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FLAMES CONSUMED THE SERVICE GARAGE AREA OF D & P PERFORMANCE AND RECREATION in Cedar City on Dec. 19.

D & P PERFORMANCE FACEBOOK PAGE

Electrical short in forklift determined as source of blaze that causes extensive damage, no injuries

by Craig **BENNETT**
Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — A fast burning fire consumed the service garage of D & P Performance and Recreation, located at 110 E. Center Street, on Dec. 19. D & P is locally owned and operated and sells Arctic Cat products and accessories.

Cedar City Fire Chief Mike Phillips said the call came in at around 7:04 p.m. The business was closed at the time and no occupants were in the building. There were no injuries either inside or outside the structure.

An electrical short in a forklift that had been moved into the service garage area shortly before the first started was determined to be the

cause. Damage was extensive to the room, the service bays and the equipment inside. The blaze was stopped before it reached the storefront that houses new inventory of vehicles, supplies and accessories.

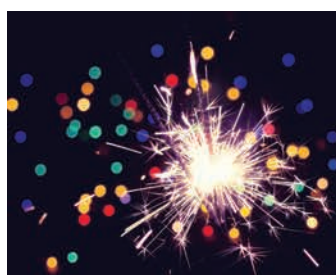
The temperature was well below freezing and hampered fire fighters fighting the fire. The mist from the fire hoses and nozzles froze immediately

in the frigid temperature. There was also concern with ice buildup on the ground that caused the possibility of firefighters slipping and falling.

Fire personnel were on site late into the evening working on the possible location of where the fire started and cause of the fire, as well as doing what firefighters call

overhaul and mop up to put out hotspots and prevent the possibility of another fire starting.

D & P continued to receive phone calls the rest of the week from customers and well wishers, and some business was conducted as early as Wednesday. The business opened again on Friday morning.



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Passage of mental health bill lauded by local NAMI officials

by Craig **BENNETT**
Iron County Today

On Dec. 1, House Resolution 34 was passed in the U.S. House of Representatives by a stunning vote of 392 to 26. The Mental Health Reform bill is widely referred to as the 21st Century Cures Act.

Wayne Connors, with the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) SW, said the passage was both unexpected by such a large margin, and long overdue.

"Many, many people involved in the world are living with mental illness," he told Iron County Today. "It is a big bill and has a lot of meaningful parts: Title VI - Leadership; Oversight and accountability; Title VII - ensuring Mental Health and Substance abuse Disorder Prevention, Treatment and Recovery programs keep pace with

Science and Technology. Title VIII - Supporting State prevention activities and responses of mental health and substance use disorders needs. Title IX Promoting access to mental health and substance use disorder care, (includes helping individuals and families).

Connors went on to say the bill also strengthens the health care work-force-grants to support recruitment and education of mental health care providers, psychiatry, social work, psychology. Title X - Strengthening Disorder Care for women, children and adolescents. Title XI - Compassionate Communication

on HIPAA. Title XII - Medicaid Mental Health Coverage. Title XIII - Mental health parity. Title XIV - Mental Health and safe Communities; AOT (assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs)-court ordered outpatient treatment programs to prevent the escalation of mental health crises and substance abuse. It deals with alternatives to incarceration programs. (60 percent of all incarcerated personnel have some form of severe mental illness).

"This bill also supports mental health and suicide education,

prevention and awareness in school and college for both students and the teachers," Connors said. "St George has a very successful Mental Health Court and graduates many people whom would have spent a lot of time in

jail without Outpatient Assistance Treatment program."

How big a problem is mental illness? According to a survey conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Utah has the

highest rate of mental illness in the nation, with 22.4 percent of the adult population in Utah reporting experiencing a mental disorder in the past year. Out of that group, 5.14 percent had a severe mental disorder that interfered with their daily activities.

Of the 92,400 adults surveyed, the study reported that 18.2 percent of respondents stated they have experienced a mental illness in the past year. If this percentage is applied to the U.S. population, that would be approximately 42.5 million people. Four percent responded as having severe mental illness, which would correlate to approximately 9.3 million people.

The presence of "Severe Mental Illness" and "Any Mental Illness" in every state reinforces that mental illness is a major public health concern in the United States. Researchers involved in the study wrote, "Factors that potentially contribute to the variation are not well understood and need further study."

The bill also authorizes \$1.6 billion for the Brain Research through Advancing Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) initiative, an effort to understand brain conditions, and \$1.6 billion for the Precision Medicine Initiative, and also requires the FDA to include patient experience in regulatory decisions.



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BLM lays foundation for managing Red Cliffs National Conservation Area

ST. GEORGE — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has signed records of decision (RODs) completing the planning process for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs national conservation areas' resource management plans (RMPs) and the St. George Field Office RMP amendment. The RODs identify management plan decisions and explain the rationale behind them. These new plans form the basis for every on-the-ground action the BLM takes and, through these plans, the BLM has established a blueprint for how these areas will be managed in the future.

Public feedback, starting with public meetings in 2010, helped the BLM identify concerns and balance interests. The plans result from years of public and stakeholder involvement as well as consultation with Washington County. "Managing these unique and awe-inspiring resources extends beyond just one individual, agency, or interest. Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs are the BLM's only two NCAs in Utah, and these plans provide the framework for management," said BLM-Utah State Director Ed Roberson.

The BLM developed the plans to meet the conservation requirements outlined by Congress in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. Through that act, Congress designated these NCAs to "conserve, protect, and enhance... the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natural, educational, and scientific resources."

The plans were open to public comments and review at multiple stages, from the posted Notice of Intent, to the draft plans and, for those who participated previously, a protest period for the proposed plans. The plans reflect input gathered from public comments as well as from meetings and reviews with Washington County officials, municipalities, and information provided by state and federal agencies addressing wildlife, archeological resources, paleontological resources, viewsheds, recreation, grazing, and more.

The Beaver Dam Wash NCA covers 63,478 acres and is located in the southwest corner of Utah.

The Red Cliffs NCA comprises 44,859 acres and is just out the back door for many residents of St. George. Red Cliffs provides important habitat to the threatened Mojave desert tortoise and many unusual plant species that take advantage of the intersection of the Colorado Plateau, the Great Basin, and

the Mojave Desert. This area includes a stretch of the Virgin River and a number of hikes suitable for kids who want to explore dinosaur tracks and natural arches.

The BLM also released the St. George Field Office resource management plan amendment ROD. As directed by OPLMA, the amendment addresses two primary management issues: identification of areas where biological conservation is a priority and modifications of the off-highway vehicle area designations to prepare for the development of a comprehensive travel management plan.

Copies of the documents are available for inspection at the Interagency Public Lands Information Center, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, UT 84790, and the BLM Utah State Office Public Room, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The documents may also be downloaded at: <http://bit.ly/2fhtN3P>.

Certain decisions in the approved RMPs are implementation-level decisions and can be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals. Any party adversely affected by the implementation-level decisions may appeal within 30 days of publication of Notice of Availability for the RODs, in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR, part 4. The appeal should state the specific numbered decision and the rationale for the appeal. Within 30 days of the posting of this decision ("date of service"), a Notice of

Appeal must be filed in writing to:

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440 West 200 South, Suite 500
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1345

At the same time, a copy of the Notice of Appeal must also be sent to:

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**— Ed Roberson,
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Parent's "Santa Chat" from the Heart

The Internet age has been disruptive. Political talk this month revolves around "fake news" and the inability of many Americans to separate the "real" from the "downright made-up lies" spread online.

The computer age has also presented economic challenges to a host of industries and organizations (The U.S. Post Office victimized by e-mail, newspapers harmed by instant digital coverage, and physical retail stores losing ground to online shoppers, etc.).

However, the Internet also brought a new information age to those who use it wisely and can discern real news from opinion from nasty whoppers and innuendo. I found a good example from a sage mother this week. In a Facebook post, she wrote of every parent's Christmas dilemma: As your child ages, how do you tell him or her that Santa is....well, you know?

When her sons turns six or seven years old and had "dawning suspicion" that Santa may not be a mortal being, she would take the child out "for coffee" and provide her Santa chat.

"You sure have grown an awful lot this year," she told him. "Not only are you taller, but I can see your heart has grown too. In fact, your heard has grown so much I think you are ready to become a Santa Claus."

"You probably noticed that most of the Santas you see are people dressed up like him. Some of your friends may have told you there is no Santa. A lot of

children think that because they aren't ready to be a Santa yet, but you are.

"Now I think you are ready to do your first job as a Santa."

She then asks the child to choose someone they know – often a neighbor.



Cyclops

by Bryan GRAY
Columnist

When her sons turned six or seven years old and had "dawning suspicion" that Santa may not be a mortal being, she would take the child out "for coffee" and provide her Santa chat

The child's mission is to secretly, deviously find out something that person needs, then provide it, wrap it, deliver it, and never reveal where it came from.

"Being a Santa," she tells them, "isn't about getting credit. It's unselfish giving."

Her oldest child chose the "witch

lady" who chased children out of her yard and was commonly cranky. Her boy had noticed that when the woman retrieved her newspaper from her front drive, she always had bare feet. He bought a pair of slippers, wrapped them up, tagged it "Merry Christmas from Santa", then crept down to her house and slid the package under her driveway gate. ("The next morning we watched her walk out wearing her new slippers.")

Another year he polished up his bike, put a new seat on it and gifted it to a daughter of a poor family. ("The look on the girl's face when she saw the bike on the patio was almost as good as the look on my son's face.")

When it came time for her next son to join the ranks, the oldest came along and helped with the induction speech on the Secret to Being a Santa.

Not long after my wife received the woman's post, I was approached by a reader who was worried about telling her nine-year old about Santa's past deeds.

"I'm afraid she might blame me for lying to her all these years," she said.

I had an answer. Hopefully, the post on Facebook will help, along with giving the child an introduction to the spirit of Christmas, unselfish giving from the heart.

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

Parowan City Council sets 2017 meetings

PAROWAN — The Parowan City Council has announced its schedule for regular council meetings in 2017. The council will meet on the following dates:

Jan. 12 and 26
Feb. 9 and 23
March 9 and 23
April 13 and 27
May 11 and 25
June 8 and 22
July 13 and 27
Aug. 10 and 24
Sept. 14—No meeting due to ULC&T Convention
Sept. 28
Oct. 12 and 26
Nov. 9
Nov. 23—No meeting —Thanksgiving
Dec. 14 and 28

Meetings will be held at the Parowan City Council Chambers, 35 E. 100 North, Parowan, starting at 6 p.m. Persons or groups wishing to address the City Council must complete and submit an application no less than 7 days prior to the City Council Meeting date by 11 a.m. to the Parowan City Recorder.



'Home Hardening' workshop planned on Jan. 14

Well Prepared.com will offer a free workshop on home security called "Home Hardening" on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Featured speaker is Scott Thomas, who will discuss principles of security,

real threats to the area, countermeasures, emergency exits, and more. The workshop is designed to help anyone "harden" their homes, whether they are homes, apartments, mobile homes, RVs, basements or caves—to protect your home from intruders, thieves, fire, flood, smoke, earthquakes, or other natural disasters.

It will be held at the Iron County Visitors Center, 581 N. Main in Cedar City, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bookings

Below are bookings as reported by the Iron County Sheriff's Department and Cedar City Police Department. Those arrested are innocent until proven guilty.

December 16

Bryce A. Mansfield, Cedar City
Theft

December 17

Cheyenne Santa-Cruz, Cedar City
Assault

Austin J. Wylie, Cedar City
Assault

December 18

Nathan B. Lund, Cedar City
Intoxication

Morgan R. Sharp, Cedar City
Possession

Miguel S. Soto, Cedar City
Aggravated Assault, Burglary

December 19

James C. Barton, Cedar City
Theft Against Life/Property

Lyndsie M. Rust, Cedar City
Possession

Morgan M. Estrada, Los Angeles
Possession, Driving on Suspended License

December 20

Marlo E. Hafen, Cedar City
False Info to Police

Hailey K. Russell, Cedar City
Retail Theft

Maria Carmen E. Trujillo, Cedar City
Retail Theft

December 21

Joshua K. Hoyt, Cedar City
FTA-Warrant

Leon M. Braget, Cedar City
Theft, Possession of danger weapon, Intoxication

December 22

Phoungnue B. Chandara, Cedar City
Assault, Aggravated Assault

December 24

Ricardo A. Rodriguez, Cedar City
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Wynne L. Scott Jr, Cedar City
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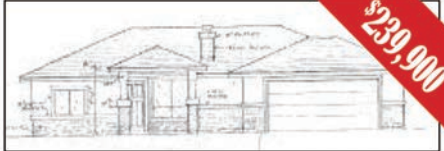
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New Construction in Sagewood Subdivision
This beautiful new home should be completed in 3 months, floor plan is "Exceptional", wonderful layout! Large spacious rooms, vaulted ceilings, & 9' ceilings through out! Upgraded cabinets, Luxury Vinyl Plank Floors in Kitchen, Dining Room, & Entryway. Gas fireplace, master tub & separate shower. Dual sinks, Unfurnished basement plumbed for 2 baths. Main floor built on trusses so basement heating and A/C ducts will not show. Oversized garage, front landscaping w/auto sprinklers. There's still time to pick colors!!
MLS#77078 • Judy Lindsay 559-1346



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Perfect Horse Property
6 bedroom, 3 bath home on 6 acres with approx. 3 acres of irrigated pasture. Formal living room with fireplace, a large master bedroom, & a spacious kitchen. Includes well and water rights. Owner/Broker.
Marcus Hansen 559-8297



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Nice Home in Parowan
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Red Cross blood drive continues into new year

As freezing temperatures and harsh weather grip much of the nation, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood or platelets to help meet the constant need for blood this winter.

Millions of people are expected to take to the roads, rail and air to celebrate the season, which can cause fewer donors to be available and lead to a decline in blood and platelet donations. In addition, severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses can temporarily prevent some from giving. Donors with all blood types are needed now to help patients. As a special thank you for taking the time to donate, those who come out to give through Jan. 8 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

"Many of us celebrate this time of year with loved ones, but patients may spend the holidays and ring in the new year from a hospital room," said Nick Gehrig, communications director, Red Cross Blood Services. "Blood and platelet donors can bring joy to patients and their families by giving blood or platelets to help ensure patients receive the lifesaving treatments they need."

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Beaver

Jan. 5: 1:30 - 7:30 p.m., Beaver 3rd, 4th & 5th Ward Chapel, 220 North Main

Cedar City

Jan. 10: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Cedar City Hospital, 1303 North Main
Jan. 13: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Hunter Conference Center, 351 West University Blvd.

Hurricane

Jan. 11: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Hurricane 10th Ward Red Brick Chapel, 274 South 100 West
Jan. 14: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Hurricane High School, 345 W. 100 S.

Ivins

Dec. 28: 2 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Old Ivins Chapel, 40 West Center

Parowan Drill Team piles on the awards



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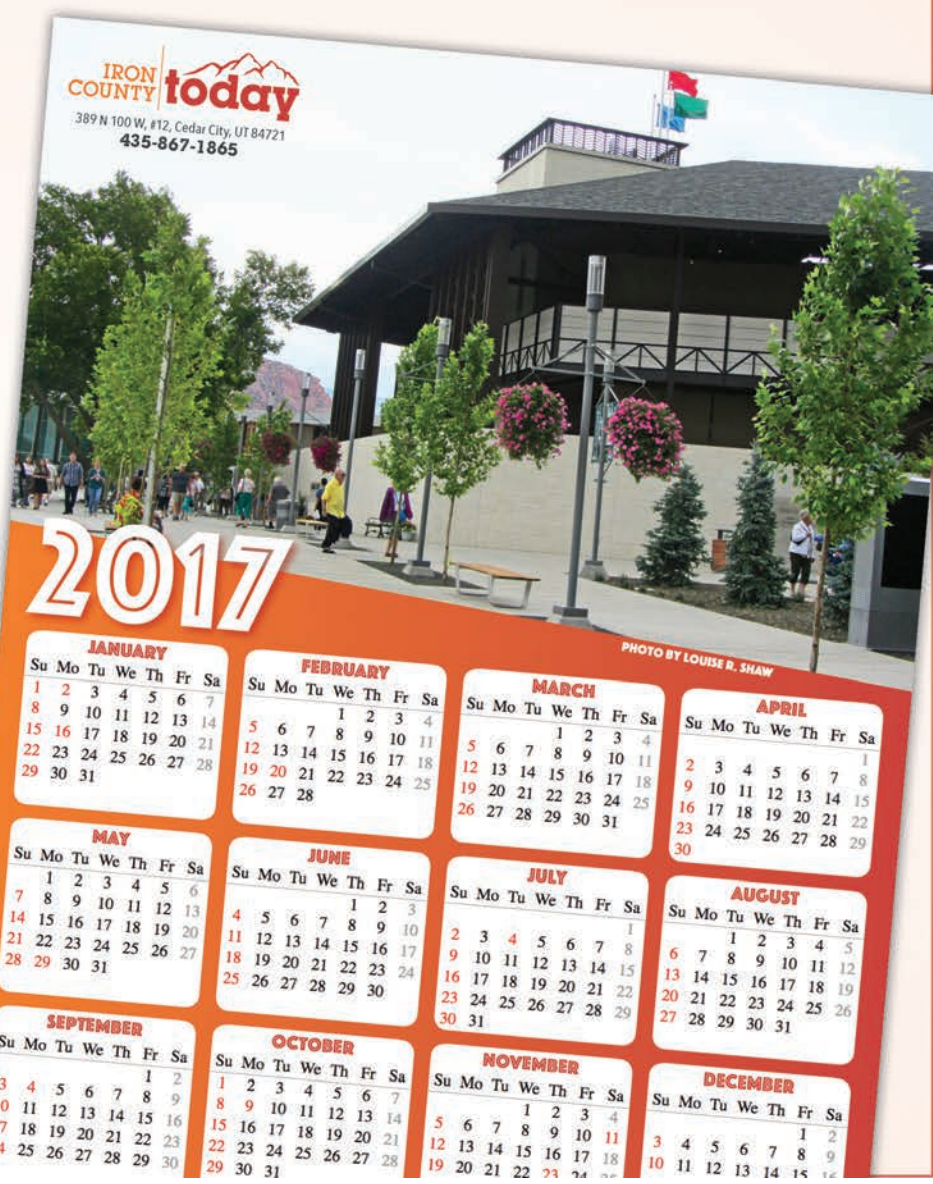
THE PAROWAN HIGH SCHOOL RAMMETTES returned from the Great Basin Invitational in Delta with a lot of awards. They placed 1st in Hip Hop, 1st in Dance, 2nd in Military and 2nd in Kick. The girls have their sights set on another region championship and will contend for the state title in February. The Rammettes are coached by Jamie Church, Camille Topham and Natalie Townsend.

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SUU Arts administration celebrates 15 years

by Ashley H. **POLLOCK**
Southern Utah University

CEDAR CITY — The Arts Administration master's program at Southern Utah University is celebrating its 15th anniversary. This program consists of a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) two-year program that is done on campus as well as a Master of Arts (MA) that is completed online taking from one to six years to complete. While the MFA has been in full swing for 15 years, the MA started only three years ago in 2013.

Over the last five years, the Arts Administration program has seen substantial growth in enrollment. With the fastest growing graduate program at SUU, Arts Administration has increased enrollment consecutively more each year since 2013.

Melinda Pfundstein Vaughn, Assistant Professor of Theatre at SUU and graduate of the Master of Arts in Arts Administration in 2015, said, "As an artist, I have never been short on ideas and dreams, but SUU's Arts Administration program taught me the skills of analysis and strategy that has helped turn those dreams into vision."

Current Director of Arts Administration and graduate of the Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration in 2006, Rachel Bishop, said, "The mission of the Arts Administration program focuses on the development of graduates who balance administrative systems with the creative process in an effort to ensure the artistic integrity and economic sustainability of arts organizations. Students receive expert training and gain the skills, knowledge, and experiences essential to advocate for the arts."

The MA degree courses consist of financial management, development, fundraising, marketing, legal issues, leadership, arts advocacy, cultural policy,



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SUU STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED the school's Master of Fine Arts program for 15 years, an anniversary the department recently celebrated.

and board development. The MFA degree includes the same coursework combined with work opportunities through the program's professional affiliates: artsFUSION, Garth and Jerri Frehner Museum of Natural History, the Southern Utah Museum of Art, SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts, and the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

Sara M. K. Neal, Associate Director of Marketing at Ballet West and graduate of the Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration in 2008, said, "Attending the Arts Administration program at SUU was the best decision I made for my career. The coursework gave me insight into all areas of non-profit administration, while my

work with Cedar City area arts organizations gave me the practical experience and a venue to apply my knowledge. The network of accomplished alumni and faculty has proved to be a valuable tool for brainstorming and sharing case studies with colleagues across the nation."

"The Arts Administration program at SUU inspired me to turn my passion for the arts into a career as an 'arts maker'"

— **Justin Jorgensen, USF Sponsorships and Special Events Coordinator**

Justin Jorgensen, Utah Shakespeare Festival Sponsorships and Special Events Coordinator, graduated with a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration in 2013. He said, "The Arts Administration program at Southern Utah University inspired me to turn my passion for the arts into a career as an 'arts maker'—allowing me to still be a part of the creative process by working behind the scenes to give the audience the best experience possible. The Arts Administration program at SUU allowed me to pursue a career of passion, education, administra-

tion and love for the arts!"

Andra Thorne has been a Theatre educator for years. She completed her Master of Arts in Arts Administration in 2016 while working full time at Davis High School. She said, "For 16 years, I ran a theatre program. For the last two years, I've run an arts organization. Once I learned what an arts organization was, and treated mine as such, it became one."

If you are interested in learning more about the Arts Administration master's program at SUU, visit www.suu.edu/pva/aa.

New 'senior' newsletter offered in Iron County

The Iron County Senior Centers have begun publication of "The Iron County Senior Newsletter," which on a monthly basis combines information for both Cedar and Parowan Senior Centers. The previously two-page flyer with the lunch menu and activities has been replaced with the 12-page full

color product.

Inside is information on lunches, activities and stories related to the senior programs in the county. It's available for free and can be picked up at the senior centers, libraries, post offices and other local businesses in Iron County.



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ONE BUSINESS IN KANAB IS CELEBRATING the new year in Roaring 20s fashion. Lots of celebrations will help usher in 2017.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY set in Kanab

*Sego Restaurant
to host Roaring
20s themed party
to ring in 2017*

by Karen **WILLIAMS**
Kane County Office of Tourism

KANAB — You can ring in 2017 at the Sego Restaurant New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31 in Kanab. The restaurant will be open for regular dinner service from 5-7 p.m., and then will reopen for a Roaring 20s themed party from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sego Restaurant is a hot spot in Kanab, known for Chef Shon's unique regional new American cuisine. The food is meant to be enjoyed and shared, and the food at the New Year's Eve party will be better than ever. Feast on fresh sushi and a variety of Japanese style hors d'oeuvres, and visit the Speakeasy Bar.

Come dolled up in your hot-totsy, flapper dapper attire and get out on the dance floor, moving to 1920s inspired music. There will also be a fun, complimentary themed Photo Booth to enjoy with your friends. To finish off a great evening, Chef Shon will provide a fireworks show at midnight while guests lift a glass to the New Year with a champagne or sparkling cider toast. To make sure everyone gets home safely, Uber services will be available.

Tickets for the hottest New

***"We would love
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— Sego ownership

Year's Eve party in town are \$35/person or \$60/couple. Tickets can be purchased at Sego Restaurant during regular business hours, Tuesday - Thursday 5:00 - 9:00pm. To reserve tickets for the party or to make reservations for dinner that evening, call Sego Restaurant at (435) 644-5680.

"About 18 months ago, Sego Restaurant opened its doors and brought a new and unique dining style to Kanab. We have felt more than blessed as we have been supported and embraced by our community," Sego ownership said in a release. "As we go through the holiday season it is a time to reflect on the current year and plan more new and exciting experiences for the year to come. To start off 2017 with high spirits we are throwing our Mad Decade 1920s New Year's party! We would love for everyone to come out and feel the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship we have felt this year. With the new year ahead we want to share the message that we believe in Kanab. Let's bring in 2017 with a bang. Happy Holidays!"

Postcards and smart phones

I walked into the lobby of the music building where 20 students were waiting for a class to begin. The space was eerily quiet. They were all looking down at their phones, some texting, some with ear buds listening to music, apparently. No one was actually talking; any communication was via cyberspace. The one young man with no phone in his hand stood silently looking out the window.

On to my classroom, where 15 students sat at their desks, all looking at their phones. They didn't acknowledge my entrance, or chat with each other. Until I spoke loudly, we were not a group, we were individuals occupying the same space. I find it disturbing, scary even. When did a screen the size of a deck of cards become more interesting than another human being? I observe from a different generation, of course, and even, horrors, am one who talks to strangers, but how do people make friends any more?

Decades ago, I heard a woman speak of her habit of sending a postcard out into the world each day. She had made it a daily practice to compliment, acknowledge, thank, surprise someone who had crossed her path in recent days. I thought it was the finest example of reaching out to others I had ever heard. Every day?! I challenged myself to adopt that habit as my own, and for years I sent five or six postcards every week to those I wanted to reach as worthy of some recognition. Friends, teachers, students, clerks, medical personnel,



family, neighbors—anyone whose address I could find got a card from me. And people cared. Every week I got a "thank you" from someone who had been pleasantly surprised. We talked, on the phone or face to face. Two individuals who had shared a moment in their daily routines remembered together. Or someone to whom I just wanted to say "hi" called back. One contact became two.

Enter the smart phone. I tried to hold out against it, determined to continue what I thought of as the last vestige of civilization. There are beautiful postcards available. Scenes of nature, art reproductions, souvenirs from vacations have all been sent from my mailbox. In Woodstock, I bought 10 cards with photographs of beautiful bicycles on them. People were charmed to receive them.

But I caved. For one thing, I could encourage a grandchild or thank a friend in the moment of need. No more lapses of time wherein the achieving teenager forgot what he was being high-fived for. A heart-felt thanks wasn't a week late. The flurry of cards from this address dried up, and I impressed my progeny with my tech skill.

But at church today, someone said to me, "Remember that beautiful postcard you sent me two years ago? I still have it." That is different from being the target of the "delete" button. I'm digging out those colored drawings of birds I have. The new doesn't have to replace the old.

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.

In part two of this story, we introduce five more directors for the 2017 season (we introduced five last week as well).

Robynn Rodriguez returns to the Festival after successful productions

5th Avenue, and Theater Latté Da (where he was the founding artistic director and directed 55 productions, including 10 world premieres). He is the creator of the plays *All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914* and *Steering Song*. He has been recognized for his work with numerous awards, including the 2015 Minnesota Artist of the Year and seven Ivey Awards for Outstanding Production.

Guys and Dolls, with easily-recognized music and lyrics by Frank Loesser (including "A Bushel and a Peck" and "Luck Be a Lady") will be staged in the Randall L. Jones Theatre from July 3 to Sept. 1.

J. R. Sullivan, who has long been associated with the Festival, is returning this year to direct Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Sullivan was the Festival's associate artistic director from 2002 to 2009 and has directed Festival productions from Shakespeare to Tennessee Williams. He is also the writer/adaptor of *Sense and Sensibility* (world premiere), 2014, and *Pride and Prejudice*, 2010. In addition,

90th Birthday Celebration; and *The Bootstrappers* at Disneyland. In addition, he has directed at Disney California Adventure, Hong Kong Disneyland, and the Epcot Center. He has also acted at such theatres as Musical Theatre West, Performance Riverside, and Laguna Playhouse.

The Greenshow, which is extremely popular with audience members of all ages, is performed free each Monday through Saturday evening from June 29 to Sept. 2. From Sept. 4 to 9, the Greenshow stage will feature various performing groups.

Brian Vaughn, the Festival's other artistic director, will continue his string of directorial successes at the Festival with the stage adaptation of the film *Shakespeare in Love*. Previously at the Festival he has directed *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Shakespeare-in-the-Schools touring production), *Greater Tuna*, *Dial M for Murder*, *Peter and the Starcatcher* (regional premiere), and Shakespeare's historical trilogy of



ROBYNN RODRIGUEZ



PETER ROTHSTEIN



J. R. SULLIVAN



CHRISTOPHER UTLEY



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— **David Ivers**, Festival Artistic Director

of *King John* in 2013 and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* in 2015. This season, she will be directing William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. She has directed off-Broadway at the Public Theater, as well as at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (22 seasons), Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Guthrie Theater, Denver Center Theater Company, Shakespeare Theater, La Jolla Playhouse, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Intiman Theater, PCPA/Pacific Conservatory Theater, Birmingham Rep (the United Kingdom), the Barbican (London), and many others.

As You Like It, a rollicking frolic of confused courtship, beautiful poetry, and unsurpassed wit, will play in the Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre from June 29 to Sept. 7.

Peter Rothstein is directing at the Festival for the first time in 2017; he will be leading the musical *Guys and Dolls*. He has directed at such diverse theatres as Guthrie Theater, Children's Theatre Company, Minnesota Opera, Ten Thousand Things,

he is the former artistic director of the Pearl Theatre Company in New York City and the founder and former producing director of New American Theatre. He has directed at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Theatre X, Philadelphia's Arden Theatre, Studio Theatre in Washington, D.C., Delaware Theatre Company, and Resident Ensemble Players at the University of Delaware, among many others.

Romeo and Juliet, possibly the most famous love story in the world, will be in the Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre from July 1 to Sept. 9.

Christopher Utley, also new at the Festival in 2017, will be directing (and re-envisioning) the Festival's free pre-show entertainment, *The Greenshow*. Utley brings a host of experience with him, especially Disney experience. He has directed *The Royal Theatre Presents Tangled*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Frozen*; *Laughing Stock Co.*; *Dick VanDyke's*

Henry IV Part One, *Henry IV Part Two*, and *Henry V*. He has also directed at Milwaukee Repertory Theatre (resident company member for 13 seasons), Arizona Theatre Company, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Denver Center Theatre Company, Orlando Shakespeare Theatre, and more. As an actor, he has performed in over 50 roles in 22 seasons at the Festival.

Shakespeare in Love will share cast and scenery with *Romeo and Juliet*, which is the story at the center of this passionate and fun celebration of the Bard and theatre. It will play in the Engelstad Theatre from June 30 to Sept. 8.

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).

January brown bag lecture series schedule set

ST. GEORGE — Every Friday, from October through April, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and its partners host the popular Brown Bag Lecture series which provides unique opportunities for members of the public to learn more about the area's natural resources and public lands. Speakers include geologists, range specialists, biologists, archaeologists, rangers and other specialists who cover subjects tied to the Arizona Strip and surrounding public lands. For those who want to learn more before venturing out or are curious about these remote and rugged landscapes, the lectures are an excellent way to bring the resources and related issues to the community's doorstep.

The lectures, which begin at noon and last one hour, are held at the Interagency Information Center, located at 345 E. Riverside Drive in St. George. Admission is free, but space is limited for this popular lecture series. Attendees are advised to reserve their free seating early; tickets are available one week prior to each program. To obtain tickets visit the Interagency Information Center or call (435)688-3200 for more information.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Dixie/Arizona Strip Interpretive Association, BLM, National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service.

Jan. 6 Gil Mecham, Winter Four Wheel Jamboree

The "Winter 4x4 Jamboree," is a fun, non-competitive trail event designed for the enjoyment of high clearance, 4x4 vehicle enthusiasts. During the event, experienced volunteer trail leaders and assistants lead groups of four wheel participants to discover regional trails that traverse miles of spectacular public lands. Trails are rated on a 10 point scale, with a rating of 1 for graded roads that may be easily travelled by most vehicles and a rating of 10 for purpose-built vehicles with sophisticated suspensions and drivetrains operated by expert drivers. Trails used for the Winter 4x4 Jamboree include trails rated from 2 to 10. Come enjoy a "windshield" tour of past events or learn about how to get involved.

Jan. 13 McGarren Flack, Artist in Residence, Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument

Artists like McGarren Flack look closely at the way the world works, notice details, challenge ideas, experiment and create new ways to perceive the world. Join McGarren Flack, Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument's current Artist in Residence to enjoy a perspective of the Monument through an artistic lens. The national Bureau of Land Management Artist in Residence (AiR) Program creates a structure to share the scenic beauty and unique stories of BLM and the National Landscape Conservation System with the public through the world of art. The BLM AiR program provide artistic and educational opportunities that promote deeper understanding and dialogue about the natural, cultural, and historic resources on public lands managed by the BLM.

Jan. 20 Sarah Thompson, Stories of Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument

The Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument provides a sense of solitude to those who venture into this backcountry domain. The Monument's expansive landscape encompasses a chronicle of natural and cultural history waiting to be discovered from the smelter at the Grand Gulch Mine to the petroglyphs of the Nampawep Trail and the majestic Grand Wash Wilderness. For

those prepared and equipped to explore the largely undeveloped, rugged terrain, a trip to the Monument is a journey into the wild. Enjoy a windshield tour of the hinterlands of the BLM Arizona Strip's Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. The Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument is a Service First organization managed by the BLM and NPS.

Jan. 27 Greg Woodall, What's New in Regional Archaeology

Greg Woodall earned a Bachelor of Science in botany with a minor in anthropology/archaeology from Southern Utah University in 1982. An experienced archaeologist and ethno-botanist, Mr. Woodall will share over 20 years of experience as a river and hiking guide throughout the Colorado Plateau, with special emphasis on the Arizona Strip.

WINTER Photo Contest!

Time to get out and snap some photos that represent the Winter season to you!

Photos due:
Jan. 25, 5pm

Winning photos will be published Feb. 8

There is a limit of one photo per entrant, and photos can be e-mailed to design@ironcountytoday.com or brought by our office at 389 N. 100 W. Suite 12, Cedar City. Please include the name of the photographer and his/her city of residence. By submitting your photo, you agree to give Iron County Today permission to publish your photo. Call 867-1865 ext. 4 with any questions.

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Southern Utah Museum of Art
January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016

Questar employees bring Santa and cheer to Three Peaks Elementary students



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THREE PEAKS ELEMENTARY

The students at Three Peaks Elementary got a special pre-Christmas surprise last week when Questar Gas Company came to the school with both Santa Claus, and some gifts.

Principal Paula Burgoyne said the students had a great experience “Back in October, Terry Worthen and Gae Lynn Froyd

from Questar contacted me about doing a Santa visit in December,” she said. “The gas company provided books, candy, mittens, gloves, and a stuffed animal toy for the younger grades and a squishy ball for the upper grades, all in a backpack for every one of our students.

Megaplex Theaters popped the

popcorn and made 600 bags to put in the backpacks as well, Burgoyne said. Santa and his elves visited the school along with 15 Questar employees.

“The look of joy and gratitude on the childrens’ faces were priceless,” Burgoyne said. “The Questar employees said this is the highlight of their year.”



STUDENTS LOVED GETTING BOOKS, candy, mittens, gloves and more during the visit.

SANTA LISTENED FOR STUDENTS’ WISHES, and brought a lot of joy to the school.

Calendar

Wed, Dec. 28

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, city offices.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II CLASS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

TAE KWON DO CLASS TO BENEFIT THE CANYON CREEK WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Cedar City Aquatic Center, \$25 per month, ages 5 and older with any experience level, sign up at the Aquatic Center.

COLOR COUNTRY WINDS COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSAL, 7:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City, no audition, must be able to play a band instrument and read music, we even welcome "rusty" players who want to begin playing again.

FREE DANCE AEROBICS CLASS, 9 a.m., class is medium to high impact, but can be adapted to any fitness level. Easy, fun dance moves. Moms can bring young children. People of all ages welcome. For information call Allison at 327-2091 (no texts please).

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

FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located on Freeway Drive between JR's Truck Stop and the Travelodge, rides available at no charge from the Main Street Park pavilion by the library and returning to the same location after the lunch, look for the Sunrise Christian Fellowship van, community welcome.

COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL, 9:30 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City. For more information call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) MEETINGS, lose weight without buying special foods, morning meeting weigh-in at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m., evening meeting weigh-in 6:30 with meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedar City Library in the Park, For more information, call Rhea Church (morning meeting) at 586-3233 or Liz (evening meeting) at 867-4784.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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.

"UNDERSTANDING AWARENESS" RUPERT SPIRA, 'Notice how your thoughts flow through awareness without leaving a trace. Let the thoughts be as they are and remain knowingly in the space of awareness.' 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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 6 p.m. AA Misfits, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WOMEN'S MEETING, noon, Cedar City Library in the Park.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS JUST FOR TODAY, 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.

MARINE CORP LEAGUE AUXILIARY MEETING, 10:30 a.m., Cedar City Library in the Park.

WINTER CAMP FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGES 4+ (ALSO ON THURSDAY, Dec. 29). Acrobatics, martial arts, tumbling, hip hop, jazz, lyrical, art and crafts and games. \$50 whole day, or \$30 half day. Contact coach Elina Hristova at 435-277-0688 or sign up at www.AcroWorldTC.com

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 Ragsie (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 KKCB 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.

CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 435-865-1387 for an appointment. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare and all private insurances.

Fri, Dec. 30

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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.

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Sat, Dec. 31

BECAUSE OF NEW YEARS 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, Jan. 1

MEETINGS OF THESE GROUPS MAY WELL BE CANCELLED FOR NEW YEARS DAY. 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, Jan. 2

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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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon Speaking from the Heart AA and 6 p.m. AA Misfits, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City. For information call (877) 865-5890.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MONDAY NIGHT BASIC TEXT STUDY, 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.

Tues, Jan. 3

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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.

Wed, Jan. 4

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, city offices.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II CLASS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

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ASK AN EXPERT: Four ways to help your kids unplug

by David **SCHRAMM**
Utah State University Extension

In today's world, children are exposed to vast amounts of technology. An estimated 75 percent of teenagers own a cell phone, and, not surprisingly, social media sites are their favorite places to visit. In fact, one study showed that 22 percent of teenagers log onto their favorite social media sites more than 10 times a day. Consider these tips to keep your child engaged in activities other than technology.

1. Parents should first set an example by monitoring their own technology use and putting technology away when they interact with their children. Children need parents who are physically,

emotionally and mentally available to them so a solid parent-child relationship bond can be formed.

2. Establish phone-free zones and times throughout the day. These could include during mealtimes, homework, family activities or right before bed since technology can be especially distracting during these times. Some parents even have children turn in their technology during these activities so they can focus or interact without interruptions.

3. Parents can limit technology use and encourage physical exercise and social activities that do not involve technology. There are numerous apps parents can use to monitor children's technology time and limit its use. With time

limitations on some apps, children can learn to regulate their own use if they know how much time they have. Parents can also require that all forms of technology be turned in at night.

4. Encourage some technology use. Our children's worlds will continue to be filled with various types of technology, which isn't necessarily a negative thing. Parents can find ways to connect with their children through technology or join them in ways that show they are interested in and aware of their children's technology use.

Children are exposed to many forms of technology each day. Parents can take a leading role in setting an example and helping

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People

Mission

Elder Carter

Kalynn Carter, son of Debbie and Craig Carter, entered the MTC on Nov. 16, 2016 and reported to the Bentonville Arkansas Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Dec. 14, 2016. He is currently serving in Andersen, Missouri.



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Business

SUU alumni open new 'outdoor' store

CEDAR CITY — A team of four Southern Utah University alumni have opened Cedar Sports, Cedar City's newest outdoor gear and rental shop. The store opened on Nov. 1 and co-owners David Whitmore, Leisel Whitmore, Jaxon Haderlie, and Sarah Haderlie credit their entrepreneurial spirit to SUU. It is because of their classroom and hands-on experiences in both outdoor skills classes and business courses that this group of alum feels confident opening an outdoor gear store in Cedar City.

The Whitmores and Harderlies hope to provide opportunities for the southern Utah community to easily get outside, find new hobbies, and purchase quality equipment at an affordable price. The owners say they are deeply invested in this community and are working to establish a partnership with SUU Outdoors, a gear rental shop on campus.

The Whitmores and Sarah Haderlie all graduated with degrees in outdoor recreation and tourism management and have spent the last three years working in a variety of outdoor jobs. Shortly following the completion of his accounting degree, Jaxon Haderlie began pursuing a master's degree in accounting and business administration, which will be completed next December.

"SUU provided all of us with a love for outdoor



COURTESY PHOTO

OWNERS OF CEDAR SPORTS CUT THE RIBBON as their new store opened. The owners are all alumni of Southern Utah University.

"SUU provided all of us with a love for outdoor activities and an excellent understanding of business practices"

— Jaxon Haderlie

activities and an excellent understanding of business practices," said Jaxon Haderlie in a release. "I have personally gained a lot from the accounting program which has helped me understand the financial

aspects of operating a profitable business."

Cedar Sports is already breathing life into Cedar City, affectionately known as the gateway to the National Parks. With so many recreational

options in southern Utah, Cedar Sports offers new and used equipment for a variety of outdoor experiences including snow sports, hiking, camping and water activities.

The developing company

is partnering with industry leaders who specialize in purchasing new and used equipment from many major brands. In turn, the owners of Cedar Sports are passing the quality and savings on to the community in hopes of growing support and engagement in the outdoors. With energy, passion and an outdoor education from Southern Utah University, Cedar Sports intends to become a fixed asset in southern Utah's long history of outdoor enthusiasts.

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How will the world end?



Remember back in 2012 when the world was supposed to end? The Mayan calendar created quite a chaotic chapter in Earth's disastrous history. Call it what you will; prophetic, apocalyptic or idiotic. Maybe it was all just a Mayan misunderstanding and they're somewhere out there having a good laugh at mankind's expense? A thousand years is a long time to wait for a punch line!

Regardless, their calamity encouraging calendar has been the closest thing to a cataclysm we've seen since the Y2K bug threatened to disconnect and destroy our technological world as we know it. However, the Hadron Collider and rogue asteroids have been added to the top of the current list of impending doomsday harbingers. Whatever the threats to humanity and life as we know it, it's just a new perilous prediction dressed in the same old apocalyptic apparel.

I'm sure we can agree that some things in the world do need to end. There are too many tragedies and temptations that seem to be flourishing in spite of well-meaning laws and lawmakers. Yes, we should also learn to live like there is no tomorrow and even though we may not get to decide when or how we die, we can choose how we will live. Will we set good examples? Will we help others? Will we just run and hide and hope somehow to survive? Will we stand up for what is right, or continue cursing the television, Facebook and the Internet and hope that someone else will do something about the pains and perils in the world?

True, it can be a cruel world out there, but we can no longer leave making a difference to deference, or deaf ears. Doing nothing is no longer an option. We don't need the Mayans, Martians, or anyone else telling us the world is ending to make us feel hopeless and helpless. We are not hopeless, or helpless. We don't need to panic at every perilous prediction. If we truly want to save the world, then we need to start with the world between our front doors and our backdoors. What calamities threaten to harm the harmony in our hearts and homes? What has kept any of us from living and enjoying 2016 and what are we preparing to do about 2017?

For any of you still affected by the Mayan miscalculation may I offer some hope wherever you are on planet Earth right now. As you prepare for the new year and the new you, don't worry about asteroids, alien invasions or the apocalypse. Don't rely on calendars, horoscopes, or science to predict or prevent your success in 2017. Make a difference in any way you can; whoever and wherever you are. And remember to keep your calendar updated so this sort of confusion doesn't perpetuate and cause chaos another thousand years from now.

In the meantime, may each of your life's endings lead to new and better beginnings.

Stuck in a rut? Email me at coreybaumgartner@hotmail.com

Obituaries

Harley Thompson Jr.



Harley Howard Thompson Jr, age 75, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. He was born in 1941 in Venice, Calif. and was a longtime resident of both Yuma, Ariz. as well as Cedar City, Utah.

Harley is survived by his devoted wife, Helen Thompson, of 54 years, and a loving sister, Sande Lee Smith, as well as a daughter, four sons, 21 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and many other loving relatives, many of whom affectionately referred to him as 'Papa Thom.'

Harley graduated from Venice High School in 1959. He went on to graduate from Northern Arizona University, and then completed graduate work from Webster University with honors.

Harley was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was part of the original Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, official ceremonial unit & escort to the President, which performed on special occasions, including President Kennedy's inauguration, and numerous other events.

Harley was a member of the Cedar City Trap Club, where he served as President until his passing. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in various capacities throughout his life. He loved and supported the Boy Scouts of America.

Over the years he enjoyed many hobbies including; golf, golf club making, and had a deep love for the Utah Summer Games in which he actively participated as well as volunteered. In his spare time he enjoyed; reading, spending time with family & friends, and always enjoyed a good movie or TV show. He had a very kind heart and quick wit. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Harley will be cremated in line with his wishes, and a Celebration of Life will be held in his honor around the time of the 2017 Utah Summer Games. To be informed of future plans and for details please email, love4papathom@gmail.com <<mailto:love4papathom@gmail.com>>.

Memorial donations can be made in lieu of flowers at the email above, the proceeds of which will be used to commemorate his life.

Kenneth Leo Clark



Kenneth Leo Clark passed away peacefully at his home on December 21, 2016, at 90 years old with his devoted wife by his side and surrounded by his family. Ken was looking forward to spending eternity in the presence of his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ken was born on May 19, 1926 in San Diego, CA to Raymond Charles Clark and Regina Bernice Clark. He enlisted in the Navy at age 17 and served in the Pacific during WWII. He was a signalman on the Battleship Iowa. Ken was in the first American landing party at Tokyo Bay before the surrender. They set up a

signal station to guide in the American fleet. The next day he witnessed the signing of the Japanese surrender.

After Ken's discharge from the Navy, he worked for Brunswick Drug Co. as a salesman before going into Insurance Sales for Paul Revere and Aetna. After moving to Cedar City, he worked for Youth Corrections.

He is survived by his wife Ethel Jean, his son Richard Clark, from his first marriage, his adopted daughter, Eleanor Piltz (Stuart), his adopted son, David Clark (Diane), 3 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Ray Clark Jr., his sister, Beverly Brown, and his adopted daughter, Theresa Kraft from his first marriage.

A celebration of Ken's life was held at Red Hills, Southern Baptist Church in Enoch on Tuesday, December 27. Ken will be remembered for his sense of humor, counseling and his stories about jogging up Hwy 14 to Duck Creek.

The family wishes to thank the great team from IHC Home Health and Hospice for all their care and support, especially, Bob, Becky and Craig.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Gideon's International for Bibles to be distributed in memory of Ken, P.O. Box 3272, Cedar City, UT. 84721.

Submitting an Obituary

There is no charge for obituaries of 400 words or less with up to two photos. Please email submissions to news@ironcountytoday.com or bring to 389 N. 100 West #12, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline for submission is Monday at 9am. For pricing information for obituaries longer than 400 words, please call 435-867-1865 ext. 6.

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them develop healthy technology habits, starting when they are young. Parents should monitor children's devices, know the passcodes for each device and let their children know they will review what is being said or done on the devices. Parents can also make sure the privacy settings on the Internet and Facebook are set to appropriate levels. Technology should be a privilege that is earned and respected. It is best to discuss rules, expectations and consequences and be open about what your children should do when they see images or visit websites that are not appropriate.

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CANYON VIEW STARTS FAST, OUTRUNS DELTA

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

For a while in its Dec. 21 matchup against the Delta Rabbits, the Canyon View Falcons had radar dialed in to the basket. Whether inside, outside, or from 3-point range, the Falcons couldn't miss a shot.

When the touch faded from the floor, free throws were dialed in well enough for CV to secure a victory.

Brantzen Blackner scored 23 points to lead three players in double figures, and junior Porter Miller scored six of his 17 points in a clinching 15-4 run that helped the Falcons beat the Delta Rabbits 74-58 in the final game before the holiday break.

Canyon View won for the third time in the last four games and improved to 5-6 on the season.

"We've still got to work on our maturity and our ability to take care of things," Canyon View head coach Robbie Potter said. "I preached that at halftime, but we still came with lack of energy and a desire to compete. We didn't give Delta the respect they deserved for a stretch."

Thanks to the 3-point shooting of Joey Lambeth and the inside work of Blackner, Canyon

View raced out to a 16-0 lead over the visiting Rabbits in less than two and a half minutes. By the time the first quarter ended, Lambeth hit his fifth trey to give the Falcons a 28-12 lead and their best point total in any quarter this season.

CV would extend its lead to 40-17 in the second after a Perry Detling 3-pointer, but that's when Delta began its long climb back into the game. Blackner would hit two free throws and a layup to close out the first half and put the Falcons up 46-29 at the break.

"Once we got up that far, we kind of thought it was going to be easy," said Miller, who scored 13 of his points in the second half. "We picked it back up. Not every game is going to be someone's game."

"I don't like big wins, but this game changes us. Say we're in region and we play any of our region times like we did and give up, that will be a loss."

CV kept the lead in double figures through much of the third quarter, but Delta freshman Derek Smith – who led the Rabbits with 14 points – hit five straight in a 9-1 run that cut the Falcons' lead to 55-46 heading to the fourth.

The Rabbits would cut the deficit to five on

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Delta – Burton 5, Smith 14, Brough 5, Fowles 10, Dutson 6, Spinger 3, Nielson 6, Roundy 9. Totals 23 8-11 58. 3-pointers – Burton 1, Smith 2, Brough 1.

Canyon View – Huxford 8, Dastrup 2, Blackner 23, Lambeth 17, Potter 2, Detling 5, Miller 17. Totals 26 14-17 74. 3-pointers – Blackner 2, Lambeth 5, Detling 1.



CANYON VIEW'S PORTER MILLER goes up for two against Delta in the 74-58 victory.

JR ROBINSON



TOM ZULEWSKI

CEDAR HEAD COACH RUSS BECK talks with his players in a timeout against North Sanpete on Dec. 20. The Redmen beat the Hawks, 65-59.

Redmen hold off Hawks at home

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

A huge third-quarter lead was on the verge of disappearing for the Cedar Redmen on Dec. 20. They needed a role player to make a big play.

Abe Brower was in the right place at the right time to help his team exhale.

Brower rebounded a missed free throw from Mason Fakahua and Keenan Nielson made two free throws with 13 seconds left that helped Cedar hold on and beat North Sanpete 65-59 to snap a four-game losing streak.

It clearly wasn't easy for the Redmen (2-5), who led 49-26 midway through the third quarter after an Ethan Boettcher 3-pointer

but saw the visiting Hawks get within three at 62-59 after Justice Green hit a trey of his own with 18.2 seconds left.

"I think the guys thought the game was over a little bit early, and that wasn't the case," Cedar head coach Russ Beck said. "We've just got to build, brick by brick, and try to get better."

After Boettcher's trey, the visiting Hawks (2-8) closed the period with a 13-3 run, then started the fourth with a 10-2 tear that cut the lead to 54-49 with 3:43 left. Brower got behind the North Sanpete defense for a late hoop, and then Spencer Steadman hit a jumper in the lane that pulled the Hawks within four at 60-56 in the final minute.

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N. Sanpete – Sorensen 3, Taylor 9, Steadman 18, Garlick 4, Green 12, B. Bailey 7, K. Bailey 4, Vasquez 2. Totals 20 10-16 59. 3-pointers – Sorensen 1, Steadman 2, Green 4, B. Bailey 2.

Cedar – Garrett 1, Boettcher 12, Boyer 2, Fletcher 2, Nielson 16, Brower 4, Fakahua 6, Haynie 18, Clark 4. Totals 21 18-24 65. 3-pointers – Boettcher 4, Nielson 1.

Miller introduced as new CV football coach

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**

Iron County Today

With the return of the Canyon View football program to Region 9 on tap for 2017, the school was in need of a new head coach after Robby Robinson stepped down after four seasons and two playoff appearances.

Principal Rich Nielsen didn't have to look very far.

Skyler Miller, a graduate of Cedar High and Southern Utah University, was named head coach of the Falcons on Dec. 19. Miller comes to Canyon View with 15 years of experience, including the last two seasons as an assistant coach in charge of strength and conditioning at Hurricane High as well as similar roles at CV and Cedar.

"When he left and went to Hurricane, we talked at length about scenarios and opportunities for him to someday return to Cedar," Nielsen said. "I've known he's been looking for an opportunity for quite some time."

In four years under

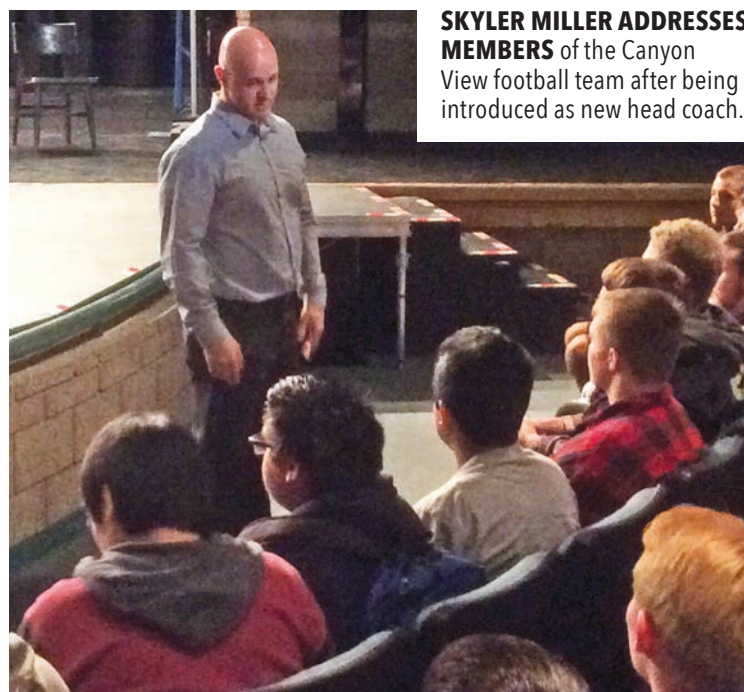
Robinson, the Falcons had a 13-30 record with two 3A state playoff appearances (2014, 2016). With the impending move up to the 4A ranks, Nielsen said Miller has two essential qualities for success.

"He's very detailed and organized with time management in the classroom, and his knowledge base with strength and conditioning is a huge benefit to our students," Nielsen said of Miller. "We're not only competing against schools with more students, but students who are larger and more physical than we're accustomed to."

For Miller, the chance to end his commute to Hurricane and return to his roots was simply too good to pass up.

"I'm overwhelmed," Miller said. "It's very familiar to me. I love the people here, not only the coaches, but the teachers, faculty and the ladies in the office. I want to come here and enhance the Canyon View family."

As he introduced himself to the returning players who were



SKYLER MILLER ADDRESSES MEMBERS of the Canyon View football team after being introduced as new head coach.

TOM ZULEWSKI

a part of this year's team that finished 4-7, Miller made an extra effort to shake hands with as many of them as he could.

"We've got to become acquainted with one another.

We have to establish a sense of clarity and trust," Miller said. "It's mine and my staff's obligation to express our vision and our mission, which is to equip our kids to have the behavioral tools

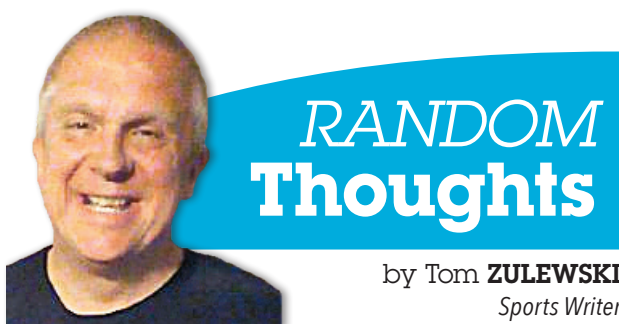
and work ethic to be successful now and in their lives.

"We want to be able to worry about us and do the things necessary to help us improve. That's all we can control. We want to be able to do the things we can do better, and that's our behavior, our leadership, and our culture."

With all of his experience as part of Region 9, Miller knows the challenges ahead will be worth tackling head-on.

"This is one of the top two competitive regions in the entire state," he said. "Week in and week out, you're dealing with really strong teams. We're going to be humble in our work ability and preparation. We're going to be able to hit adversity head-on and be resilient.

"Region 9 has exceptional coaching, and there's a common bond that's unique. There's a real strong camaraderie. If we're not competing against each other, we're cheering for each other. We're all in this for the same reason – to help our kids be successful people."



RANDOM Thoughts

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Sports Writer

Let's face facts for a few moments. When historians look back on 2016, they'll see how much it reeked of ugly things. There were too many deaths of celebrities to count, the latest being George Michael – former lead singer of '80s pop duo Wham – at just 53 years old on Christmas night.

Donald Trump is less than a month away from taking over as the 45th President of the United States, too. Some will let that sink in and rejoice. Others will mourn.

As for me, I choose to find good things to celebrate on the home front from the sports world in 2016. In no particular order, here they are.

-Canyon View boys and Cedar girls basketball had amazing runs in the 3A state playoffs, which were contested before packed houses at the Centrum in February. The Falcons got to the final four after eliminating defending champion Pine View, while the Lady Reds earned the right to play for the title for the very first time.

In a memorable matchup with a very good Carbon squad in the semifinals, the Lady Reds didn't lead often, but they led when it counted, thanks to a Jessica Whetman layup with just over a second remaining that beat the Dinos, 54-53.

In the greatest of ironies, Cedar fell to Snow Canyon in the final by a 58-54 count. The reason for the irony: In five of the Lady Reds' 20 victories – exactly one-fourth of the total – they scored 58 points.

-Both the Cedar and Canyon View baseball teams made magic in the 3A playoffs in the spring. After being all but given up for dead late in the Region 9 regular season, the Redmen rallied to get in the playoffs as the

The good that was in 2016

No. 4 seed, then marched all the way to the final for the second straight year.

They would come from the consolation bracket again, knocking out Canyon View, 7-5, on May 21 to earn the right to a championship rematch with Pine View. The Panthers would come away with the repeat in a 4-3 victory.

Shortstop Rykker Tom was the standout of the senior class for Cedar, and he will begin playing Division I baseball at the University of San Diego in February.

-When all was said and done in the 2015-16 school year, a total of 13 different student-athletes – seven from Cedar, six from Canyon View – signed letters of intent to play their sports at the collegiate level.

In addition to Tom, the list of Redmen included Hannah Williams (softball, Southern Utah), Reagan Hulet (SUU, track and field), Makenna Clark and Nicole Jenkins (Snow College, soccer), Katrina Price (Dixie State, swimming) and Ashley VanFleet (Midland College-Texas, volleyball).

Canyon View's signees in 2016 were led by Michael Musto (SUU, football), Mikel Borst (Snow College, soccer), Payton Higgins (Cal State-San Bernardino, baseball), Xavier Stoker (Trinidad State-Colorado, baseball), Nathan Wallace (BYU, swimming) and Melissa Covington (Dixie State, track and cross country).

-On the NFL front, three standouts from Southern Utah have made immediate impacts with their respective teams and one has already clinched a spot in the playoffs.

With much thanks to reader Russ Smith, I neglected to mention that LeShaun Sims had a key interception that turned back a scoring threat in the Tennessee Titans' 19-17 win over the Kansas City Chiefs last week.

Unfortunately, the Titans followed up with a 38-17 road loss Saturday at Jacksonville, who was playing its first game without fired head coach Gus Bradley. Tennessee was eliminated from playoff contention after the Houston Texans beat the Cincinnati Bengals later that night to clinch the AFC South.

-James Cowser came to the Oakland Raiders, who are making their first trip to the playoffs since 2002, at the perfect time. The undrafted free agent had a tackle in the Raiders' 33-25 win over the Indianapolis Colts on Saturday.

Exactly where Oakland will end up in the final seeding is still very much in doubt. They are the No. 2 seed right now, but will be the No. 1 seed if they beat Denver on the road and New England loses at Miami on New Year's Day. However, Oakland will fall all the way to No. 5 if they lose to the Broncos and Kansas City wins at San Diego.

The Chiefs, who trail Oakland by a game, own the tiebreaker for the AFC West title by virtue of a season sweep over the Raiders.

-Miles Killebrew is in the most pressure-packed playoff situation as we head into Week 17. The Detroit Lions played a Monday Night Football game at Dallas against the Cowboys, and a lot is on the line.

The result of that game wasn't available due to press deadline, but Detroit clinches its second playoff trip in three years by beating the Cowboys. After that, they face a showdown with the Green Bay Packers for the NFC North crown, which will be the final Sunday Night Football broadcast of the regular season on NBC (Channel 5). Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m.

The Lions could be as high as the No. 2 NFC seed – which would earn them a first-round bye – or they could miss the playoffs altogether.

If Detroit beats Dallas, they would win their first division title since 1993 by beating Green Bay and be the No. 2 seed if Atlanta loses at home to New Orleans. If they don't, they will be eliminated with a loss to the Packers and a Washington win at home over the N.Y. Giants.

With so many scenarios to consider, it's no wonder the "one game at a time" cliché is at its peak at this time of the year.

Have a happy 2017, everyone.

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SUU women sweep pair on road

by Tom **ZULEWSKI**
Iron County Today

Southern Utah University's women's basketball team broke out of a six-game losing skid in impressive fashion with a pair of victories on the road last week.

In the opening game Dec. 19, the T-Birds used a 19-9 fourth quarter to pull away and beat the UC Irvine Anteaters of the Big West, 70-58. Freshman Skylee Doman led the way with 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the floor in just 25 minutes of work.

Senior Jessica Richardson helped out with 13 points and six rebounds, while Whitney Johnson delivered 10 to go with six boards. Sophomore Darri Frandsen just missed a double-double, finishing with nine points to go with 11 rebounds.

The T-Birds enjoyed a 52-38 rebounding edge over the Anteaters, who fell to 1-11 on the season.

SUU wrapped up the sweep of the trip two days later with a 77-71 win at Cal State Northridge. The T-Birds trailed the host Matadors by as many as 11 points in the early stages, but rallied to lead 40-36 at the half. They would add to the lead with a 23-15 edge in third-quarter points that helped secure the victory.

Richardson led the way for SUU with a double-double of 24 points and 10 rebounds, while Jamie Smith added 17 points and Doman picked up another



COURTESY OF SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

JESSICA RICHARDSON HAS HELPED LEAD the SUU women's basketball team to a pair of recent road wins.

double-figure scoring effort with 10. The T-Birds improved their record to 5-6 overall heading into Big Sky play, matching their win total from all of last season.

SUU will open conference action with the first of three straight games at home, starting with Northern Arizona on Dec. 31 in a 2 p.m. tipoff.

Losing streak reaches seven for SUU men

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The Southern Utah men's basketball team saw its losing streak reach seven straight games as non-conference play wrapped up with a pair of road



DECARDO DAY AND THE SUU MEN'S HOOPS TEAM hope to end a losing streak soon.

games last week.

On Dec. 21, the Thunderbirds fell behind by as many as 13 points, rallied in the second half, but came away on the short end of a 92-82 decision at San Jose State. Randy Onwuasor led three SUU players in double figures with 28 points, James McGee added 18 and Will Joyce chipped in with 11 off the bench in 16 minutes of work.

The T-Birds had no answer to stop the Spartans' hot-shooting duo of Jalen James, who had 23 points, and Ryan Welage, who added 22. The pair combined to shoot nearly 61 percent from the floor (14-of-23).

Gary Williams Jr. helped out with 17 points and Brandon Clarke added 15 as San Jose State won its third straight to improve to 7-4 on the year.

SUU's five-game road trip began Dec. 19 with an 89-75 loss at Seattle University. McGee led the T-Birds with 27 points, including eight 3-pointers, but five Redhawks players finished in double figures, led by 21 points from Morgan Means and 20 from Aaron Menzies.

Seattle shot 58.5 percent from the floor in the victory and improved to 7-5 on the season. SUU was held to 36.8 percent and fell behind by as many as 19 points in the second half.

The T-Birds are 2-11 on the season and will open Big Sky Conference play on the road for the first three games, starting at Northern Arizona on Dec. 31 in a noon tipoff. The Lumberjacks have won five of the last six meetings between the teams.

FALCON HOOPS

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two occasions in the final period, the last one at 59-54 on a Beau Nielson jumper, but the Falcons put the win away with a 15-4 run to close it out.

Canyon View will play next at the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic starting tonight with a matchupa against 2A school San Juan in an 8:30 p.m. tipoff. They will face Millard on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and then take on Spanish Fork on Friday, also in a 6:30 p.m. start.

On the girls' side of the basketball week, the Falcons had one game and dropped a 50-44 decision at Dixie on Dec. 20. The Falcons (2-7) led 27-26 at the half, but couldn't slow down the Flyers' Kelsea Barker, who led all scorers with 27 points. Dixie outscored Canyon View 17-8 in the third quarter to come away with the win.

CV will open play at the Steve Hodson Classic tonight against San Juan in a 7 p.m. tipoff. They play Lincoln County on Thursday at 5 p.m. and then wrap up the tournament with a game against Hurricane on Friday at 8 p.m.

The Parowan girls team played three games last week and won one. The Rams beat American Leadership 52-25 on Dec. 19 behind 27 points from Autumn Rogerson, outscoring the Eagles 17-3 in the third quarter to break the game open.

Parowan fell in its next two outings. Rogerson scored 18 points, but visiting Kanab matched her total in the fourth quarter and won 62-30. The Cowboys outscored the Rams 40-11 in the second half.

The Rams finished the week in Region 20 play with a 59-28 loss at Bryce Valley. Taylor Robb had 12 points in the loss as Parowan fell to 1-3 in region and 4-7 overall.

REDMEN HOOPS

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Nielson answered with two free throws to push the Cedar lead back to six before Green hit his fourth 3-pointer of the second half to set up the tension-filled finish.

Enter Brower, who made the important play that mattered most.

"That's always nice. We had a bunch of guys that stepped up off the bench and made good contributions offensively and defensively," Beck said.

The Redmen had nine different players appear on the final score sheet, led by 18 points from Parker Haynie and 16 from Nielson, 13 coming in the second half. Cedar never trailed in the game and was 18-of-24 (75 percent) at the free-throw line.

"Our press sped us up and we didn't take our shots," Haynie said. "We were taking dumb shots and needed to slow down. We've got to trust the coaches and buy in to what they're telling us."

Boettcher added 12 points – all on four 3-pointers – for the Redmen. Steadman matched Haynie for high-scoring honors for the Hawks with 18 and Green added 12.

Haynie had seven points, including a 3-point play, as part of a 15-5 run that closed the first half and put Cedar up 34-21 at the break.

Cedar will open play at the Steve Hodson Classic tonight with a matchup against Carbon, the first of four games in three days. Tipoff is set for 8:30 p.m.

The Redmen will play Spanish Fork on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., then finish the Classic with a day-night doubleheader Friday. They face Stansbury at 9:30 a.m., then battle El Dorado High of Las Vegas at 6:30 p.m.

Parowan's boys team split a pair of games last week, starting with a 58-46 loss at Hurricane on Dec. 20. Nathan Goodman led three Rams players in double figures with 15 points, while Ethan Guymon added 13 and Jarrin Church added 11.

The Rams returned to Region 20 play two days later and came away with a 62-34 road win at Escalante to improve to 3-2 and 6-3 overall. Trey Stubbs led the way with 19 points and Trevor Bassett added 11.

Parowan is idle until Jan. 5 when they welcome Milford to the home floor in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

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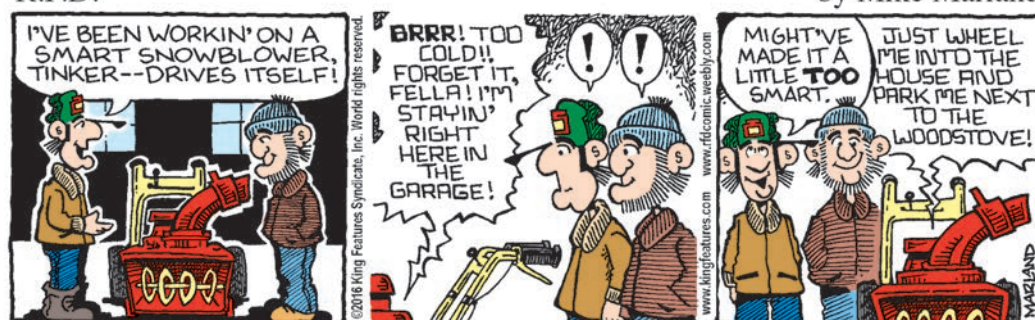


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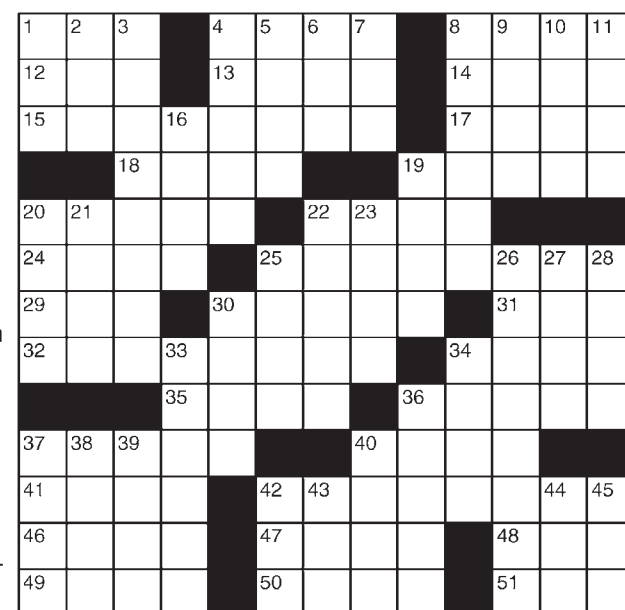
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What TV producer hosted the 1960s shows titled "This is Your Life" and "Truth or Consequences"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What Revolutionary War figure wrote the line, "These are the times that try men's souls"?
- MOVIES: In which movie did a killer doll named Chucky make his debut?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the now-defunct SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) headquartered?
- HISTORY: What was the beginning point of the Oregon trail, followed westward by 19th-century settlers?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in autophobia?
- U.S. STATES: The Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is focused on what?
- ANATOMY: What is the name of the facial muscle that allows you to raise your eyebrows?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What primate species lives on the Rock of Gibraltar in southern Spain?
- FIRSTS & LASTS: Which U.S. astronaut was the last person to stand on the moon?

1. Ralph Edwards; 2. Thomas Paine; 3. "Child's Play"; 4. Bangkok, Thailand; 5. St. Louis; 6. Fear of being alone; 7. Skeletons; 8. The frontalis; 9. Barbary monkeys; 10. Gene Cernan