerous "Christmas Markets" filled with vendor selling holiday crafts, wooden nativity scenes, and "glowing wine". In this spirit, it's time for the annual Cyclops Utah Christmas carol (sung this year to the melody of "Away in a Manger").



Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY
Columnist

Away in the Beehive, we were satisfied,
Trump had won easily, leaving some mystified.
Evan McMullin tried to intervene,
But straight party voting – well, Evan got creamed!

The Democrats again were long in the tooth,
They could their convention in a phone booth.
And Orrin is thinking of running again,
That's not what he was saying since 2010.

Legalized marijuana is certainly hot,
In the west, voters lean towards pot.
But Utahns are against it, that remains clear.
We cling to our principles are our 3.2 beer.

To our legislators, it still seems certain
They will not tear down the Zion Curtain.
Our children are precious. Tykes should not see
Bartenders placing an olive in a gin martini.

Environmentalists are fuming, wringing their hands,
The state is suing to control public lands.
Wilderness? Who cares? Overrated are hikes?
Big Oil will buy canyons and such a great price.

The UTA tells us that service is great,
Their fares are close to the national rate.
If we give them more money, the board will relent
And maybe make FrontRunner more convenient.

The holidays will come, then they will fade,
Credit card charges then must be paid.
Utahns will agree, saying through tears,
Thank goodness Christmas comes only once a year.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to you and yours!

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

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To the Editor

A rebuttal to Bryan Gray's "Cyclops" article entitled, "Electoral college allows candidates to ignore voters."

Bryan Gray completely ignores the reason why we have an electoral college. Instead of extolling the direct vote, it was to serve as a check and balance against the evils of direct democracy.

Founder Roger Sherman warned: "In the large States it will be most difficult to collect the real and fair sense of the people. Fallacy and undue influence will be practiced," while in the small states, he proposed, a greater intimacy will produce a far greater sense of voter franchise and political accountability. Thus giving small states, and thus rural towns, a disproportionate influence, first through an equal vote in the Senate, and then a similar offsetting equality in the Electoral College, would more accurately reflect the will of "all" the people, big-city dwellers and rural voters, and thus bless the national govern-

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A response to Pastor Scott Miller's "A plea to Mormon Missionaries" article published on Nov. 23.

The idea of deification from the LDS perspective. What kind of father is he, then, that he should feel it an honor to be the progenitor of an inferior offspring? Is there a king on earth that would feel honored by having degenerates and beggars for children? Do not fathers and mothers rejoice in the progress of their children? Is it not their ambition to educate and train their loved ones, until these shall reach the highest possible degree of intelligence. Surely, we can do no greater honor to God, our Father, than to admit the divine possibilities which he has implanted in his offspring, and which will be developed under his tuition in this life and hereafter, until his children are perfect as he is perfect. Or does the good pastor Miller have a better explanation for Matt: 5: 48. Why are we then commanded to be perfect? Or Romans 8: 14-17. Exactly what

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Opinion

Time to take a stand, send a message

I have an idea.
Let's call it Plan B.
Because Plan A was to not elect Trump and though the majority of voters cooperated, not enough states did. What a system.

That makes a Plan B necessary.
And maybe Plans B1, B2, B3 and B4 and on because so many of his promises (read: threats) are more than disconcerting.

So Plan B1 can be for Utah to become a Sanctuary State.

Now that we've elected a man who talks about deporting millions of our law-abiding, hard-working, highly motivated neighbors, let's find a way to keep them here even if it means overriding a presidential edict.

No one knows what Trump will do.

That's a risk we apparently are willing to take – and when I saw “we” I don't mean “me” because I wasn't willing to make it but am stuck with it.

So here we are, along for the ride with a man in the driver's seat who changes direction at the drop of a whim and who has no regard for other drivers on the road and whose reckless driving has caused problems in the past and will certainly cause more in the future. Not to mention the potential for road rage.

Back to the sanctuary idea.

There are cities in America that have stepped up to promise that they will not give help to federal officials who seek to deport those who have come to our country for the jobs and freedom their own countries lack.

Those city promises are not backed up by law, so those who so often do the jobs we aren't willing to do – and their children who were born here and are American in every sense of the word – must live in fear of their future.

It's not unprecedented for a state to make policy that contradicts national policy.

States have a long history of giving people rights to do things that the federal government might even have consider illegal at the time.

Consider abortion. Same-sex marriage. Marijuana.

So if Utah were to officially recognize the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for those who came here for just that, surely other states would do the same, thus giving the national government and federal courts a ground swell that they would at least note and perhaps eventually have no choice but to accept and support.

Don't all men and women have the rights to pursue happiness? Aren't we all created equal? Didn't we say those rights are inalienable?

I call on Utah's legislators to do what



In This TOGETHER

by Louise R. **SHAW**
Columnist

the United States Congress almost did but to their shame did not – and that is get something passed that ensures the protection of those who go to school here and hope and try and DREAM – sometimes more than those of us who had the fortune of being born in America.

I call on them to do something to ensure there is opportunity and a path forward for those who came here at great personal risk to work and contribute and raise their children where there is safety and relative peace.

I call on them to refuse to support efforts to imprison or deport law-abiding residents.

We have so many opportunities and blessings.

Who are we to keep them to ourselves?
Who are we to deny them to others?



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COLUMNIST LOUISE SHAW says Utah should stand up for the rights of all, and share our blessings with every person.

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Childbirth Education options in Iron County

Editor's Note: Stacey Davis is a regular contributor to Iron County Today

You decide that you want to develop a new skill or hobby. The first thing you do is join a class. This class will help you to learn what you need to learn to develop this skill or hobby. Your teacher is proficient at this particular skill, and you soon learn they have a technique that is uniquely their own. The more you learn from this teacher, the more of their technique you pick up.

Similarly, childbirth preparation is a skill that can be learned through childbirth education. Currently, there are three options for childbirth education in Iron County. Each option and each teacher has her own technique that makes her stand out. Knowing what type of birth you want will help you decide which class is right for you.

The first option you have is, of course, the hospital childbirth series. This series is great if you are planning

a hospital birth. It helps you know what to expect from your hospital experience and teaches you the standard hospital practices. It is taught by a nurse from the hospital and is often covered by insurance.

There are also two non-hospital affiliated childbirth classes that you can choose from. This

classes. As birth coaches, they can also assist you while you labor and give birth, bringing the tools they teach in class to the birthing room with them. Whether you're planning a hospital birth or a home birth, these classes are ideal in helping you to prepare.

Michelle Cleveland teaches classes that focus on natural birth.

comfort measures to help the laboring mom, as well as teach her coach how to provide support and encouragement. Michelle can be contacted at 435-327-2101. Her classes are \$180 for an 8-week series.

Stacey Davis is a Wise Childbearing coach and educator.

Wise childbearing focuses on empowering families to make birth choices. These classes believe that each family is unique and therefore their choices in childbirth are unique. Through research-based information, families can make the birth choices that are right for their situation. With the right information, mom can enter her birth journey with confidence, which will enable her to have a gentler birth

experience. Stacey can be contacted at 435-691-0785. Her classes are \$100 for a six-week series.

A childbirth education class is an excellent way to prepare for your upcoming birth journey. Happy birthing!



STACEY DAVIS
Contributor

Knowing what type of birth you want will help you decide which class is right for you

simply means that they are independent of the hospital. Therefore, these classes are geared more towards individual family needs. These independent classes may not be covered by insurance. These two classes are taught by educators who are also coaches. An educator offers individual and group

She teaches couples how to take the fear and anxiety out of childbirth and replace it with relaxation and an understanding of pregnancy and birth. These classes teach the birth partner how to assist the laboring woman. Michelle's classes cover a variety of relaxation techniques and



MICHELLE CLEVELAND
Childbirth Educator

Utah Democrats to 'listen' on Jan. 6 in St. George

The Utah Democratic Party has announced an upcoming "Listening Tour" and Community Survey to gather feedback from Democrats across the state following the 2016 election. The listening tour and community survey will coincide with the formation of a Reorganizing Task Force meant to guide the direction of the Utah Democratic Party in 2017 and beyond.

The first stop will be in St. George on Jan. 6, though the site is yet to be determined. Other stops will include Moab, Provo, Ogden, Logan and Salt Lake City.

"We look forward to receiving feedback from Democrats across the state," said Utah Democratic Party Chair Peter Corroon. "Utah Democrats learned many lessons in 2016, and 2017 will be a rebuilding year for us. We want to make sure all voices are heard and that all cross-sections of our party have a seat at the table to help guide the direction of the Utah Democratic Party not just in 2017, but also looking ahead to the 2018 midterm and legislative elections and to 2020 when

we will once again battle the unconstitutional practice of gerrymandering in Utah."

Corroon and other members of party leadership will be on hand at each stop of the tour to take feedback from Utah Democrats in townhall style meetings.

Members of the Restructuring Task Force will be selected after filling out an application and will be appointed by the Party Chair, with approval from the full Executive Committee. All Utah Democrats are encouraged and invited to apply. The goal of the Task Force is to propose changes to the Utah Democratic Party Constitution and Bylaws that will make the Utah Democratic Party a more open and welcoming organization, as well as refocus what the mission of the Utah Democratic Party is, and should be.

The Community Survey will be conducted online through Jan. 31, 2017 with feedback being used to help guide the Task Force in their proposed changes. For more information, visit www.utah-democrats.org/reorganizing or contact vote@utdem.org.



THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM
from the Cedar Senior Center needs volunteers to assist as drivers.

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Meals on Wheels volunteers are desperately needed

CEDAR CITY — The Cedar Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help the senior citizens as a Meals on Wheels driver. A driver is needed for Wednesdays and another for Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. to around 12:30 p.m. The center is also looking for a driver to be a fill-in when the regular drivers cancel. The vehicle is provided.

The Meals on Wheels program is for senior citizens who are homebound and cannot get out or prepare their own meals. These people are in great need and are very appreciative of this service, and especially of the volunteers. Without them, this would not be possible.

To volunteer or get more information, call Curtis at 435-225-1222.

Taxpayer things to do before year's end

As tax filing season approaches, the Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers there are things they should do now to get ready for filing season.

For most taxpayers, Dec. 31 is the last day to take actions that will impact their 2016 tax returns. For example, charitable contributions are deductible in the year made. Donations charged to a credit card before the end of 2016 count for the 2016 tax year, even if the bill isn't paid until 2017.

Checks to a charity count for 2016 as long as they are mailed by the last day of the year.

Taxpayers who are over age 70 ½ are generally required to receive payments from their individual retirement accounts and workplace retirement plans by the end of 2016, though a special rule allows those who reached 70 ½ in 2016 to wait until April 1, 2017 to receive them. Most workplace retirement account contributions should be made by the end of the year, but taxpayers can make 2016

IRA contributions until April 18, 2017. For 2016, the limit for a 401(k) is \$18,000. For traditional and Roth IRAs, the limit is \$6,500 if age 50 or older and up to \$15,500 for a Simple IRA for age 50 or older.

Taxpayers who have moved should tell the U.S. Postal Service, their employers and the IRS. To notify the IRS, mail IRS Form 8822, Change of Address, to the address listed on the form's instruc-

tions. For taxpayers who purchase health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace, they should also notify the Marketplace when they move out of the area covered by their current Marketplace plan.

For name changes due to marriage or divorce, notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) so the new name will match IRS and SSA records. Also notify the SSA if a dependent's name changed. A mismatch between the

name shown on your tax return and the SSA records can cause problems in the processing of your return and may even delay your refund.

Effective Jan. 1, 2017, any Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) not used at least once on a tax return in the past three years will no longer be valid for use on a return. In addition, an ITIN with middle digits 78 or 79 will also expire on Jan. 1. Those with expiring ITINs who need to file a return in 2017 must renew their ITIN. Affected ITIN holders can avoid delays by

starting the renewal process now.

Taxpayers should allow seven weeks from Jan. 1, 2017, or the mailing date of the Form W-7, whichever is later, for the IRS to notify them of their ITIN application status - nine to 11 weeks if taxpayers wait to submit Form W-7 during the peak filing season, or send it from overseas. Those who fail to renew before filing a return could face

Keeping copies of tax returns is important as the IRS makes changes to protect taxpayers and authenticate their identity

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does it mean to be a child of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ? Or I John 3: 2,3. Are we really to be 'like him' and not be a God?

Next, I have a few questions about the adversary. Didn't Isaiah and the books of Luke and revelations testify that at one time the Devil was in heaven? Isaiah 14: 12, Revelations 8: 10 and Luke 10: 18 all allude to this fact. Well then what was Lucifer doing in heaven before he was cast out? His title as son of the morning and Lucifer connote some type of power in heaven as a light bearer of some kind. Did Lucifer create himself? Where exactly did he come from? The idea that Lucifer and Jesus are brothers is anathema in the good pastor's opinion. I ask if he has an alternative explanation.

The idea that the Christ of the LDS faith is different than other Christian ideologies. Well, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS)

believes that the godhead consists of three distinct separate individuals: God the Father, his son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. The Father and son have resurrected perfected bodies the Holy Ghost is a personage of Spirit. The LDS believe that Faith in Christ is essential for salvation. The LDS believe that this godhead is singular in its righteousness and purpose. When Jesus Was resurrected, he told Mary to touch me not for I have not yet ascended to my Father. (John 20: 17) And at Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit took the form of a dove or the sign of a dove and a voice came out of heaven as the Father glorifying his son. (Matt. 3: 16,17). The LDS do not believe in the triune godhead in the same sense that many Christian religions do.

I trust that a good humble reading of scripture, including the Book of Mormon, will yield a connection with the Holy Spirit and therefore access to more light and truth.

Brent Lewis
Cedar City



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a delayed refund and may be ineligible for some important tax credits. For more information, including answers to frequently-asked questions, visit the ITIN information page on IRS.gov.

Keeping copies of tax returns is important as the IRS makes changes to protect taxpayers and authenticate their identity. Beginning in 2017, taxpayers

using a software product for the first time may need their Adjusted Gross Income amount from a prior tax return to verify their identity. Taxpayers can learn more about how to verify their identity and electronically sign their tax return at Validating Your Electronically Filed Tax Return.

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FOOD, NATURE & Stuff

by Cody SMITH

I never made it to the front line. I found myself of more help building camp than joining the protest tourists. Life at Standing Rock was different than I could have ever expected.

Walking around camp shortly after my arrival Dec. 1, I was approached by multiple young men: pierced noses, dreadlocked hair, and exhausted faced. They represented Camp Sacred Stone security. None of them Sioux, but each of them making demands as to what was allowed in camp: no drugs or alcohol, no weapons, and no photos or video. I asked them what they might do if they caught a person taking photos. They passionately expressed their right to take and smash any electronics that might contain images of camp. That was the kind of authoritarian rule I thought protesters like these fought. I concealed my press pass and camera. After a few days, I tracked down the land owner and asked for her permission to take photos on her land. She seemed surprised I hadn't been. A member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, she expressed how important it would be for people to see what was going on in camp. Finally, I could do my real job. Yet, we now lived with blizzard warnings and below-zero temperatures.

Each morning I would spend an hour or two taking photos and doing interviews; then, I got to work helping to organize shelter, assembling wood burning stoves in teepees, and building the remaining outhouses. After my meeting with security on the first day, I was greeted enthusiastically when the people, seemingly in charge, found that I had brought a chain saw, impact driver, various other tools, and the skill to use them. One of these organizers asked me to help gather fire wood. Later, when I was on the construction crew, I told them I might be pulled away to help with getting firewood. "You're not going anywhere. Do you know how f---ing hard it is to find skilled labor here or skill at all?" said Brian, a 20-something white man with dreadlocks. Brian went by the name Minerals. I don't know why. He would not permit me to

Nothing but a protest tourist

take his photo.

Minerals was passionate about the NoDAPL movement, seemed intelligent, and worked hard. Minerals was not like anyone I had ever met in Cedar City, Utah. He

was a good man and gave me good information as to what was going on behind the scenes at camp – sorry many of our conversations were off-the-record. He was right about a lot of things. Particularly, he was right about how difficult it was to find skilled people in camp. I've never met so many people that didn't know how to put on snow chains, jump a car battery, put a few screws in a wood burning stove, or run a chain saw.

I was scared to go to Standing Rock with my own supplies and the skill to take care of myself. Sure, there were dozens of well-off people showing up every day to become water protectors and fight the fight, but they rarely lasted more than a day or two. Luckily, they brought lots of supplies and left them because many of the young people – the ones that have been there and are staying through winter – came with few supplies and few skills, outside of political debate and passionate protest. I could hear my father and my grandfather in the back of my head: "No-good beatniks. G...-d... hippies running around with nothing better to do expecting everyone else to take care of them." I couldn't agree less with them. These people are braving the harshness of a North Dakota to ensure a clean environment for our children.

Winter in North Dakota is wind that steals the warmth from your bones and shifting duns of snow that conjure images of far-off deserts. More people had begun to arrive, and I learned that if I planned to spend Christmas with my family, I would have to leave before winter held me until spring. I am making my way home now. I decided not to join the Water Protectors at the front line when I heard new-comer after new-comer state their intention to join the line. I realized people were coming to Standing Rock as protest tourists, looking for a since of self-endowment or inner peace. They would hit the front line and leave. I guess I'm no better, but at least people can hide from the wind while they relieve themselves – I did that much for them.

be said but space is limiting, Hamilton's argument for an electoral college was "the immediate election should be made by men most capable of analyzing the qualities adapted to the station, and acting under circumstances favorable to deliberation, and to a judicious combination of all the reasons and inducements which were proper to govern their choice. A small number of persons, selected by their fellow-citizens from the general mass, will be most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite to such complicated investigations."

Steven Montgomery
Enoch



MORE IMAGES from columnist Cody Smith's time as a volunteer at the Standing Rock protest in North Dakota.



PHOTOS BY CODY SMITH

ELECTION

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ment with what he called greater "vigor."

Although not a founder, Tocqueville noted, "Local assemblies of citizens constitute the strength of free nations. Town-meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they bring it within the people's reach, they teach men how to use and how to enjoy it. A nation may establish a system of free government, but without the spirit of municipal institutions it cannot have the spirit of liberty."

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There will be five courses taught in Cedar City during 2017, all of them at the Cedar City Senior Center, 489 East 200 South. Each class will run from 1 to 5 p.m. on the following dates: March 6, May 1, July 3, Sept. 11 and Nov. 6.

Research shows that as a result of completing this course, most people

make positive changes to their driving behaviors. The new course curriculum features new information about medications and driving, brain health, automotive technology, railroad crossings, animal crossings, crash points, and sharing the road with motorcycles, trucks and other road users.

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Hay and Forage Symposium in January

ST. GEORGE — Utah State University Extension, in partnership with the Utah Farm Bureau Federation, will present the Hay and Forage Symposium, Jan. 25-26, 2017, at the Dixie Center in St. George.

Hay and forage production are an integral part of Utah agriculture, supporting the state's livestock industry and providing an export crop to other states and abroad. The 2-day Hay and Forage Symposium features sessions on nutrient management, crop rotation, alfalfa quality, pest management and more.

In addition to the symposium's sessions, there will be a trade show

exhibition giving attendees the opportunity to see new and improved products and technology. The trade show will also feature several educational and safety displays.

There will be a hands-on alfalfa diagnostic pre-conference session Thursday morning, Jan. 24, 2017, with an additional cost of \$30. Regular symposium registration is \$100; late registration begins Jan. 10, 2017, and will be \$125.

Contact Earl Creech, earl.creech@usu.edu, 435-797-7319, for more information. Contact Hannah Haslam, 801-233-3011, or Hannah.haslam@fbfs, to register.

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SUMA Family Arts Night Series returning next month

by Ashley H. **POLLOCK**
SUU College of Performing & Visual Arts

CEDAR CITY — Beginning in January 2017, the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), SUU, and artsFUSION will team up on select Monday nights to bring performing and visual arts to life for families in Southern Utah. The SUMA Family Arts Night Series (SUMA FANS) will be held through April on Monday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. The dates include Jan. 9, 23 and 30; Feb. 6, 13 and 27; March 6, 20 and 27; and April 3, 10 and 17.

These SUMA FANS nights will focus on visual arts, theatre, and dance. Activities will be created by student teachers in their respective disciplines. The evenings are for families to visit SUMA and participate in free artistic activities. This gives parents, children, and grandparents in our community many opportunities to create together.

Alisa Petersen, the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Endowed Chair of Elementary Arts Education at SUU, said, "The SUMA Family Arts Night Series is a great example of how SUMA benefits so many members of our community. SUU undergraduate students will gain valuable experience creating and teaching hands on arts activities which children and families will get to enjoy. We are planning to host multiple Family Arts Nights each month this spring, rotating through visual art, dance, and theatre experiences. The activities will be totally free and open to the public."

Petersen went on to say, "The SUMA Family Arts Night Series will give parents and children in our community many opportunities to experience the creative process together. Participants will get to play, move, and make art based on what they see within the museum. It is our hope that this series will inspire families to continue exploring creative activities together at home after they leave the museum."

For more information, visit www.suu.edu/suma.

"The...Series will give parents and children...many opportunities to experience the creative process together"

— **Alisa Petersen**



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CHILDREN WORKED TOGETHER ON AN ARTS PROJECT during the SUMA series in 2016.



A YOUNG GIRL CREATES GLASS ARTWORK during one of last year's SUMA Family Arts Nights.



STUDENTS ENJOYED DANCING in an arts class last year.

**KIRSTEN BRANDT****CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS****SEAN GRANEY****JOSEPH HANREDDY**PHOTOS COURTESY OF UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
DAVID IVERS

Directors have been chosen for Utah Shakespeare Festival's 56th season

by Joshua **STARVOS**

Media and PR Director, Utah Shakespeare Festival

CEDAR CITY — Utah Shakespeare Festival Artistic Directors David Ivers and Brian Vaughn have announced a slate of 10 highly-creative, talented and experienced directors for the Festival's 2017 season.

"I am thrilled with the selection of artists joining us in 2017," said Ivers. "This potent mix of new-to-the-Festival directors combined with a few veterans will allow our stages to resonate with our patrons through an unprecedented array of offerings. I hope you join us."

These nationally-known directors are attracted to the Utah Shakespeare Festival for many reasons, most notably the quality of the work here and the beautiful surroundings.

For instance, Sean Graney, who will be directing *Treasure Island*, noted the incredible artists the Festival attracts, from the top down: "My conversations with Artistic Directors Brian Vaughn and

Theatre Festival. She has also directed for TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, San Jose Repertory Theatre, Arizona Theatre Company, The Old Globe, La Jolla Playhouse, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Marin Theatre Company, North Coast Repertory Theatre, and Sledgehammer Theatre (where she also served as artistic director for six seasons).

A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, one of Shakespeare's and the Festival's most popular plays, will appear in the Randall L. Jones Theatre from July 4 to Oct. 21.

Christopher Edwards, who is also new at the Festival, will be directing the hilarious William Shakespeare's *Long Lost First Play* (abridged). Edwards has appeared as an actor in such off-Broadway theatres as Ubu Rep, John Houseman's the Acting Co, the Lincoln Center, and Mcginn Cazale Theatre. He has also directed at the National Theatre of Norway, NY Hip Hop Theatre Festival, Vermont Stage Co., Capital Rep, and

miere adaptation of George M. Cohan's *The Tavern*. He directed 2016's acclaimed *Julius Caesar*, as well as productions of *Private Lives*, *Macbeth*, and *Sense and Sensibility*. He is also the co-adaptor of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility* which played at the Festival in 2010 and 2014. In addition, he has directed at the Pearl Theater in New York City, as well as Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Madison Repertory Theater, People's Light (Philadelphia), Writer's Theatre (Chicago), Connecticut Repertory Theater, American Player's Theater (Wisconsin), and many others.

This adaptation of the satirical comedy *The Tavern* will be set in a remote Utah tavern and will include Utah locations and oddball characters that just might feel familiar. It will be staged in the Randall L. Jones Theatre from Sept. 19 to Oct. 21.

David Ivers, one of the Festival's artistic directors, will be adding one more to his long list of plays he has directed for the Festival: *How to Fight Loneliness*.



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David Ivers are so invigorating," Graney said. "Plus spending 10 weeks in one of the most beautiful parts of the country ain't bad either."

"I've been fortunate enough to have been given a string of fantastic projects at the Festival in the past," added Joseph Hanreddy, who will be directing *The Tavern* and has a long history at the Festival. "The inspiring collective spirit of the organization, the enthusiastic, informed audiences, and the stunning natural surroundings have made working at the Festival a unique and truly special experience."

"All of these directors bring their unique individuality and dynamic skill set to these varied projects," added Vaughn. "We are confident their efforts will bring bold, explorative storytelling, coupled with rich design and thrilling performances, to the Festival."

Here's a look at five of the directors for the 2017 season, with a short recap of their accomplishments. We'll introduce five more of them in our Dec. 28 issue:

Kirsten Brandt will make her Festival debut by directing the popular comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She has a host of playwriting and directing experience, including co-writing the book and lyrics for *The Snow Queen* off-Broadway at the New York Musical

the Cincinnati Shakespeare Co. He is also currently a faculty member at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

This frantic comedy from the same people who brought you *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* will play in the Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre from July 28 to Oct. 21.

Graney, who is also making his first appearance at the Festival this year, will be at the helm of the epic tale *Treasure Island*. He has directed over 100 productions at theatres across the country, including the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, The Hypocrites, Actors Theater of Louisville, American Repertory Theater, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Only Theatre Company, Court Theater Chicago, Shakespeare Festival St. Louis, and Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. He has received numerous awards, including a Creative Capital Award in 2016, and six Joseph Jefferson Awards for Direction and Adaption from 2003 to 2015.

This regional premiere adaption of *Treasure Island* will thrill the entire family with tales of buried treasure, pirates, adventure, and song. It plays in the Randall L. Jones Theatre from July 5 to Sept. 2.

Hanreddy is returning to the Festival to direct and adapt the world-pre-

Other Festival directing credits include last season's popular *Much Ado about Nothing*, as well as *Charley's Aunt*, *Twelfth Night*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (abridged), and *Cyrano de Bergerac*. He has also directed at Berkeley Rep (including the west coast premiere of *One Man, Two Guvnors*), Pioneer Theatre Company, the Guthrie Theatre, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Denver Center Theatre Company, the Alabama and Idaho Shakespeare festivals, Portland Center Stage, Portland Rep., ACT, Seattle Rep., and others. In addition, he has been a popular actor at the Festival and other major theatres across the country.

This Intermountain West premiere of award-winning playwright Neil LaBute's latest play will be in the Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre from Aug. 25 to Oct. 14. This modern play is for mature audiences and contains explicit language and mature themes.

Tickets are now on sale for the Festival's 56th season, which will run from June 29 to October 21. For more information and tickets visit www.bard.org or call 1-800-PLAYTIX.

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is part of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts at Southern Utah University, which also includes the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA).

The power of Christmas music

by Mary Anne **ANDERSEN**
Cedar City Arts Council

When giving a lecture on the power of music, my husband said, "I can make you all think of the same thing by playing just 11 notes on the piano." He then proceeded to play the first 4 measures of "Jingle Bells." When he asked what the audience was thinking of, they said "Christmas," practically in unison. Music has real ability to influence our thoughts, our memories, our emotions. And nowhere is this more apparent than at Christmas time.

I have developed a set of "rules" governing my own listening plans at Christmas. I try to ignore the presence of carols in the air until after Thanksgiving, and then it feels appropriate to put my Mannheim Steamroller Christmas CD in the car player as I drive around town, even if I'm not on Christmas errands. When I hear Chip Wilson play his rock drum riff to "Deck the Halls," all is right with the season.

This year, my first real Christmas music experience came at the concert of SUU's music department. As I heard those familiar words—"Joy to the World, the Lord is come"—I had a wave of gratitude wash over me. It seemed that God was giving us another chance to get it right. Again. Maybe THIS year we'll say that there IS room in the inn after all. I'm convinced that those words and melodies are God's way of reminding us on a yearly basis that sometimes the most important things come in small packages. And tears welled up in my eyes as I mouthed the words along with the singers on the stage.

A few days later, a choral teacher said that Irving Berlin called up a colleague: "I've just finished the best song I've ever written: 'White Christmas.'" No,

it's the best song that ANYONE as ever written! Then the choir sang it and I teared up again. When we were living in California, where winter meant fog and no sunshine for days, I could hardly stand to hear it; it made me long for home so much.

In the LDS Conference Center in Salt Lake City, the Tabernacle Choir sang "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In," a ridiculous observation when one acknowledges that Bethlehem is undisputedly land-locked. But then 3 life-size camel puppets, ala "The Lion King" or "War Horse," came down the aisles and I had a flash of insight. Camels are sometimes referred to as "the ships of the desert", after all, and for the first time, I saw those beautiful beasts making their way to Bethlehem, bearing gifts and perhaps kings as well. Cue the tears; and that was only the first number. The finale, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," with every singer, every musician, and bell ringer producing at full volume, caused an emotional thrill that had 22,000 audience members on their feet. Talk about power! I'm surprised the roof stayed on the building.

I'm on my way to the annual production of "Messiah." I'm taking tissues.



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BOARDING SCHOOL

Three Peaks students get to learn about snowboarding at school

by Tom **HARALDSEN**
Iron County Today

Some lucky first-grade and third-grade students at Three Peaks Elementary got a treat last Thursday—snowboarding lessons in their PE classes. And they didn't even have to leave the warm comfort of their school.

Thanks to instructors from the Brian Head Ski Resort, along with Jeff Boliba from Burton Snowboards, about 100 students received 30 minutes of instruction on how to enjoy one of winter's most popular sports. They also heard from Olympic gold medalist Kelly Clark, who spoke in a video presentation of why she loves "shredding the mountainsides."

"We've been working with Pete (Aikens) and Brian Head for about a year on this," said Three Peaks principal Paula Burgoyne. "Pete has a couple of daughters here at the school, and we're always trying to get our students excited about fitness. Any program that gets kids moving is a good thing."

Aikens, who is director of the ski school at Brian Head, brought in Boliba, VP of Global Resorts for Burton Snowboards.

"I've probably done these types of programs in dozens of countries," Boliba said, returning to Utah where he has taught at resorts along the Wasatch Front. "Snowboarding is a great way to help them learn balance, develop core strength, and start a sport that they can enjoy for a lifetime."

He said snowboarding is enjoying a bit of resurgence in popularity in the last few years.

"A lot of the boarders who began

enjoying this sport years ago—the early enthusiasts—got busy with their careers and families, but now a new generation seems to have discovered the sport," Boliba said. "We love going out and helping these young children start to learn the skills that are involved in snowboarding—including what they need to do to prepare for a day on the mountain."

The multipurpose room at Three Peaks was divided into four sections, each with a different mini-lesson. Two stations were for learning different balances on a board, and another for ways to "grab" the board when riders make their moves. At a fourth station, students actually "rode" across the floor on a board as a classmate pulled them. There were laughs and lots of smiles, and some pretty good techniques for a group of beginners.

"We're constantly striving to improve our outreach programs from Brian Head," Aikens said. "This is a great sport that anyone can learn, and it's fun to see it back."



STUDENTS AT THREE PEAKS ELEMENTARY got to experience snowboarding without leaving the school, thanks to Burton Snowboards and Brian Head Ski Resort.



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Life & LAUGHTER

by Peri **KINDER**
Columnist

Now that Facebook has become a year-round newsletter, packed with enough posts to make us feel miserable all year long, can we finally call it quits on those dreadful holiday letters?

I understand a family newsletter can be a highlight of the season, recapping all your adventures with witty repartee and candy cane clip art, but to many people, this bragacious tradition is lemon juice in the paper cuts of life. Reading about how you cured black lung disease or saved an endangered species makes others' successes look like table scraps.

My newsletter would go something like this, "Dear family and friends, I did not get arrested this year. Happy New Year! Love, Peri." (Disclaimer: The year's not over yet.)

So, first of all, don't write a Christmas letter. However, if you feel you must write an annual message or your life won't be complete, here are tips to make it bearable for friends and family.

Let Your Children Do The Writing.

I would LOVE getting a Christmas message that read, "Mom cries in the bathroom and tells us to eat Froot Loops for dinner. Dad has a special 'drinking mug' in his garage. Aunt Ethel spent Thanksgiving in the county jail for walking streets. Happy Holidays!"

Use Your Letter as a Weapon.

A Christmas newsletter can encourage friendly competition amongst your offspring. Announce who had the most As, the best-cleaned room or who peed the bed the least amount of times. Be sure to embarrass the *&%\$ out of them so they'll be on their best behavior next year.

Create an Acronym.

For instance, NOEL can be Notice Our Exceptional Lives or No One Enjoys Letters.

Quote Quiz. Choose the funniest quotes said by your family during the year and have your readers guess who said it.

January--"Who left the *&% lights on?!"

February—"Is there a reason there are a dozen shoes by the back door?"

March—"Who left the *&% lights on again?"

Write From Your Pet's Perspective.

"This is Peri's dog, Ringo. I was taken to the vet three times this year and had to get shots. She forgot to give me a treat twice last week, even after I sat under her feet for three consecutive episodes of Westworld. She also didn't pet me long enough after she got home from work, but she gave me a steak bone, so all's forgiven."

Share a Family Recipe.

If people ask for your sugar cookie recipe, put it in your Christmas newsletter. But don't be like my neighbor who leaves out key ingredients so my cookies never taste quite the same as hers. Not cool.

Don't Recount Family Disasters 2016.

Your water heater broke, your car died in the desert, you have rats in the basement and bats in your belfry.

People

Weddings

Santos-Bryant

Rick and Cathy Bryant are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Savannah Leigh Bryant of Cedar City, Utah, to Hugo Santos, son of Guadalupe & Alicia Santos of Norman, Okla. They were married in the St. George Temple on December 17, 2016. A Ring ceremony and a Reception was held that evening in the Canyon View Stake Center, 1985 N Main Cedar City, Utah, from 5:30 till 10 p.m. There will also be



a reception in Edmond, Okla., on January 6, 2017 at 13175 Kelly Ave., Edmond, Okla. Savannah and Hugo will make their home in Norman, Okla.

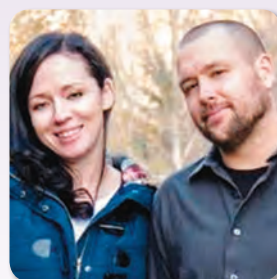


Dunnell-Roscher

Devin Dunnell and Meghan Roscher were married in the St. George Temple on Dec. 17, 2016. Parents of the groom are David and Laurie Dunnell of Cedar City, Utah, and the bride's parents are John and Brenda Roscher of Pocatello, Idaho. The couple finished their education at SUU a couple of days before their wedding and will graduate in business and nursing. They plan to make their home in Cedar City.

Hatton-Bryant

Jacob Aydin Hatton is pleased to announce the marriage of his parents, Rachel Hatton to Jacob Bryant, on December 10, 2016 in Fillmore, Utah. The wedding ceremony was held at 20 South Main, Fillmore, Utah, at 6:30 p.m., with a reception and dancing following the ceremony. After their honeymoon to the Grand Canyon, they will make their home in Orem, Utah. The parents of the bride



are Dave and Ilene Hatton of Fillmore, Utah, and parents of the groom are Rick and Cathy Bryant of Cedar City, Utah.

60th Anniversary

Clair & Pat Benson

On December 15, 1956, Clair Benson of Parowan, Utah, and Patricia Hines of Carlsbad, New Mexico, were married in Carlsbad. Over the years they have raised three wonderful children: Garry, Tammy, and Connie. They also have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren, with another on the way. 60 years after they married, they celebrated



another mile stone. There was an open house held in their honor on December 17, 2016 in Parowan.

There is no charge for birth, first birthday, mission, Eagle Scout, 50th anniversary (and up), wedding and 80th birthday (and up) announcements.

Announcements and photos can be submitted to news@ironcountytoday.com or at 389 N. 100 West, #12, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Wednesday at 5pm for the following week's issue. Announcements should be 100 words or less. Please call 435-867-1865 ext. 6 for pricing for all other announcements.

Mission

Sister Axelson

Saige Axelson has been called to serve in the Virginia Chesapeake Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will be speaking on the atonement of Jesus Christ on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. at the 370 N. 4050 West church building in Cedar City. A reception will follow at her home. All are invited.



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"YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE A LIFE OF IMPOSITION" VERNON HOWARD, 'We can learn to live our own life!' A 25 minute video then casual discussion 7 p.m. Wednesday Cedar City Library in the Park, (Rare Books Room.) The Literary Club. Stephanie 559-7777.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 to 9 p.m., Parowan United Methodist Church social hall, 190 N. Main St.

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ENOCH CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Enoch City offices.

Thurs, Dec. 22

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE III CLASS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way, Enoch.

NAMI BRIDGES & FAMILY TO FAMILY CLASSES (FREE). 7 P.M., Southwest Behavioral Health Center, 245 East 680 South, Cedar City. To enroll, call Robert (435) 590-7749 or Rosie (435) 590-0880.

CEDAR CHEST QUILTERS' GUILD, 10 a.m., Cedar City Senior Center, 489 East 200 South.

COLOR COUNTRY COMMUNICATIONS, Cedar City Toastmasters, 7 a.m., 86 W. University Blvd. Find your voice. Shape your future. Be the leader and speaker you want to be.

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Dept., 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City. Call 435-586-2437 with questions.

COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL, 8 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West, Cedar City.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. women-only meeting, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6 p.m. AA Misfits. The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main Street, Cedar City. More info at 877-865-5890.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS LUNCH BUNCH GROUP, noon, Cedar Bowling Center, 421 E. Highway 91.

AL-ANON HOPE FOR TODAY (FOR FAMILIES OF ALCOHOLICS), 7 p.m., the KCB Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main. More info at 435-531-1045.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main. More info at 877-865-5890.

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PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Parowan City offices.

Fri, Dec. 23

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS LIVE AND LET LIVE, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 865-1387 for an appointment, accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and all private insurances, with a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients.

Sat, Dec. 24

Because of Christmas Eve, check with clubs to be sure they are meeting

YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET, every Saturday rain or shine, 9 a.m. to noon, 905 S. Main St. in Cedar City, local vegetables, greens, fruit, herbs, baked goods, artisan cheese, live plants, flowers, jams, raw honey, farm fresh eggs, and more.

CEDAR SATURDAY MARKET, 1 to 5 p.m., inside IFA, 905 S. Main. Includes farmers, gardeners, food vendors, youth agricultural groups and artisans/crafters.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. women's meeting, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6:30 p.m. AA BB Study, and 8 p.m. My Story speaker meeting, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

Sun, Dec. 25

Meetings of these groups may well be cancelled for Christmas. Check with organizers

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. (TGISS) AA and 6:30 p.m. 12x12 Book Study, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For Information, call (877) 865-5890.

Mon, Dec. 26

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RED ROAD TO SOBRIETY/AA MEETING, open meeting, 6 p.m., Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, 440 N. Paiute Drive, Cedar City. For more information call Chris at 586-1112 ext. 307.

BOOK BABIES, 10 and 10:30 a.m., Cedar City Library at the Park. Story time designed for babies and toddlers up to age 2.

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IRON COUNTY COMMISSION, 9 a.m., County Courthouse in Parowan.

Tues, Dec. 27

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STORY TIME AT THE FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK, 10 a.m., an opportunity for preschool children to learn about the past through stories and history-related activities, story time is free thanks to the support of the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau.

CEDAR CITY ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING, noon, Southwest Applied Technology College, 510 W. 810 South in Cedar City, for more information call (435) 865-7637.

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 1 to 5:30 p.m., Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City. For questions call 586-2437.

RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP, 6 to 7:30 p.m., for women 18 and older, Canyon Creek Outreach Center, 95 N. Main St. #22 in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 867-9411.

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SUU DISCOVER STORY TIME, 6:30 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

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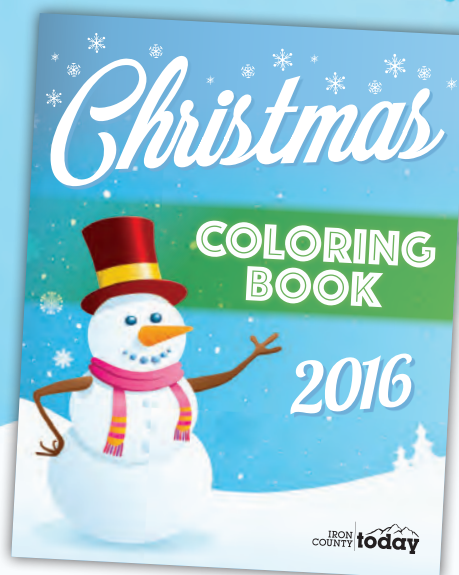
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Suite A-6, Cedar City
10 am - Sundays,
7 pm - Thursdays
867-8188

**Cedar City Seventh Day
Adventist Church**
4571 N. Hwy. 91, Enoch
11 am - Saturdays
592-2142

**Christ the King
Catholic Church**
690 S. Cove Drive, Cedar City
9 am & 7 pm - Sundays
Spanish Service
11:45 am - Sundays
586-8298

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**
Cedar City Stake
155 E. 400 South, Cedar City
586-8381
9 am & 11 am, - Sundays

Enoch Stake
3600 N. Minersville Hwy., Enoch
586-5950
9 am, 11 am & 1 pm - Sundays
Parowan Stake
90 S. Main St., Parowan
477-8929
9 am & 1 pm - Sundays

Church of Christ
1075 S. Fir, Cedar City
11 am Sundays
586-9534

**Community
Presbyterian Church**
2279 N. Wedgewood Ln.,
Cedar City
10 am - Sundays
Childcare Available
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First Baptist Church
324 W. 200 North, Cedar City
11 am - Sundays
586-6994

**Grace & Truth Fellowship
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6 pm - Wednesdays
238-3886

Grace Christian Church
845 West 200 South,
Parowan
10:30 am - Sundays
7 pm - Wednesdays
590-1663

**Kingdom Hall of
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620 E. Nichols
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7 p.m - Thursdays,
10 am - Sundays
867-1837

**Light of the Valley
Fellowship Church**
995 S. Regency Rd., Cedar City
(Brookdale Senior Solutions)
1:30pm - Sundays
590-7362

Mountain View Baptist Church
1160 S. 860 West, Cedar City
11 am & 6 pm - Sundays
865-1211

New Life Church
Spring Hill Suites
1477 S. Old Hwy 91, Cedar City
10 am - Sundays
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Religion

Christmas Eve celebration planned at Parowan church

PAROWAN — A Christmas Eve service is planned on Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. at Parowan United Methodist Church, 190 North Main Street.

The opening hymn will be "Good Christian Friends Rejoice." The story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2-1-20 will be read by Pastor Jeri Lee's husband, Earl Leeper. Jay Wilcken will sing "O Holy Night," as is the church's tradition. New member Lisa Stewart will lead the congregation with "Amazing Grace" on

her guitar. Pastor Jeri Lee will share the story of "The Three Trees."

The evening will end with "Silent Night." This beloved hymn was written for Christmas Eve in 1818 by Assistant Pastor Joseph Mohr and organist Franz Gruber, at Saint Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria, perhaps because the organ failed to play. It was first sung accompanied by a guitar.

All are welcomed. Christmas Day worship will begin at 10 a.m.



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MEGAN TAYLOR

When Megan Taylor first arrived at Southern Utah University she wanted to be an adventurous mountain guide and declared her major in outdoor recreation. One of her professors in the outdoor rec program helped Megan discover her true calling in education. Now she's working on her Ph. D. in parks, recreation & tourism and Megan plans to mentor students the way SUU faculty mentored her. She plans to give students "an education for a lifetime of adventure."

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Religion



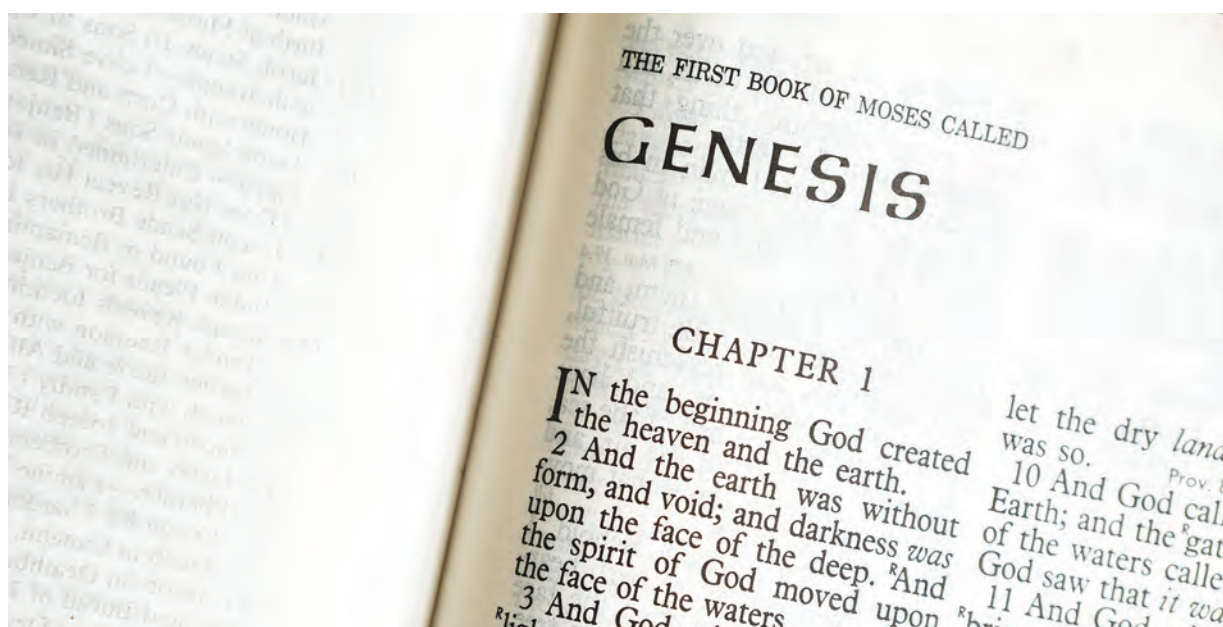
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Christmas Eve Services at Community Presbyterian Church

CEDAR CITY — Community Presbyterian Church of Cedar City invites the community to worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus the Savior on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. Both worship

services include special music, Christmas carols, readings from the nativity stories, and lighting of candles. Families with young children are especially invited to attend the 5 p.m. service.

Community Presbyterian Church is located at the intersection of Wedgewood Lane and Nichols Canyon Road in Cedar City. For more information, call 435-586-8891.



Precept Study of Genesis, Pt. 3 in January

A Precept Upon Precept Bible Study will begin at 1 p.m. on Jan. 5 at Cedar City Public Library, 303 N 100 East. This class will be a six-week stand alone study of Genesis, Pt. 3, "Becoming a friend of the faithful God-A study on Abraham" (chapters 12-25), ending on Feb. 9. We plan to continue on with Pt. 4.

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What is the Reason for the Season?

by Pastor **SCOTT MILLER**
New Life Church, Cedar City

At this time of year, many thoughts turn to a babe born in a manger. We are surrounded by songs that speak of a newborn king who was born many years ago on a silent night – a holy night – in the little town of Bethlehem.

Nativity scenes adorn the lawns of homes and churches. Many recognize that the reason for this season is the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ – that moment when God put on human flesh. This time of year, we cannot help but have our thoughts and even eyes directed to this babe born in a manger. Many of us are aware of this story.

But are as many aware of the various reasons Jesus came into this world? The Bible gives us some very specific reasons for why Jesus was born. In Matthew 5:17 Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I did not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them." In 1 John 4:9-10 we are told that God sent His Son into the world, so that life would come through Him (v.9). The reason life through Jesus is possible is because God sent His Son to be the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for sins (v.10). Luke 19:10 tells us that Jesus "came to seek and save the lost." Also, 1 John 3:8 tells us, "The reasons the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." These are just a few reasons that Jesus came, but they all go together in order to accomplish His specific mission and purpose for coming.

You may recall the event as recorded in Matthew 1:18-21. Mary was pregnant (v.18) and Joseph wasn't sure how to handle this situation (v.19). As he thought about what to do, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, encouraging Joseph that Mary's pregnancy was not due to infidelity on her part but was from the Holy Spirit (v.20). Then the angel told Joseph what the name of the baby would be because the meaning of His name will match what He came to do. "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (v.21)

The surety of this statement encourages me. We are not told that Jesus "might" save His people from their sins. We are not told that Jesus "hopes" to save His people from their sins. Rather, He "will" save His people from their sins.

The biblical definition for the word "save" refers to being rescued or delivered from something. What you and I need "save/rescued" from, according to Romans 5:9, is the wrath of God – wrath that is ready to be justly given to those who have sinned against God. But let me remind you of Matthew 1:21: "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." How is Jesus able to do this? The answer is because He fulfilled the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17); He was the propitiation for sins (1 John 4:10); He came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10); He destroyed the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).

Since Jesus successfully accomplished these reasons for why He came, those with faith alone in Him alone can be confident, even today, that they will be saved from their sins. This is the joyous reason for the Christmas season.

On angel's wings



The Rut LESS TRAVELED

by Corey BAUMGARTNER

I love this time of the year. 'Tis the season for sweets and treats! I was blessed recently by a benevolent baker who sent me some angel cookies. The celestially shaped sugary sweets were delicious. However, there was one that had an unfortunate pastry malfunction. One of its wings had broken off during its divine delivery. Thankfully, it was still edible and incredible.

As I chomped my chosen cherubs, I pondered upon my doughy dilemma and this season, often labeled as the most wonderful time of the year. I reflected upon the lesser lessons of the holidays; stories I had heard as a child about angels among us. The kind we are often unaware of only because we're too busy, or too distracted to notice. However, there are many other angels we can see. Our neighbors, co-workers, family members, children, strangers on the street, ourselves. Too often we overlook, or forget that underneath their estranged stares and frustrated frowns are angels unaware with heavenly hearts of gold. I guess failures and flaws are easier to see for us immaculate mortals, right? Well, if that's true, why do we use our pointing fingers more often than our uplifting hands?

Who are these so-called angels unaware in our lives that need our uplifting hands, hearts, and friendship? What of those angels who can't remember the reason

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for the season because they believe they have no reason to believe? What of the angels who have broken their wings and feel like they will never fly again because the storms of life have thrown them too far off course?

I believe we are all angels unaware. We all get delayed and detoured from our divine destinations and happiness. We've learned the hard way that life is not all laurels and mistletoes. Our wonderful wings have been wounded in the storms of life and we wonder if we will ever fly again. Yes, the storms of life can even cause the choicest of angels to veer off course. But it is to these angels we must reach out with healing from our own wings and remind them that they are not alone and they will fly again.

Therefore, at this season of peace on earth and goodwill towards mankind, let us remember the miracle from the manger. The Beloved Babe that would be the King of Kings, who brought a special gift of peace for when we are broken in pieces. An eternal promise that whether we are kings and queens, or beggars and thieves, we are always loved. We can be healed, set free and become the great people we are still meant to be.

May we remember the true reason for this Christmas season and remember our own need to reach out and touch the Healer's hem. Because sometimes we all need healing and help learning to fly again. After all, even angels get broken wings.

If you need some help flying again, e-mail me: corybaumgartner@hotmail.com

Schools

NEWS Nuggets

from Iron County School District

by Amy JOHNSON
Iron County School District

North Elementary

Cedar North Elementary is proud to announce that one of our first grade teachers, Becky Comstock, has been voted by the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce as their educator of the year. Becky will be presented her award at a ceremony in the first part of 2017 when many outstanding local citizens will be honored by the Chamber. We are proud to call her one of our own and would like to express our sincere appreciation for all she has done through the years to positively affect the lives of so many children. Way to go, Becky!

Three Peaks Elementary

We would like to thank the Questar Gas Company for providing visits with Santa and backpacks filled with a toy, a book, candy, and popcorn for every student at Three Peaks Elementary. What a wonderful gesture of holiday love and caring. The Three Peaks choir and orchestra held a combined holiday concert on December 20. The students' hard work paid off because the performances were wonderful! We would like to thank the choir director, Mrs. Cassie Walker and the orchestra teacher, Mrs. ShaLiece Corry for sharing their talents to teach these students.

On Dec. 21, the first grade students had a grand time performing their Christmas program for parents and Mrs. Shelley Barney's Kindergarten students held a fun Christmas program for parents. On behalf of the entire Three Peaks Elementary

faculty and staff, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season! School will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.

Canyon View Middle

CVMS Math Counts Club meets most Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Mrs. Sanders room D102. This math club competes against other middle schools in Southern Utah in preparation for the region chapter competition in February at Southern Utah University. On Dec. 8, a practice competition was held at CMS. 7 schools were represented; along with 28 teams and about 110 individual students. CVMS had 2 teams score in the top 10. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS! 2nd Place Team Members: Anthony McCune, Anna Sowards, Carter Hunt, Noah Nichols and 9th Place Team Members: Jesilyn Anderson, Colter Gasser, Malorie Hunt, Ian Jensen.



Students attend Career Fair



TOM HARALDSEN

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS FROM IRON, BEAVER AND KANE COUNTIES gathered at the Sharwan Smith Student Center at SUU on Friday for the 4th annual Iron County School District Career Fair. More than 50 presenters were on hand to discuss training and future business/job opportunities with the students.

TIDINGS

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You lost several jobs, were abducted by aliens and SWAT kicked in your door at 3 a.m. Newsletters are not catastrophe competitions. Next!

Don't Brag.

For every straight-A accomplishment, for every

award-winning dance competition and for every higher-salary promotion you exclaim over, your letter will be read by a man with kids struggling in school, a daughter with no noticeable rhythm and a woman in a dead-end, mind-numbing job. Take it down a notch, will ya?

Even better, since I never receive mail anymore (except for Hickory Farm catalogues and postcards from mortgage companies), maybe save all your glowing updates for Facebook and Instagram where you can gush all you'd like. You can even add clip art.

Schools

by Charley **WALQUIST**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — Educators consistently make efforts to enhance student learning and engagement, and Canyon View High School has made some changes to its school days to aid students in their success.

CVHS has implemented two major changes to its school schedule: a 5x5 class block schedule and the addition of the FLEX (flexible learning experience) program—a remediation and study period that is incorporated into regular school days. Switching the schedule made it possible to add the FLEX program, and the teachers, students, and parents have seen better results in student academic areas.

During the 2015-16 school year, the high school switched to a 5x5 block class schedule. Class periods last 70 minutes rather than 90, and the students have the opportunity to take two additional classes in their schedules.

“The main reason was to provide more flexibility for student schedules,” said Rich Nielsen, Principal of CVHS. “We were also able to double block our math classes and add to our Concurrent Enrollment (college classes available to students at the high school) and Advanced Placement (AP) offerings.”

With the schedule change, Concurrent Enrollment classes and AP classes increased their enrollment by 304 students, according to Nielsen, and students have indicated that they like the length of the classes.

A problem with this schedule was that the students lost time in their elective classes that required time, such as the music or art classes. This problem was remedied this year with the addition of the FLEX program.

According to Nielsen, the general idea of the FLEX program is that students have a period that they meet with their College and Career Readiness advisors for one period in their block schedules and use that time for remediation and help.

“We use that time to have targeted instruction in areas that the kids need,” said Nielsen.

The students go to their assigned

Canyon View High School makes changes to benefit students



COURTESY OF RICH NIELSEN

USING THE NEW FLEX PERIOD, the bands, orchestras, and choirs at Canyon View High School combined a rehearsal for the Christmas Concert rather than having a before/after school rehearsal.

“There has been a 25 percent decrease in the number of failed classes from 1st quarter of 2015 to 1st quarter of 2016”

— **Rich Nielsen, CVHS Principal**

class. Students who have been “tagged” by a specific teacher then go to that teacher’s room to receive the remediation or help they need. Students are able to make up tests, have specific topics re-explained to them, or just use the time to get caught up. Students who are not tagged use these periods to continue work on projects, get additional help where needed, or work on homework.

“We’ve done it now for two quarters, and it is amazing to see the impacts,” said Nielsen.

“There has been a 25 percent decrease in the number of failed classes from 1st quarter of 2015 to 1st quarter of 2016.”

According to surveys, 75 percent of students were pleased, 78 percent of parents were pleased with the program, and 85 percent of teachers were pleased. Teachers of both the academic and the arts/elective classes have found the program to be effective.

Academic classes now have the time to remediate their students while the elective/art classes can pull students for

rehearsals or project time during this period. In addition, the FLEX period has made it possible to have school assemblies without shortening instruction time. All assemblies and CCR lessons take place during the FLEX period.

The FLEX program has been effective so far.

“We’ve had really good feedback, and we’ve had a lot of support from the school district and school board,” said Nielsen. “[This kind of program] has to be something that you can give all the kids access to. Learning can’t be a consequence.”

CVHS plans to continue to refine the FLEX system. The school is pleased with the results of both the 5x5 schedule and the FLEX program and looks forward to seeing what the future holds with both.

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Obituaries

Norman Jones Grimshaw



Norman Jones Grimshaw passed away December 14, 2016 in Cedar City, Utah, incident to old age. He was just shy of his ninety-third birthday. Norman was born in Enoch, Utah on January 2, 1924 to Randolph and Estella Jones Grimshaw. He married Loleen Naegle on May 8, 1943 in the St. George Temple, just prior to entering active duty in the U.S. Army during World War II. Norman was involved in several major battles during the war and was wounded in battle, receiving the Purple Heart.

Norman was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many leadership positions in the LDS Church throughout his life. Two of his favorite callings were foreign missions for the LDS Church with his wife, one in Lagos, Nigeria, and the second at the Toronto Canada Temple. In addition, he also served for many years in the St. George Temple. He and Loleen were also dance instructors for around 25 years.

Norman retired after 30 years of working for the United States Postal Service where his humor and friendship was cherished by many. He remained active in the National Association of Retired Federal Employees until he was 88. His true love was his farm

where he raised hay, cattle and kids.

Norman was involved in the community, serving on the Enoch City Council, on the water board for several decades and as the secretary-treasurer when Enoch became a town. He was active in Boy Scouts of America for many years earning the coveted Silver Beaver Award in 1974. And he enjoyed singing and was an original Master Singer and then returned to the group after retirement.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Douglas Grimshaw, and by his wife of 69 years. He is survived by his children: Michael N. Grimshaw (Elizabeth-deceased), Randy M. Grimshaw (Sandra), Carol Grimshaw (Don Wilson-deceased), Joy Brough (Larry), Karen Gledhill (LaRell), Norma Lloyd (Ronald), Bruce N. Grimshaw (Kristine), and Susan Lewis (Jeffrey), 29 grandchildren and 61 ½ great grandchildren so far.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Enoch Stake Center (2233 E. Village Green Road, access from Heather Hue) in Enoch, Utah. Visitations were held Friday, December 16, 2016 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 W.) in Cedar City, Utah, and on Saturday, December 17, 2016 in Enoch, Utah prior to the services. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

We appreciate the love and service from neighbors and friends, especially the last few years. The family would also like to express appreciation to Emerald Point/Brookdale for their love and care for Grandpa Grimshaw.

Heber "Kay" Prisbrey



Devoted husband, father, and grandfather Heber "Kay" Prisbrey, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family at 90 years old on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. He was born on July 1, 1926, in Cedar City, Utah to Heber M. Prisbrey and Hatti Dover Prisbrey. He married Belva Jane Bentley on June 10, 1949 in Cedar City, Utah and had two daughters, Sharon Kay and Karen Jane. Belva died of cancer in 1969. On January 9, 1971, he married Dixie Norine Anderson in St. George, Utah and became a father to her daughter Sheila. Kay and Dixie had three more daughters Carla, Donna, and Trudi

Janet for a family of six girls.

Kay's passions were his family, life-long friends, new cars, carpentry tools, and chocolate. He was a drove a route for Cedar Laundry & Cleaners for nearly 25 years in Southern Utah. He loved driving and proudly maintained a commercial driver's license throughout his career. For 15 years, he was a master craftsman and private contractor in Cedar City, where he was well known for his custom-built homes and personal integrity. In his later years, the family moved to Fredonia, Arizona where he provided exemplary service for 20 years maintaining the school facilities and driving a bus route. In 2006 he and his wife Dixie retired in St. George, Utah to be nearer to their children.

He is survived by his wife, Dixie; his children and their spouses, Sharon Kay Larsen (Steven), Karen Jane Smith (Michael Crisp), Sheila Anderson Fife (Chris), Carla Nay (Curtis), Donna Ray (Kyler) and Trudi Janet Day (Michael); 12 grandchildren (Brady Heather, Erica, Shannon, Thomas, Aaron, Joe, Amanda, Libby, Kaden, Kayla, and Gabriel), 9 great-grandchildren (Parker, Taylor, Kayzee, Kelsea, Hagen, Addison, Sawyer, Laken and Logan); and his brother Jay (Georgia) Prisbrey.

He is preceded in death by his first wife Belva, his parents, his brothers Paul (Vera), Rodney and DeLoy (Sharon); and his sisters Dorothy Clark (Albert), and Antionett Houston.

A visitation was held from on December 19 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City, UT). A Memorial Service followed at 12 p.m. at the mortuary. Interment took place in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Friends and family are invited to sign Kay's guestbook at www.sumortuary.com.

Ira Edwin Reynolds



Ira Edwin Reynolds passed away peacefully at home eating a bowl of chocolate pudding on December 10, 2016 with his wife, Margaret at his side. He was a resident of Cedar City, Utah.

Ira was born on June 22, 1930. He often exclaimed, "I was born on the longest day of the year." He was born to Ralph Christensen Reynolds and Armintha Jack Reynolds in Sanford, Colorado. Ira was the fourth of five children and the youngest son. He was always proud to be from the beautiful San Luis Valley.

In 1952, Ira enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving the country of his birthright during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1954. Because of this service to his country and his undying devotion to the Constitution, Ira instilled a love of country and patriotism in each of his children.

Ira married Margaret Ann Buhr on October 2, 1954. To this union 11 children were born: Cheryl (Craig) Dickason, Tom (Chris), Wayne (Jeanine), Gene (Denine), Steve (Tami Reynolds-Call), Bonnie (Rodney) Doolin, Michael (Louise), Jonathan (Kathleen), Shelly Reynolds, Jennifer Harris, Jeremy (Suzanne). He was blessed with 45 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren with the blessing of three additional spirits joining his posterity in coming months, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Ira has been a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many leadership positions and enjoyed working with the youth. Ira was a temple ordinance worker in the St. George Temple for three years. He was committed to serving wherever the Lord needed him.

Ira was preceded in death by his parents, his three older brothers, his son Steven, his granddaughter Betsy, and his great grandson Christian and by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and family members.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the Canyon View Stake Center (1985 North Main Street, Cedar City). A viewing was held on Friday, December 16, 2017 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City) and on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Canyon View Stake Center. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.sumortuary.com.

Ellen Harriet Dalton Davis



Ellen Harriet Dalton Davis, 89, passed away on December 10, 2016 in Cedar City, UT. She was born in Moab, Utah on January 22, 1927 to Albertus Dalton and Emma Eliza McConkie.

Ellen graduated from Grand County High School and attended Brigham Young University for two years. She married Lawrence Davis on October 7, 1946. Together they had 10 children. Being born and raised in Moab, Ellen instilled in her children a love of Moab and the surrounding areas. She was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ellen loved her Heavenly Father. She served two missions for the church - one in the Oregon, Portland Mission, and one at the Church Office Building in Salt Lake City, working on genealogy. She loved doing genealogy and spent many hours looking up family members and researching their histories.

Ellen worked in the Library for many years. She had a great love of books and reading. She especially enjoyed working with the small children and sharing books with them.

Ellen is survived by her children John (Hanna) of Vancouver, Wash., Kenneth (Becky) of Salt Lake City, Kristine of Cedar City, Jennie (Daryl) of Cedar City, Carol (Jeff) of Cedar City, James (Kristine) of Cedar City, Ruth (Bob) of Salt Lake City, and Dick (Kim) of Salt Lake City; 31 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and brother Melvin Dalton of Moab. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lawrence Davis, son David Dalton Davis, daughter Mary Ellen Beam, grandson Robby Davis, and great grandson Easton Jeffery Jones.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Cedar Stake Center (155 East 400 South, Cedar City). A viewing was held prior to the service. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com

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Wilma Savage Price



Wilma Savage Price, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt & friend, passed away peacefully at her home in Cedar City on 11 Dec 2016. Born to Howard Moroni Savage and Louise DeMille on 20 May 1950 in Cedar City.

Married Andy Pruitt after high school (later divorced). She attended cosmetology school and practiced in Cedar City for many years. Married Alan Bess (later divorced); together they had one child Staci (Tom) Ford. They lived in Page, Ariz., later moving to Las Vegas, Nev. where she worked at the King 8 Hotel Casino as a waitress. She met and married John Wayne Price on 11 Dec 1980. Together with

her daughter Staci and Johnny's son Terry, they lived a happy, eventful life in Las Vegas until moving back to Cedar City in 1990.

Wilma worked at Jerry's Beauty Salon and Albertsons until retiring in 2004. She spent many years dedicated to caring for her mother. They enjoyed quilting and making afghans together.

Wilma adored her three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was excited for the arrival of her third great grandchild. She would do anything to spoil them.

Wilma is survived by her devoted child Staci (Tom) Ford, grandchildren Corey (Sheyenne) Burt, Travis (Delana) Burt, and Brandi Burt; great grandchildren Karaline and Brenna Burt and one on the way; brothers Mike (Lou Ann) Savage, Paul (Geri) Savage and Jon (Linda) Savage.

Funeral services were held at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City) Saturday 17 Dec 2016 at 1 p.m. Viewing was held at the mortuary. Graveside dedication followed at Cedar City Cemetery under direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Mary Marlene McCollum Fischer



Mary Marlene McCollum Fischer passed from this world December 16, 2016. She was born August 22, 1935 in Kirksville, Missouri, to Floyd LaVerne and Alta Isabel Phillips McCollum. She married Jack Fischer and raised six children in Long Beach, California before moving to Enoch, Utah after retirement.

Fishing, camping, hunting and playing cards were all activities that Mary enjoyed. She spent many hours making tile mosaics and crocheting. Her wild horse mosaic earned first place at the Los Angeles County Fair. Mary crocheted many afghans for the cancer center, as well as potholders for her granddaughter's

fund raisers.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Floyd & Alta McCollum, brother Gerald McCollum, daughter Diane Colson and husband Jack Fischer. She is survived by sons Patrick (Debbie) Fischer, Paul Fischer, John Fischer, daughters Kathleen Manlugot and Laurie (James) Jones, 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and sister Linda Gartley.

The family would like to thank Ethan Bunker and Hannah with Alliance Hospice and those at Bella Terra for her care in her final days. Private family services to follow at a later date under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com

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FALCONS MAKE IT THREE STRAIGHT OVER REDMEN

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

The Canyon View Falcons didn't have the best of times shooting the ball in the first half of their cross-town rivalry game against Cedar on Dec. 16. Once the second half began, Porter Miller and Brantzen Blackner helped put the fight into overdrive and keep a special streak alive.

Miller led three players in double figures with 15 points, including four 3-pointers, and the Falcons blew the game open with a 20-5 third-quarter run that led to a 58-44 victory over the Redmen that spoiled Cedar's home opener.

CV trailed 22-20 at the half, but Miller got the run started with a 3-pointer, and Blackner, who scored all of his 14 points from the free-throw line (14-of-18) did the work inside with frequent drives to the basket. By the time the quarter ended, the Falcons had a 42-35 lead and were well on their way to a third straight win in the series.

"Tonight was my night, but the next game it could be Cash's (Christensen) or Abe's (Huxford) night," Miller said. "Our bench came in and did work. Everyone contributed. We all scored and we all shared."

Abe Huxford added 10 points for the Falcons, including a pair of 3-pointers in a 13-2 fourth-quarter run that pushed the lead to 55-37, the largest of the night, and allowed the Canyon View student section to celebrate with chants of "three-peat."

When the final horn sounded, the black-and-teal clad students



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Canyon View - Huxford 10, Blackner 14, Lambeth 9, Christensen 4, Dettling 6, Miller 15. Totals 16 18-25 58. 3-pointers - Huxford 2, Lambeth 1, Dettling 1, Miller 4.

Cedar - Garrett 3, Nielson 17, Fakahua 14, Haynie 10. Totals 16 10-15 44. 3-pointers - Nielson 2.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 -

Pine View 55, Canyon View 37
Copper Hills 50, Cedar 39

CASH CHRISTENSEN OF CANYON VIEW (LEFT) battles Cedar's Keenan Nielson for a rebound in CV's 58-44 win last week.

rushed the floor. Blackner called the rivalry win special for a multitude of reasons, especially for his teammate's shooting.

"You have to have confidence in your guys," Blackner said. "He made the first couple, so we just rolled with it. As long as it goes in, keep shooting."

"When we're at our best, everyone's contributing. That's

what makes us good."

CV head coach Robbie Potter said once the team's defense tightened up, it made a difference on the offensive end.

"In the first half, we settled for some things that weren't typical of us," Potter said. "Offensively, we were tougher going to the basket."

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Lady Reds handle Falcons

by Tom ZULEWSKI
Iron County Today

The Cedar Lady Reds held the lead for most of the way against Canyon View on Dec. 13, but the Falcons found themselves within striking distance early in the fourth quarter.

Courtne Lamb wouldn't allow the Lady Reds to fold.

Lamb finished with a game-high 14 points and hit one of her three 3-pointers that kick-started a clinching 16-5 run that gave Cedar a 52-43 over Canyon View at the Falcons' Nest. The Lady Reds beat the Falcons for the seventh straight time overall, but head coach John Elison knew it was different from the first meeting of this season.

"I was concerned the whole game," Elison said. "We just weren't putting them away and not clamping down like I know we can to try and open that gap."

Canyon View scored the game's first basket, but was able to keep its deficit within single digits until Cedar made the fourth-quarter run. Lindsay Robinson and Maisie Elison backed up Lamb with 10 points apiece.

Elison hit a basket early in the third quarter that put the Lady Reds up by a 32-22 count, but Morgan Cheney hit a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the period that cut the lead to 36-31 heading to the fourth.

Lamb and Elison both missed front ends of 1-and-1 free-throw opportunities to start the final eight minutes, and when Malia Vasi hit two of her own at the line, CV was within three at 36-33 before Cedar finally put the win away.

"We're just trying to figure out where we all fit because we lost so many strong players from last year," Lamb said. "We're figuring out what we need to do to get the W, slowly."

For the game, Canyon View was 20-of-27 from the free-throw line (74 percent), while Cedar was 14-of-26 (53 percent). Cheney led the Falcons with nine points and Vasi added eight.

The Falcons played a second straight game without head coach Jared Sanders, who was away to deal with medical issues. Robby Robinson led the team.

Both teams played a pair of games at the 3A/2A Preview tournament in Richfield on Friday and Saturday. The Lady Reds opened with a solid effort, cruising to a 49-33 win over Delta behind 12 points from freshman Japrix Weaver and 10 from Robinson.

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EMILY PEARSON, SECOND FROM RIGHT, and cousin Sara Pearson (inset) are teammates for the Lady Reds of Cedar High School.



TOM ZULEWSKI

Pearsons double up bench depth for Lady Reds

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

For any player on any basketball team, a good work ethic will go a long way. With cousins Sara and Emily Pearson, Cedar girls hoops head coach John Elison has a pair that fits the bill to perfection.

Although their role comes primarily off the bench, the Pearsons – who live a block apart from each other and are both seniors – give added depth to a Lady Reds team that is off to a 6-1 start.

“They’re awesome kids, two of the best I could ever coach,” Elison said. “They’re model young ladies, great students; they work hard, listen and execute what we ask them to do. I couldn’t be more pleased.”

Unlike a typical sibling rivalry, the cousins aren’t as competitive with each other mainly because they play different positions on the floor. The taller Emily, at 5-foot-10, is a forward and Sara is a guard who stands 5-9.

Emily Pearson had one start against Canyon View on Dec. 13 and came up with season highs off the bench with five points and nine rebounds in a win over Enterprise on Dec. 8. Sara Pearson’s season bests came in a Dec. 2 road loss at Springville with five points and six boards.

The Pearsons have played the game together on a team level since they were in 5th grade and Emily said playing at different spots allows them to complement each other.

“It’s easier and not as competitive,” she said. “We try to help each other out.”

Sara Pearson said having her cousin as part of the team only adds to the fun.

“I’ve played the game with her since we were six (years old),” she said. “We have that bond.”

As if playing together wasn’t enough to make things interesting, Sara and Emily see each other through most of the school day. Sara said they have “every class together, except for one.”

And the best parts of their game are as different as where they play on the floor. “Emily’s really good at getting open. I’m usually a strong

shooter,” Sara said. “I know I can do better than I’m doing right now, though.”

Playing on a team that reached the 3A state final for the first time, Emily said the team has the mental makeup to make another run, even as they figure out their identity.

“A lot of things stay the same, but some are new,” she said. “We can improve a lot and haven’t met our full potential yet.”

“They’re awesome kids, two of the best I could ever coach”

— Cedar girls head coach John Elison

Rams split pair of games

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

The Parowan Rams boys basketball team rebounded from a rough loss in Region 20 play on Thursday and ended up splitting its two games from last week.

Porter Wood led three Rams players in double figures with 16 points, but Parowan couldn’t hold a six-point halftime lead and dropped a 58-56 decision on the road at Bryce Valley to snap a four-game winning streak. The Rams outscored the Mustangs 15-5 in the second quarter and took a 34-28 lead at the break.

Jarrin Church added 11 points, Ethan Guymon chipped in 10, and Nathan Goodman added nine points and 10 rebounds in the loss for Parowan. Easton Syrett led three Bryce Valley players in double figures with 19 points.

The Rams returned home Saturday night and held Diamond Ranch to just one point in the third quarter on the way to a 79-27 rout

over the Diamondbacks. Parowan outscored Diamond Ranch 45-6 in the second half and evened its Region 20 record at 2-2 on the season, 5-2 overall.

Guymon led six Parowan players in double figures with 17 points and Trevor Bassett added 16.

Parowan traveled to play at Hurricane on Tuesday in a non-region matchup. Results were not available at press deadline.

The Rams girls hoop team also split its Region 20 games from last week, both coming at home. Parowan doubled up Escalante in a 44-22 win last Wednesday, but dropped a 53-25 decision to Piute. The visiting Thunderbirds led 21-6 after the first quarter and never looked back.

Parowan is 1-2 in Region 20 and 3-5 overall. They played home games Monday and Tuesday vs. American Leadership and Kanab, respectively, and will return to Region 20 play tonight at Bryce Valley. Results were not available at press deadline.



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T-Bird men drop their fifth straight contest

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

After three road games and two and a half weeks, the Southern Utah men's basketball team returned home and got off to a quick start against an old foe from its days in the Summit League. Once the IUPUI Jaguars heated up, the Thunderbirds were left wondering what hit them.

Matt O'Leary led five players in double figures with 20 points, and IUPUI shot 60 percent from the floor with 13 3-pointers on the way to a 101-81 rout over Southern Utah before a sparse crowd of just over 1,000 fans at the Centrum, the T-Birds' fifth straight loss. SUU committed 18 turnovers that led to 25 IUPUI points and fell to 2-9 overall.

Thanks to two huge first-half runs, IUPUI (5-7) built a 51-29 lead at the break and pushed it to as much as 35 in the second half.

"When they made nine threes in the first half, it kind of shell-shocked us," SUU head coach Todd Simon said. "It was the first time all season where guys weren't able to turn the page quick enough to stop it.

"Sometimes when you defend a guy well and he makes a shot, you can't hang your head. It's going to happen. It's part of the game."

After John Marshall hit a pair of free throws that pulled the T-Birds within 14-12, the Jaguars went on a 10-0 run that was capped by a Darell Combs (16 points) 3-pointer.

Marshall would hit two more from the line as part of an 8-2 SUU answer, but T.J. Henderson helped IUPUI respond with two more threes that keyed an 11-0 run and put the visitors up 37-20.

By the time the first half ended, the Jaguars hit more 3-pointers (nine) than the T-Birds had field goals (eight).

The Jaguars came out and continued their hot shooting in the second half, hitting 19 of 25 from the floor at one stretch as they built their huge lead. SUU closed the game with a 22-7 run over the final five and

a half minutes, but it was much too late and only served to make the final score a little easier to swallow.

The T-Birds played without Race Parsons, who is battling a lower-leg injury, and the flu bug bit the team during the week.



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IUPUI - Combs 16, Henderson 11, K. Thomas 9, James 4, O'Leary 20, McCall 4, Hall 11, Patterson 15, Fraser 2, N. Thomas 2, Brennan 7. Totals 38-63 12-20 101. 3-pointers - Combs 2, Henderson 2, K. Thomas 1, O'Leary 4, Patterson 3, Brennan 1.

S. Utah - Onwuasor 20, Marshall 4, Calloway 15, Joyce 7, McGee 16, Madunic 3, Musoko 8, Holker 8. Totals 25-52 24-31 81. 3-pointers - Onwuasor 1, Calloway 2, McGee 3, Madunic 1.

JAMES MCGEE SCORED 16 POINTS, but SUU's men's basketball team lost their fifth straight game, to IUPUI last week.



COURTESY OF SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

"We didn't have enough healthy bodies to practice," Simon said. "It's getting trickier, and today was a byproduct of some of that fatigue. IUPUI is a top-150 KenPom team in the nation that's played Big Ten teams tough. If you make turnovers, you will pay."

James McGee backed up Onwuasor with 16 points and Jacob Calloway added 15.

"We didn't have the alertness and readiness to play against a good team like IUPUI," McGee said. "It trickled down from the first turnover and we wanted to get back in the game, but every time we tried, it caused another one. There's ups and downs during a

season, but there's no excuse for how we played."

SUU had a quick turnaround and began a five-game road trip with a matchup at Seattle University on Monday. They will play at San Jose State tonight in an 8 p.m. tipoff.

NOTES: SUU was 24-of-31 at the free-throw line to IUPUI's 12-of-20, but the Jaguars made 13 more field goals (38-25) and finished with a 34-26 rebounding edge. ... IUPUI reached the 100-point mark for the second straight game and finished with a double-figure total in 3-pointers for the third game in a row. ... The T-Birds shot 57 percent from the floor in the second half.

Lady T-Birds lose close one to Grand Canyon

by **SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**
For Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — The SUU women's basketball team played their final non-conference home game Friday night in the Centrum Arena. The game was close all the way through as the Antelopes led for 18:46 and the Thunderbirds led for 18:18, but in the end Grand Canyon University was able to walk away with the win.

"I'm really happy with how hard they worked. For most of the game the level of play was really good and really tough. Down the stretch, Grand Canyon was able to out execute us and we had too many mistakes in the fourth quarter that cost us our lead," head coach Chris Boettcher said

of the tough loss Friday night.

The Thunderbirds had a 48.3 shooting percentage and 19 rebounds in the first half and were able to take a 36-35 lead on a layup by freshman Skylee Doman heading into halftime.

The second half had seven lead changes, but with the score tied 70-70 and 1:15 left to play, the Antelopes would turn a 6-3 run into a 76-73 victory.

Sophomore Darri Frandsen led the scoring for the Thunderbirds with 19 points on the night. She also was able to add five rebounds and two blocks. Senior Jessica Richardson was the leading rebounder for the T-Birds with six.

Casey Rarrick and Zelor Massaquoi led the attack for the Antelopes with 18 points each.

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Brantzen, Porter and Cash settled for fadeaways in the first half, but in the second half they were going to get fouled or get stopped."

Keenan Nielson led Cedar (1-5) with 17 points, but only three other players scored. Mason Fakahua added 14 and Parker Haynie chipped in with 10. Braden Garrett added three points in the closing moments.

The game featured seven lead changes and three ties in the first half before Blackner hit two free throws that gave the Falcons the lead for good early in the third quarter.

In its earlier games of the week, both teams fell on the short end of the final score. Canyon View dropped a 55-37 decision on the road at Pine View on Dec. 13, while Cedar lost at 5A school Copper Hills, 50-39.

Both teams play one home game before the holiday break. Cedar hosted North Sanpete on Tuesday, but results weren't available at press deadline. Canyon View welcomes Delta to the Falcons' Nest tonight in a 7 p.m. tipoff.



COURTESY OF SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

THE LADY T-BIRDS BATTLED GRAND CANYON all the way before dropping a 76-73 decision.

A loss is a loss, no matter how it looks

As I sat in my press perch at the Centrum on Saturday afternoon, it was interesting to watch the Southern Utah men's basketball team in its first home game in nearly three weeks against an old Summit League foe in IUPUI.

It wasn't so much for the atmosphere – with the university on winter break, the crowd was announced at barely 1,000 – but for what unfolded once the ball went up.

While the visiting Jaguars couldn't miss, the T-Birds couldn't take care of the ball without a how-to manual as they were blown out in a 101-81 loss, its fifth straight as they fell to 2-9 overall.

Afterwards, head coach Todd Simon remarked how the team played much better in the second half. SUU outscored IUPUI by two, 52-50, over the final 20 minutes, but it was augmented by a 22-7 run over the final five and a half minutes that brought the deficit down from a high of 35.

And that was against a team that came to Cedar City with a 4-7 record and one road win in eight previous games. The Jaguars were on fire from the floor as they hit 19 of their first 25 shots in the second half to build even further on a 51-29 halftime advantage.

But somehow, the T-Birds made the final score “respectable,” which is wide-open for interpretation.

SUU doesn't have any easy fixes ahead, but the rest of the Big Sky isn't exactly lighting the world on fire. Only Eastern Washington (8-3), Portland State (5-4) and North Dakota (5-4) have winning records through games played Dec. 17.

Paraphrasing what an infamous part-time politician once said, you can put lipstick on a bad basketball team, it still won't change who they are. Right now, the T-Birds aren't very good, and they're in the middle of a five-game road trip that ends Jan. 12.

–On the NFL front, our three former SUU players are all in fine shape for making the playoffs. James Cowser had two tackles for the Oakland Raiders, who rallied to beat the San Diego Chargers on the road, 19-16, and clinch their first playoff berth since they last went to the Super Bowl in 2002.

One of Cowser's former teammates, LeShaun Sims, played an indirect part as the Tennessee Titans beat the Kansas City Chiefs earlier in the day, 19-17, at Arrowhead Stadium. The Titans kept pace with Houston, who rallied to beat



RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Sports Writer

Jacksonville 21-20, at 8-6 and in a tie for first in the AFC South. Sims played, but didn't record a tackle.

The Titans will host the Texans in the regular-season finale on New Year's Day.

Over in Detroit, Miles Killebrew had two tackles, but the Lions saw their five-game winning streak end Sunday with a 17-6 loss to the New York Giants. The good news: Detroit is still in first place in the NFC North at 9-5. The bad: the Green Bay Packers somehow held off the Chicago Bears and closed within a game at 8-6.

Translation: the Lions will need a win at Dallas on Monday Night Football on Dec. 26 combined with a Packers loss at home to the Minnesota Vikings to clinch their first division title since 1993.

The much more likely scenario: Detroit will host Green Bay at Ford Field in the regular-season finale with, depending on how the games play out next week, a playoff berth on the line.

–Staying with football, Cedar High alum John Ursua (2012) has one more football game to play in his redshirt freshman season on Christmas Eve. The Rainbow Warriors, despite a 6-7 overall record, will host Middle Tennessee State at Aloha Stadium in the Hawaii Bowl. Kickoff is

at 6 p.m. on ESPN.

–And finally, former SUU women's basketball head coach J.R. Payne is settling in rather well in her first season at Colorado. Payne has guided the Lady Buffaloes to a perfect 10-0 start and No. 15 national ranking. They're one of three Pac-12 teams (Utah, Cal) with unbeaten records.

But still absent from the rafters or walls at the Centrum is any sign of the banner that marks the 2014 Big Sky championship the T-Birds won in Payne's final year in Cedar City. One of my Christmas wishes: It's about time for the school to do the right thing and give that year's team the recognition it deserves.

It's a Christmas gift that will keep on giving for future recruits to come.

Follow Tom Zulewski on Twitter @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

STACIE WEBB IS PART OF A STRONG SUU GYMNASTICS TEAM that is ranked second in a preseason conference poll.



COURTESY OF SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

Lady gymnastics team second in conference poll

by **SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**

For Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — The Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll was received on Friday and the Flippin' Birds of Southern Utah were voted second in the conference.

The Thunderbirds received one first place vote.

The Broncos of Boise State, who have won the conference championship the past two seasons, were selected as the top team in the league with three of the four first place votes.

Utah State and Brigham Young both received four points in a tie for third.

“I think the MRGC over the last couple years has proven to be one of

the strongest conferences out there,” SUU head coach Scott Bauman said. “Even though we're not the biggest conference, we have really good teams in there this year.”

This season the Thunderbirds are loaded with experience, with four seniors on the roster. One of those seniors includes Danielle Ramirez, who qualified for the NCAA National Championships last season as an individual.

The MRGC is one of only two gymnastics-only conferences in Division I.

This year the MRGC Championships will be held in Logan and hosted by Utah State. The Flippin' Birds will open their season on Jan. 20 against Stanford in the Centrum Arena. Tickets can be purchased at tbirdtickets.com.

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Nine different players scored for the Lady Reds as they built a 25-15 halftime lead and rolled on from there.

As Sanders returned to the bench, the Falcons got 14 points from Alycia Flores and broke a season-opening six-game losing streak with a 45-38 win over South Sevier. Canyon View led 19-17 at the half and held on for the victory.

Vasi added nine points and Cheney helped out with seven.

CV completed a two-game sweep at the Preview with a 51-49 overtime victory over Kanab behind 16 points from Amber Francisco and 10 from

Flores to improve to 2-6 on the season. The Falcons played at Dixie on Tuesday in the final game before the Christmas break. Results weren't available at press time.

Cedar extended its winning streak to five overall and improved to 6-1 on the season with a 46-40 overtime victory over Juan Diego. The Lady Reds trailed 26-10 at the half, but wiped out the deficit over the final 16 minutes to force the extra period and secure the win.

Elison led the way with 12 points and Weaver added 10.

The Lady Reds are on the holiday break and return to play at the Steve Hodson Classic with a game at home against Stansbury on Dec. 28 in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

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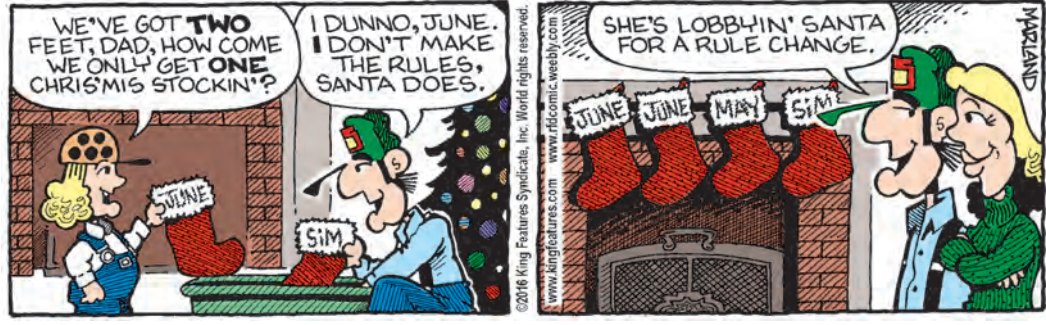
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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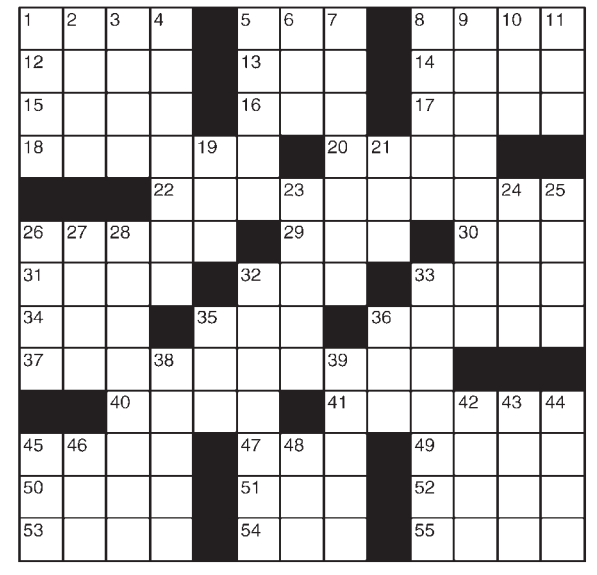
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ACROSS

- 1 Final
- 5 Recipe meas.
- 8 Foolproof
- 12 Eastern pot-entate (Var.)
- 13 Carnival city
- 14 Slaughter of baseball
- 15 Parks at a bus stop?
- 16 Japanese sash
- 17 Gallon frac-tion
- 18 Hands-on-hips
- 20 Small combo
- 22 Women's wear
- 26 Wander off
- 29 Height of fashion?
- 30 Bother
- 31 Addict
- 32 Supporting
- 33 Cruising
- 34 Aries
- 35 Despondent
- 36 Square dance group
- 37 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 40 Hearts, for one
- 41 Phone func-tion
- 45 "Simpsons" creator
- 47 Groening
- 49 Yoko of music
- 49 Nervous



- 50 Help a hood
 - 51 Debtor's let-ters
 - 52 Early period
 - 53 Indiana city
 - 54 CD succes-sor
 - 55 Verve
 - 8 Brown tone
 - 9 Norma Rae, for one
 - 10 Paul of poli-tics
 - 11 Superlative ending
 - 19 Chesapeake, e.g.
 - 21 Spinning stat
 - 23 "Mary Tyler Moore Show" spinoff
 - 24 Genealogy chart
 - 25 Old card game
 - 26 Look for a website
 - 27 Despot
 - 28 Digitize an old LP, e.g.
 - 32 Bit of trivia
 - 33 College life
 - 35 Tackle moguls
 - 36 4-Down con-tents
 - 38 Eccentric
 - 39 Pleased with oneself
 - 42 "American —"
 - 43 City in India
 - 44 Loretta of country music
 - 45 Periodical, for short
 - 46 Lawyers' org.
 - 48 Thanksgiving mo.
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DOWN

- 1 Zhivago's love
- 2 Out of control
- 3 Emphatic assent in Acapulco
- 4 It gets a load from a lode
- 5 Scout group
- 6 Bro or sis
- 7 "Lilies of the Field" actor

8	1	3	7	2	9	6	4	5
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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: What was the name of the space-craft in which John Glenn orbited the Earth as the first American in space?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are runes?
3. MOVIES: Which film won best picture at the 1994 Oscars?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the more common name for an affidavit?
5. LITERATURE: Which Russian author wrote the novel "War and Peace"?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What species of fish goes by the name "steelhead" and "rainbow"?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the shortest in stature?
8. EXPLORERS: Which Portuguese explorer discovered the sea route to India?
9. COMEDY: What was the name of the third baseman in Abbott and Costello's comedy routine "Who's on First"?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the process of aging cheese called?

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1. Friendship 7; 2. A mark or letter of magical significance; 3. "Forrest Gump"; 4. Sworn statement; 5. Leo Tolstoy; 6. Trout; 7. James Madison; 8. Vasco da Gama; 9. I Don't Know; 10. Affidavit