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VETERANS HONORED

with beautiful wreath ceremonies

by Corey Baumgartner

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Each year, the Wreaths Across America organization does something very unique and sacred to remember and honor each Veteran buried in cemeteries across the nation. A special balsam wreath is laid at the foot of their headstone as an act of gratitude for their service.

Last Saturday, four special ceremonies were held in Iron County beginning with Paragonah, Summit, Enoch and ending in Cedar City. Each was conducted with thankful thoughts, humble prayers, patriotic music. During each ceremony, special honorary wreaths were placed for each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Merchant Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, and one honoring 93,129 POW/MIA soldiers.

Afterwards, family members, friends, loved ones, and grateful citizens were tasked with the opportunity to help place the nearly 1400 wreaths in the four Iron County cemeteries. They were assisted by volunteers from several local organizations including, Daughters of the American Revolution (Bald Eagle Chapter), Southern Utah University Aviation, Canyon View High School, Pilots, Performers, Local military members and boy scout troops that helped donate, prepare and place each balsam tribute.

In Enoch, Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut spoke of the special opportunity of the day.

"Today we take a moment out of our busy lives to recognize and remember those who have given so much on behalf of each of us and also to those of us that want to pass these values on to our children." He added, "With 107 Veterans here in our cemetery, Enoch is well represented in our service to our community." The last Boy Scout troop in Iron County, Troop 1848, proudly presented the colors.

During the Cedar City Ceremony and also speaking on the significance of the day, Cedar City Councilman R. Scott Phillips explained, "Right now across this country at 2600 memorial sites, millions of Americans are gathering as one nation. We are proud to be the Americans living in such a free society made up of many people from many walks of life."

He also reminded us that, "This is a celebration not a funeral. We must take this opportunity to celebrate their lives and live their legacy. We are here

"To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst that can happen... to be forgotten is the worst."

Pierre Claeysens
(1909-2003)



WREATHS

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to not remember their deaths, but their lives. Each wreath is a gift from a grateful nation. They symbolize our honor to those who have served and are serving this great nation and to their families who endure sacrifices every day on our behalf." Then, speaking to the youth in the audience he added, "We want you to understand that the freedoms you enjoy today have not come without a price. They have come with a cost."

Following Councilman Phillips, Mayor Maile-Wilson Edwards, speaking in her final public appearance of her admirable administration, expressed feelings of gratitude and honor for our heroes, past and present. She shared that while she may not be able to truly understand their experiences of serving, fighting and defending, or their "...fear, bravery, suffering and survival," that she represented all who wish to share two simple but powerful words, "Thank you."

She explained that the "power, emotion and gratitude" from those two simple words—when they "earn their stripes"—is when "we put actions behind them and speak them from the heart." That's when, "Gratitude collides with thankfulness and

we move into a place of Thanksgiving"

She also added that, "As we gather in gratitude and remember those who have passed on, we also honor our current Veterans and their families and remind them that they will not be forgotten."

We each know that each Veteran has a special place in the hearts of Iron County citizens. We've heard the stories of heroes and felt the heartbreak of loss. And each year the mission of the WAA organization is to Remember, Honor and Teach our current and future generations about the sacrifice of each man and woman who gave their lives to protect the "Home of the brave and land of the free" so we can continue to live ours. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way during this special day. We hope to see you all again next year.

To learn more about supporting the WAA organization, please visit: <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org>.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Ronald Reagan
(40th U.S. President)



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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.

DEC 14

Noelle Eberhardt
INDEPENDENCE, OH
DUI – DRUG
– Poss C/S,
Paraphernalia,
Speeding

Bailey A Coombs
CEDAR CITY, UT
Retail Theft

Andrew D Ellermeier
CEDAR CITY, UT
Retail Theft

Noah D Kirste
LAS VEGAS, NV
Retail Theft

Dan T Chiro McKittrick
CEDAR CITY, UT
Retail Theft

John K Bahe
CEDAR CITY, UT
Intoxication

DEC 15

Abdulaziz M Alsaleh
CEDAR CITY, UT
DUI

Maxwell W Ball
CEDAR CITY, UT
DRUG – Poss C/S,
Paraphernalia

Toby L Milne
CEDAR CITY, UT
Prob/Parole
Violation,
Assault on
Police/Military
in Uniform

Isaiah P McCollum
PAROWAN, UT
DRUG – Poss C/S,
Paraphernalia

DEC 16

Rylee L Celaya
HOMELESS, CEDAR CITY, UT
Burglary of a
Dwelling

Amanda J Lopez
ST. GEORGE, UT
Drive on Susp –
Alcohol, Forgery

Kaitlyn D Olszewski
CEDAR CITY, UT
Drug Court
Violation

Mitzi L Hatch
ENOCH, UT
DUI

Tylor A Muse
CEDAR CITY, UT
Aggressive
Animal at Large
(Sterilized), 1st
Offense

DEC 17

Cristian E Hernandez
ROLLAND HEIGHTS, CA
DRUG – C/S
w/Intent to
Distribute,

Paraphernalia

Zachary W Williams
CEDAR CITY, UT
Protective Order
Violation

Summer C Tremelling
ENOCH, UT
DUI, Unsafe
Lane Travel

DEC 18

Raffaella T Verduga
CEDAR CITY, UT
Intoxication,
Disorderly
Conduct, Resist/
Interfere w/
Arrest

Russell D Bradshaw
CEDAR CITY, UT
DUI, Accident-Property
Damage

Keyara T Parkin
IVINS, UT
Disorderly
Conduct/
Consumption

Ashton S Stehno
PAROWAN, UT
Drive w/o
Insurance

William S Lee
CEDAR CITY, UT
Theft

Dan T Chiro McKittrick
CEDAR CITY, UT
Retail Theft

DEC 19

Anngela N Hoover
ENOCH, UT
DRUG – Poss/
Use C/S

Roy W Patterson
ALTOONA, PA
DUI, DRUG
– Poss C/S,
Paraphernalia,
Revoked/Susp
Reg

David M Trevino
CEDAR CITY, UT
Intoxication,
Consume
Alcohol by Minor

Russell D Bradshaw
CEDAR CITY, UT
DUI, Accident
Property
Damage

Jordan S Pitts
CEDAR CITY, UT
DRUG – Poss C/S

DEC 20

Emerald D Roberts
RICHFIELD, UT
DRUG – Poss C/S,
Paraphernalia,
Probation/Parole
Violation

David L Mazzettia
CEDAR CITY, UT
DRUG – Poss C/S,
Paraphernalia

PRINCIPLES OF VISION 2050

Well-connected communities

from Sophie Kronick

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Iron County Vision 2050 is a long-term strategic planning effort with the goal of protecting and promoting the quality of life for all residents in the county. Every other week, we will explain one of the 12 Key Focal Points to give a better sense of Vision 2050's long-term goals. These 12 points summarize public preferences from the Vision 2050 survey and are used to guide and measure Vision 2050's work.

We recently covered the ninth priority of Vision 2050, to develop walkable and mixed use spaces. Mixed use spaces cannot be achieved without consideration of transportation. This week, we will focus on the fourth priority: Improve transportation corridors to create a well-connected community.

Iron County residents worry that growth in the area will exacerbate traffic. Findings from the Vision 2050 public survey highlighted that along with water issues and the need for better paying jobs, transportation issues are the greatest challenge for our area's future. Our constrained geography makes us susceptible to suffocating congestion. Transportation needs must be prioritized to keep us from becoming overwhelmed.

We must connect large regional roadways and local streets to allow easy access, support direct travel, and avoid traffic congestion. Traffic density and how streets join, as well as real world experiences of connectivity, are important to consider as they reveal the accessibility of specific destinations and the quality of the network for different modes of transportation, such as walking and biking.

Beyond creating a network of

well-connected streets, we must build community-friendly streets. The concept of balancing the needs of the person and the place through equitable transportation networks is known as Complete Streets. Complete Streets support transportation choices that are accessible, affordable, convenient, reliable, and safe for all regardless of identity or circumstances (Smart Growth America). The Road Diet approach to roadway configuration can help us achieve Complete Streets by improving mobility and safety.

If we provide a system of safe and attractive walking and biking routes between residential areas, schools, parks and commercial areas, we can reduce the number of auto trips, keep the air clean, increase economic vitality, and improve the health of our residents and tourists. If we don't plan for growth now, transportation changes in the future to manage growth may be more costly; it will cost us more to retrofit change than if we strategically identify connections we need to preserve and develop ahead of growth.

Housing also contributes to transportation planning and efficiency. Density and location influence regional transportation planning and require coordination across agencies. Tune in next time to learn more about how Vision 2050 imagines future housing developments in Iron County.

For a full list of the 12 Key Focal Points and additional resources on well-connected communities, check out the Vision 2050 Facebook page at facebook.com/icvision2050. Want more information? Contact our Project Coordinator at icvision2050@cedarcitychamber.org or give us a call at (435) 586-4484. We invite you to join us on this exciting quest!



COURTESY DEBI SMITH

The Cedar Chest Quilters Guild presented over 50 quilts, hygiene products and gift cards to the Youth Futures Utah organization. Heidi Rugg, Program Manager-Cedar City and Derek Morton accepted the donations at the Guild's monthly meeting held at the Cedar City Senior on December 9, 2021. Youth Futures' main goal is to protect youth and reunite them with their families. The Guild members contribute their skills and efforts throughout the year on various Humanitarian projects. For more info visit: www.youthfuturesutah.org.

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Just in time for your last-minute search for Christmas toys and hope that Aunt Hazel doesn't send you her annual fruitcake, here is the Cyclops annual Holiday carol (Sung to the tune of the Mel Torme-written "The Christmas Song").

*Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
But even hotter are our teams;
Trophies and bowls for Aggies, Cougs, and Utes
And the Rose Bowl is no longer a dream.*

*Legislators ignored voter petitions
In their clueless partisan din;
Republicans gerrymandered our districts
Making sure the Democrats can't win.*

*Parents loudly asked school boards
To ban books on diversity;
Best to keep our young ones safe
From developing any curiosity.*

*The deadly virus marches through our towns,
Young get sick, seniors die;
Our ICUs are filled to the brim
Cuz' knuckleheads think COVIDs a lie.*

*Fringe groups grumble election fraud,
"Trump really won," they note.
Stop mail-in ballots and make it hard
For Native Americans and Latinos to vote.*

*But for most of us, the season is
A time to reflect and cheer.
Wear a mask, get all of your shots,
Odds are good you'll be safe and healthy next year.*



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."

Ruth Carter Stapleton

FROM THE EDITOR

Merry Xmas!

I know some of you cringed when you saw the word "Xmas." Don't worry, so did I. Until I read about the Greek spelling for Christ is Xristos, and Xmas was used just as sacredly as Christmas.

As our pal Paul Harvey would say in "The Rest of the Story," within religious publications, the word X was used as an acceptable substitute for "Christ" to help save on space/printing costs.

Another interesting piece to the story of the Prince of Peace is that "X" and the iconic fish symbol, were used as a secret signs to locate and let people know where they could find safety from persecution.

The point is, whether one says, "Merry Christmas, or Merry Xmas, whether one believes in Christ(mas) or not, and whether one exchanges gifts or says "Season's Greetings" or "Happy Holidays" let's just enjoy the season, whatever our reason.

And do we need a season/holiday to remind us to be kind and loving to others? Do we need a calling or calendar to reach out to help to our friends, families, neighbors or even a stranger? And while I know that many reading these words believe there's no suitable substitute for Christ in their lives, may we each celebrate this season by being better individuals, neighbors and human beings.

Merry Christmas from your ICT staff,
Corey, Devin, Patti, Scott, Tom, Elise, Lorie and Gail



COREY BAUMGARTNER
MANAGING EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR

Climate Change

Just a week after the deadly tornadoes devastated Kentucky and surrounding states Iowa and Minnesota saw their first December tornadoes while high winds slammed Colorado, with gusts reaching 107 mph. More than 440,000 customers lost power. Climate-related disasters this year and last have been the most costly ever for insurance companies. Even if we escaped the wildfires, floods, drought, and heat waves, we all pay directly through higher insurance costs and indirectly as taxpayers.

While individuals can reduce their carbon footprints by using fewer fossil fuels, if we truly want to mitigate the impacts of climate disruption we need to insist that our politicians adopt a carbon fee and dividend. No more denial. No more party loyalty above serving constituents' most basic need for a safe environment. Students for Carbon Dividends <https://www.s4cd.org/> and the Citizens Climate Lobby <https://citizensclimate.org/support> the bipartisan, conservative solution of a carbon fee and dividend.

Please tell your Members of Congress to address climate change now with a carbon fee to reduce emissions while returning the dividend to Americans' wallets and creating good 21st century jobs.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Lown, St. George, UT

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opinion

TO SANTA :-)

Hello Santa,

"Beep, beep, beeeep, beep...beeeep." Did you understand that? It's Morse-code, remember? You got me a telegraph last year and Dad said I should say thank you for your gifts last year before I start asking for more stuff. Thank you for the telegraph because I wanted to learn how to send secret messages to my friend. And I forget he doesn't have a telegraph, so can you please bring him one? It's hard to learn all the dots and dashes and my finger gets tired. Hey, do you have a deer named Morse-code? That would be cool because we could write each other. This year I want a science kit to build my own solar system—the kind with the planets, but not aliens, because they give me nightmares. Alright, see you soon—"Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep." That means I love you Santa.

Alex Archibald

Santa, aka Head Honcho!

It's me! We've sure come a long way since you brought me that official Red Ryder carbine-action two-hundred-shot range model air rifle! Don't worry, I'm not writing to ask you to bring an eye-patch, or meatloaf! I just wanted to say thank you for making one kid's dream come true and that if it hadn't been for the sundial and compass in the rifle's stock, I would have been lost forever in the woods near my house. Oh fudge, I almost forgot! I hope Black Bart is off the Naughty-List. He's got a fraa-jeel-aay heart and I know it would be a major award in his life to forgive him and his cronies this Christmas. Especially since I heard he got soap poisoning in Italy. Also, if you are still going to Aunt Clara's house, please don't give her a new sewing machine, or any more cutesy animal costume patterns. I triple-dog dare you not to...nadafing! Anyway, gotta go get some target practice in. Anytime you want to come along, I've got an extra BB-gun.

Peter Billingsley, aka "Ralphie"
P.S. Be sure to drink your Ovaltine!

Dear Santa Claus at the North Pole,

Hi Santa and your reindeer! Are your fingers cold from reading all the mail you get from kids around the world? That's why I put my letter in the microwave before I sent it. I hope it's still warm! Did you see me wave to you at the parade? You probably didn't recognize me because I was wearing my princess costume. You looked really cold and your deer must have been frozen because they weren't even moving! When you come to my house—the one without a chimney—I hope you still have some presents left over for me and my sister and baby brother. It doesn't matter what toys you have left, just so we can play together. And please bring my mommy and daddy something nice. I don't think adults write you letters, but they should because it's fun to be a kid once in a while, or all the time like me!

Stay warm and if you get cold I'll microwave more letters for you!

Serenity Winter

Romney calls out democrats for not working across aisle on child care policy

WASHINGTON — At a press conference detailing how the child care provisions in Democrats' reckless tax-and-spending bill would negatively impact child care providers and families, U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) called out Democrats for not working with Republicans on legislation that would affect how America's children are raised—arguing that the Democrats' "Build Back Better" bill would permanently raise prices for everyone while only temporarily help a small number of families.

You heard some concerns about the child care plan which is part of the BBB and might ask yourself, "Why is it that it's got all these problems." And I'm going to talk about the process. The question is: Is the right way to write legislation having a few people—in one party only—sit down and write something themselves, without any input from the other party, without hearings, without the back and forth between the two Houses, with Republicans and

Democrats working together? Is that the right way to get a piece of legislation done, which affects—in this case—a pretty darn important thing: our children and raising our kids?

Now, we've looked at what the Democrats have put together by themselves and have pointed out some of the flaws in it. There are some real problems. But the heart of the problem is that they haven't been willing to work on a bipartisan basis to see if we couldn't accomplish something better, something that would be acceptable to both parties, such that if down the road, if the Republican Party happens to be in charge, we might not just throw what they have out and move to an entirely different program.

Now you might say, "Republicans don't care about this." Actually, we do. You may not have noticed, but early on, I put out a plan that [would] provide monthly checks for each child, up to five children per household. It was entirely

paid for, and I'm not going to go through all the details, but this is the design—not to say that it's necessarily better than the Biden plan. I think it is, but you may not agree. But the idea is we care about this issue and are willing to work with Democrats to find common ground and to create something that works—with public input, with hearings, with bipartisanship.

The reason BBB does not make sense—one reason it does not make sense—not just because it's a bad piece of legislation, but because it hasn't been worked together on a collaborative basis to work for the American people, to represent not just a few people, but to represent all the people of our country. And I hope that our Democrat friends take that into account. I'm working with a couple of Democrats, saying, "Hey, let's work together, let's work together on caring for our kids." I think we can do that, and I hope that we are able to do that next year.



IRON COUNTY FORECAST

QUIET AND MILD MIDWEEK AHEAD OF CHANGES ARRIVING WEDNESDAY NIGHT. RAIN AND A RAIN/SNOW MIX ON THURSDAY AS TEMPS START TO COOL. CHRISTMAS EVE INTO CHRISTMAS BRINGS A CHANCE FOR SNOW WITH COLD NIGHTS AND CHILLY DAYS WITH HIGHS IN THE 30's. A SLIGHT CHANCE FOR SNOW STICKS AROUND THROUGH EARLY NEXT WEEK. MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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Partly Sunny

49°/32°

PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: S 5-10



THURSDAY

Rain/Snow

41°/29°

PRECIP: 60%
WINDS: SSW 15-20



FRIDAY

Chance of Snow

38°/24°

PRECIP: 40%
WINDS: SSW 10-15



CHRISTMAS DAY

Chance of Snow

35°/25°

PRECIP: 50%
WINDS: SSW 15-20



SUNDAY

Chance of Snow

33°/27°

PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: SSW 15-20



MONDAY

Chance of Snow

37°/22°

PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: SSW 15-20



TUESDAY

Chance of Snow

35°/22°

PRECIP: 30%
WINDS: SSW 10-15



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'Bring Out the Coffins'

SUU'S GARDNER-REEVES RECEIVES JUROR'S AWARD AT STATEWIDE EXHIBITION

by Ashley H. Palmer

SUU PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

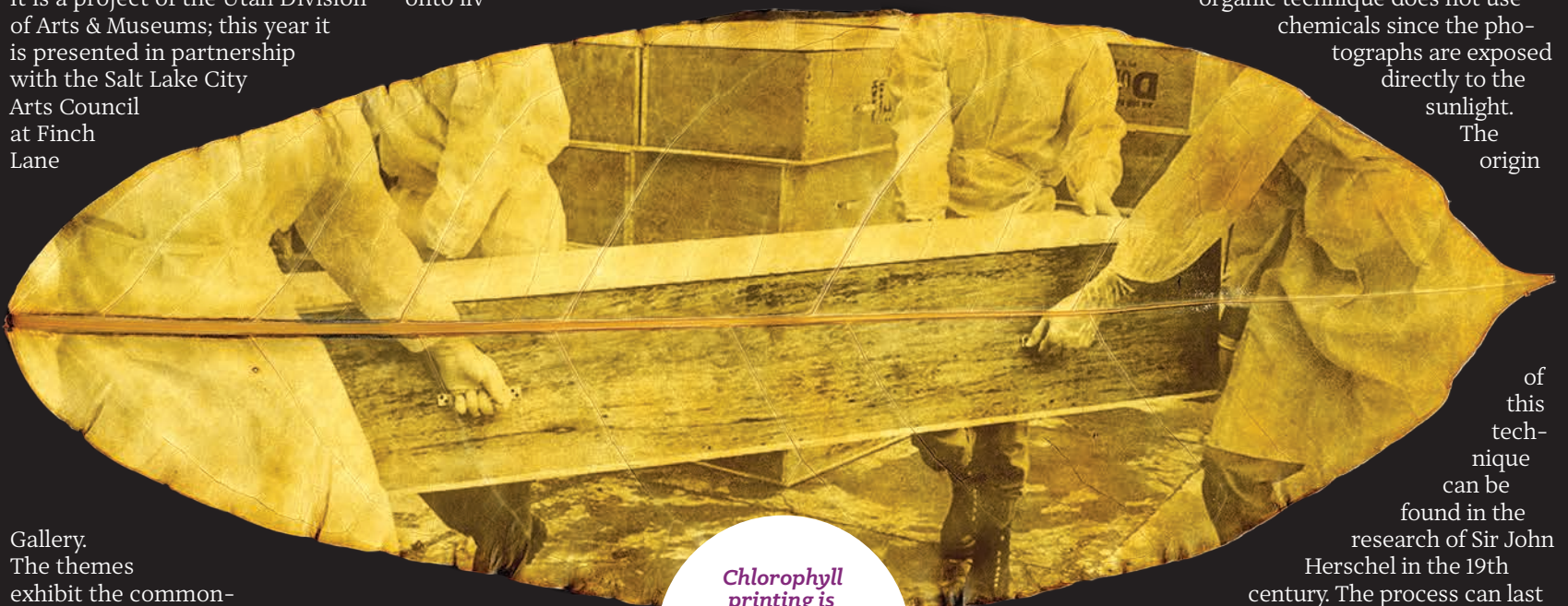
Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Rheana Gardner-Reeves, SUU's Associate Professor of Photography and Faculty Senate President, had two pieces accepted into the Statewide Annual Competition and won the Juror's Award for her piece titled *Bring Out the Coffins*. The Statewide Annual Exhibition is a juried exhibition that surveys the best emerging and professional artists in Utah. It is a project of the Utah Division of Arts & Museums; this year it is presented in partnership with the Salt Lake City Arts Council at Finch Lane

the purchasing of houseplants because they offer many social, emotional, and physical health benefits. Spending time around plants is correlated with reduced blood pressure, slowing of the heart rate, and alleviation of mental exhaustion — all of which are symptoms of anxiety. Many studies also suggest that taking care of plants can reduce feelings of loneliness and depression in people, something that is very prevalent right now during the COVID-19 pandemic. By placing COVID-19 imagery directly onto liv-

be added to the State of Utah Alice Merrill Horne Collection, a premier collection of 123 years of Utah's best artists. Utah's state-owned art collection continues to grow annually by purchases and donations and provides impressive documentation of the history of Utah art.

In explaining her process, Gardner-Reeves says, "As an artist, I understand the world through my medium and express my concerns in my art. In my work, photosynthesis is used to record

graphic process, the leaf's color changes from green, representing the abundance and the flourishing of life, to a gold-brown, symbolic of death or closure. The leaves are then preserved and encapsulated in glass, like biological samples for scientific studies intended as a deliberate method of communication with future archaeologists, anthropologists, or historians. Chlorophyll printing is an alternative photographic process where photographic images are developed on natural leaves through the action of photosynthesis. This organic technique does not use chemicals since the photographs are exposed directly to the sunlight. The origin



Gallery. The themes exhibit the commonalities many people experienced during the last 18 months. Ranging from hope vs. despair, joy and gratefulness, juxtaposed against solitude and meditative practices in art-marking. The exhibition is open now through January 5, 2022.

Gardner-Reeves shares, "Working through this 'Pandemic Age', I began experimenting with new ways of making by pushing my photographic practices in different directions with new techniques and materials. There is this ancient connection between people and plants. During the pandemic, there was a surge in

ing leaves, I am juxtaposing the impact of this severe respiratory illness onto one of the primary sources of oxygen on our planet. Clean air exposure is vital for a person to maintain a robust immune system and adequate mental health."

The State of Utah Alice Merrill Horne Acquisition Committee purchased both of Gardner-Reeves' artworks *Bring Out the Coffins* and *The World's Broad Field of Battle*. The works will

Chlorophyll printing is an alternative photographic process where images are developed directly onto the leaves.

appropriated images onto leaves using chlorophyll and light, the life source of plants and consequently the Earth. In Sacred texts of Judaism, leaves are considered to represent the fragility and durability of human life. For the believers of the Baha'i faith, who value the unity of people, each leaf represents a person's relationship to the community and nature as a whole. For Christians, leaves symbolize hope amid hardships and difficulties in life. Through this alternative photo-

of this technique can be found in the research of Sir John Herschel in the 19th century. The process can last anywhere from a day to several weeks. Then, the photographic image is burned onto the leaf. As a Filipino Artist, this process is reminiscent of burning guava leaves, an ancient Filipino practice used to cleanse negative energies from the environment."

SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts and Department of Art and Design congratulate Rheana Gardner-Reeves for her outstanding contributions to the exhibition and for winning the Juror's Award. We are truly honored to have her as a representative of our faculty and teaching future artists.

Will they sing these carols in another two hundred years?

by Mary Anne Andersen

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

I was surprised to see the blank looks on the faces of my university students as I said, "You know the story behind 'Silent Night', right?" I had given them an assignment to learn that carol as part of their end-of-semester requirements. I had just assumed that as musicians (and mostly church goers), they had heard of the genesis of this most popular carol. But apparently not, so I took time to relate the tale of a broken organ in the small Austrian village of Oberndorf in 1818.

The young Catholic priest, afraid that his congregation would be disappointed by the missing instrument, wrote some words and asked his organist, Franz Gruber, to create a musical setting. On Christmas Eve, the priest and organist sang the new hymn accompanied by the soft strumming of a guitar. A year later, the song began spreading throughout the region and finally the world.

But you, dear readers, knew that, right? And thanks to the research of Joy Saunders Lundberg, and Richard and Kimberly Waldron, who presented her information at our church party, I now know some other origin stories as well. For instance:

Philip Brooks, an Episcopal Bishop from Philadelphia, took leave of his ministry and traveled in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, on horseback, to experience the journeys of Joseph and Mary. On a starlit night, he saw the sheep and silent shepherds and imagined the events of centuries ago.

Later, in 1868, he wrote words to capture that scene and asked his organist to write a musical setting that children could sing on Christmas Day. Lewis Radner struggled to write a suitable melody, but it wasn't until the night before the scheduled performance that Radner awoke and penned the tune to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" that we sing today. Radner called it a gift from heaven.

In the 1800's, in Glasgow, Scotland, the owner of a marine insurance company wrote poetry, often of a devotional nature. William Chatterton Dix was bedridden one Christmas season and unable to participate in the Christmas services in the city. To comfort himself, he wrote from his sick bed some tender words that could fit the old English tune, "Greensleeves". I believe the legend is that the tune was originally written as a love song by Henry VIII. We sing it now as "What Child is This?" which ends with an affirmation of "This, This is Christ the King".

Perhaps most touching was a story of "O Holy Night", with words by the French writer M. Chapeau Roquemaure and melody and accompaniment by Adolphe Adam. On Christmas Eve in 1870, during the Franco-Prussian War, a young Frenchman dared to leave the trenches and start singing "Cantique de Noel". Fighting stopped as the tenor voice was heard by homesick young men of both sides. I hope the creators knew that story.

Creation is a mystery where something brand new comes into being. I have said many times that I believe that the desire to create is the God part of us.



COURTESY SUU

The SUU Symphony Orchestra had the amazing experience of playing the music for Marie Osmond during her holiday concert in Cedar City.

SUU music experiential learning at its finest

by Ashley H. Palmer

SUU PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Southern Utah University students had the exclusive opportunity of playing for Marie Osmond with David Osmond and Daniel Emmet at the opening performance of their holiday season tour. The SUU Symphony Orchestra received their music approximately two weeks prior to the concert. Students trained and practiced with Thanksgiving break in the middle of it all, and it took determination to prepare for a concert of this caliber. The experience has given them a glimpse into what being a professional musician entails.

Dr. Lawrence Johnson, Chair of the Department of Music at SUU, says, "The Marie Osmond Holiday Concert was a perfect example of SUU's mission to provide experiential learning for our students. To be part of a professional event involving an international star such as Marie Osmond informed our students of the short rehearsal time that is often the case with professional gigs, as well as the caliber of

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**Dr. Lawrence Johnson, Chair,
SUU Music Department**

performance, skill, and concentration needed to play under the direction of a conductor/arranger after only one rehearsal with him. We are extremely proud of our SUU student musicians who really stepped up to the challenge and performed with flying colors...and notes!"

Zane Lowry, a student and SUU Symphony Orchestra member, shares, "Preparing for this concert was very exciting! The process was definitely a lot faster than usual. When we got the music, we had a meeting as a whole orches-

tra to make sure everyone had the parts they needed and that our music was in the right order. Because there was just so much music, it was extremely important that we all were on the same page. Then, rehearsals started! Because of Thanksgiving break, we only could fit in 3 rehearsals and a dress rehearsal before the concert!"

Lowry went on to say, "Performing with a different conductor was a wonderful experience. Dr. Martin was a pleasure to work with, and he really knew how to bring out the best in us as musicians in such little time. He knew the music very well and the musical cues Marie Osmond and the other singers would give. We only had one rehearsal with him and then a dress rehearsal with the singers the day of the concert."

Memories of this experience will truly withstand the tests of time as these students graduate and move onto their careers. The College of Performing and Visual Arts is so proud of our students and the faculty who trained them to perform in such an outstanding concert.

Gateway celebrates season with holiday concert

from Amy Gibson

GATEWAY ACADEMY

Gateway was able to celebrate the holiday season with our annual band concert. Families

gathered in the gym for a night of music. This year was different and slightly informal, a welcome change of pace at this point in the school year. Because of the smaller show and end of the term

constraints, many students had not played together.

If you have ever been involved in the arts you know rehearsal time is precious. Our band director, Sunny Chen, was able to pull it together and execute the concert flawlessly. It was a merge of elementary and middle school that showcased how well different talents can work together. Mrs. Chen's beginning band, concert band, and percussion performed. Our hybrid online program, Gateway Discovery, also was involved featuring their ukulele and guitar class.

A school-wide assembly on Friday the 17th kicked off our winter break with choir, drama, orchestra, and SUU joined us for a whole school sing-along.



COURTESY AMY GIBSON

CRÈCHE FESTIVAL

ANNUAL EVENT IN CEDAR CITY BRINGS ARTISTRY TO HISTORY

by *Corey Baumgartner*

IRON COUNTY TODAY

To celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, a special presentation of nativity scenes from around the world was held to help remember the true meaning of Christmas. The annual event, hosted by the Canyon View Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, brought many people in the community together to enjoy the majesty, artistry and creativity in each crèche.

As each viewer made their way reverently through the displays, there was awe and joy in seeing the different portrayals of Christ's birth. Some of the many materials used to create the creative nativity scenes included carved wood, metal, origami, glass, paint, crochet and crystal.

Heavenly choirs and musicians provided beautiful background music from the nearby chapel and a live nativity scene with children dressed as Mary, Joseph, wise men, and a variety of manger animals added to humble and grateful atmosphere.



PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

"Merry Christmas Grandma"

While Norman Rockwell has always painted fun and memorable moments of nostalgia that bring back fond memories of the "Good old days," some of them can also bring bittersweet memories, especially during the holidays, or other special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries.

Having lost my grandma earlier this year, I know that Christmas will be different this year for me and our family. While I am thankful that we had so many great Christmases with our G-ma and G-pa, I think the first one without them might be the toughest. Thankfully, we'll have those memories to help cushion and comfort us.

I know some of you reading this are or will be experiencing similar mourning, especially on Christmas morning. I know there are some hearts and hearths that will be a little more quiet and lonely this year. That's the point of this final Rut of the year. No matter where you go, who you're going to see or who's coming to see you, make it memorable! Don't leave making good memories to deference or indifference. Not because it might be the last time, but because of gratitude that there is one more time.

And sadly, I know there are those who don't have a place to go for Christmas, or who have lost a loved one and don't have anyone to celebrate it with. I know there are many who have never had a Christmas gift, for whatever reason, including different beliefs. Which, I understand and respect those with different beliefs and traditions, especially during this time of year dedicated to love, peace on earth and goodwill towards everyone.

Speaking of goodwill, I know that there are many good people and places in our Iron County Communities ready to help any who are in need of hope and help during this "most wonderful time of the year." There are shelters and food pantries, counselors and mediators to help make sure that though there

will still be lonely, silent nights, they need not be starving, fearful ones.

Unfortunately, I don't know of any place on earth where there is Christmas without chaos and loneliness. Nevertheless, no matter where there is darkness and despair, there will always be light and hope. If you know someone who needs a reminder that they're not alone, whether they believe in or celebrate Christmas, let them know. Everyone needs love from someone who cares.

And while our arms may not be full of gifts like in this painting, that's all the better because that means there's more room for hugs. One tradition and gift that

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NORMAN ROCKWELL

"One tradition and gift that doesn't need wrapping paper, or a holiday, is a hug."

doesn't need wrapping paper, or a holiday, is a hug. I'm pretty sure they're always in season and last time I checked, free of charge. This Christmas, I hope we'll hug as often as we can, because they aren't only some the best gifts we can ever give (receive) but they can create the memories that stay with (comfort) us the rest of our lives.



MAY HUNTER

Randy and Collette Cowan have helped keep the over 60 years family Christmas light display shining bright.

The most wonderful time...

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Every year when the calendar flips to December, I find myself feeling happy, care-free and lighthearted. Excitement builds each day as I start to hear holiday songs on the radio and can't wait to start watching TV favorites like A Christmas Story, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and Miracle On 42nd Street.

Once again, boxes of familiar ornaments and a cherished Nativity set are brought from the basement, and evenings at home seem more special in the warm glow of Christmas tree lights. At this point, I'm even likely to start singing—It's the most-wonderful-time of the year.

Over the decades, Christmas changes for each of us. As children, we feel the magic. Santa is real, cookies and candy are everywhere, and the anticipation of opening gifts on Christmas morning is nearly impossible to bear. It just doesn't get much better than that.

As we grow up, holidays come with the responsibility. Young parents are now the ones making magical memories for their children. Days grow hectic with shopping, parties, traveling to be with family or friends.

One thing that never changes, though, is the pure joy of remembering Christmas past: family traditions, letters to Santa, singing with the church choir, organizing meals and gifts for neighbors in need. Thoughts of long-ago feasting at Grandma and Grandpa's house become precious as generations change and so many are no longer with us.

Many people now have gone back to simpler celebrations that focus more on the true meaning of Christmas and less on expensive presents. Sharing fond memories of seasons past with family and friends is a priceless gift, whether it's over a cup of cocoa, a phone call or an email.

The Colors Of Christmas...

These days, homes and trees are decorated in just about all the colors of the rainbow.

Green – The color of trees and holly branches, reminds people that new life would return to the world once the cold, dreary winter was over. Bringing an evergreen tree into the house reminds us that spring will soon be here. The green branches hint at new growth in a few months when the weather warms up and the days get longer.

Red – The color of cranberries, Santa's suit and the robin breast. It symbolizes energy, ambition and excitement.

Christmas Presents...

The giving of gifts at Christmas is believed to date back to the time of Christ's birth. It was then that three wisemen knowns as the Magi, brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to the stable where Jesus lay, according to the legend.

Christmas & Santa Claus...

Is there really a Santa Claus? Why, of course there is. His first appearance was in the form of St. Nickolas, a 4th century Turkish bishop with a reputation for kindness and generosity. His magnanimous nature must have been something of an oddity at the time, so much so that before long, all sorts of rumors about the miracles he performed were whispered amongst the townsfolk.

Christmas has become one of the biggest and most widely celebrated holidays of the year. And while its original intention was to celebrate the birth of Christ, it has equal significance as one of the most important feast days of the calendar year for believers and non-believers alike. What makes it out as the holidays of holidays is the number and variety of traditions that have grown up alongside it, giving everyone who celebrates it a chance to indulge in a collection of activities that would seem out of place at any other time of year.

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Marie Rushton

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Cedar City Council

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

3rd Sat, 9-10:30 am • Pastry Pub, 86 W Center, Cedar City

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Auxiliary

3rd Wed, 6 pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E, Amer. Legion Conf. Room • (435) 704-6654

Bikers Against Child Abuse

1st Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott (1294 S Interstate Dr, Cedar City), Cedar Breaks Conference Room

Elks Lodge #1556

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

Lion's Club

Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Roger Shurtz for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (435) 590-2896

Marine Corps League

Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6 pm Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N, Cedar City.

Rotary Club

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Women's Meeting • Sat, 10:30 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God it's Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

Al-Anon • 1st, 3rd Tues, 7-8 pm • Call for info: (435) 704-8984

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's Caregiver

Online Meetings: 2nd Fri, 5:30 pm, 4th Mon, 5:30 pm • RSVP to mjmillier@alz.org or (435) 238-4998 x8773

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

1st Tues, Noon • Five County Aging Offices, 585 N Main, Ste. 1, Cedar City

Celebrate Recovery

(Christian 12-Step Program) Wed 6:30 pm • True Life Center, 2111 N Main, Cedar City. We believe that through Christ we can be victorious over any hurts, habits, hang-ups (Phil. 4:13) • Jeff J 801-638-1800, Gary D. 702-303-5662.

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

Hope Without Dope • Thurs, 8 pm

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

Candle Light Meeting • Sat, 9:30 pm (Small room)

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

Dopeless Hope Fiends • Sun, 8 pm • The Meeting Hall, 1067 S Main St, Cedar (877) 865-5890.

Pornography Addiction Recovery for Men

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widow's Support Group

2nd Sat, 11-1pm • Sunrise Church. These Free meetings begin January 8th. Questions? 435-586-3640 or Sonrisechru.net.

CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Book Club

2nd Thurs, 7 pm • Cedar Library 303 N 100 E.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar City Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Sewing projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve your skills & have fun. Visitors are always welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. (435) 477-2243. cedarchestquiltersguild.org

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Toastmasters

Thurs, 7 am • The Pastry Pub • 86 W University Blvd. Find your voice & shape your future. Be the leader and speaker you want to be. (603) 731-0116

Cedar Professionals

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

Color Country Pickleball

M-F, 7-10 am • 155 E 400 S (Cedar Stake Ctr), Paddles & balls supplied. (435) 586-6345

Color Country Winds

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

Explorer Bible Club

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

Hey Cedars Square Dance Club

Mon, 6:30-8:30 pm • Cedar City Visitors Center, 581 N Main, Cedar City. Beginners Class starts Jan 3, 2022. Open to all. \$4.00 per person. Neil (909) 477-9795.

Pickleball Group

Weekdays, 7 am • SUU Pickleball Courts. Anyone is welcome. Fee is \$2 (indoors) and free (outdoors)

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tae Kwon Do Class

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

Tai Chi For Arthritis

Wed & Fri, 9:30-10:30 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. FREE low-impact, health benefitting exercise for Seniors. Helps with coordination, balance, flexibility and more. To register – contact Maria Bailey (435) 673-3548. Space limited.

Take Action for Freedom

Wed, 7 pm • Stahl West 600 N. Airport Road, Cedar • Help preserve our Constitution, Republic, voting laws, medical freedoms, traditional education curriculum, 1st & 2nd Amendment Rights, education on CRT & Southern boarder issues/illegal immigration & local/county/state Legislature issues

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

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

TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Wed • Weigh-in 9 am, mtg 9:30 am. Evening weigh-in 6:30 pm, mtg 7-8 pm • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Lose weight without buying special foods. • 586-3233 (a.m. mtg) or 867-4784 (p.m. mtg)

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

To add your ongoing opportunity to our calendar, call 867-1865, ext.6 or email news@ironcountytoday.com

calendar

WED, DEC 22

MATHEMATICS DAY

CHARACTER SKETCHES – "LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S CHOICE". Characters drawn from awards winners in sports, movies, television, games, or local residents who have won awards. (Wed 6:30-7:30pm) Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). INFO: 435-586-6661. All skill levels welcome.

SIMONFEST THEATRE CO: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (7pm) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 veterans/students, \$12 children (6-17yrs). Group rate available by calling (435) 327-8673. Tickets available online at www.simonfest.org. For special seating needs, please call (435) 267-0194.



THURS, DEC 23

CHRISTMAS MOVIE MARATHON

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT BIBLE STUDIES (1-3pm) @ Cedar City Public Library (303 N 100 E). Straight-forward investigative approach to Bible study. Attendees discover truth by using three skills; observation, interpretation and application. Nondenominational studies consist of homework, discussion, and DVD lecture by Bible teacher Pete Delaney. Interested students call 435-267-2234 or 435-238-3078 for info/register. Visit: www.precept.org.

FRI, DEC 24

EGGNOG DAY

LIGHTS AT THE HOMESTEAD (5:30-8PM) @ FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK (635 N Main, Cedar City). FREE admission, donations are encouraged. Come stroll through the park grounds and enjoy the holiday lights. INFO: 435-586-9290.

CHRISTMAS LANE (6-8PM) @ 400 E 1250 N – Behind Cedar City Motor Co. at the Golf Course. FREE admission for this winter wonderland, through New Year's Eve. The homes in the loop participate in telling Clement Moore's classic poem "A Visit from St Nicholas" better known as "The Night Before Christmas." INFO: www.facebook.com/Christmas-Lane-424250284295930.



SAT, DEC 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS HOLIDAY MARKET (10am to 1pm), @ 45 W Center Street. Every Saturday behind I/G Winery (45 W University Blvd., Center St, Cedar City). FREE admission. Delicious homemade foods for holiday meals. Hand-made artisan crafts for unique gift-giving. Activities, live music. Santa visits on 18th.

FARMER'S HOLIDAY MARKET W/SANTA (9am to 1pm), @ IFA (905 S Main). Vegetables, fruits, eggs, honey, baked goods & breads, meats, tamales, food vendors, hand-crafted items including soaps, lotions, jewelry, clothing, home décor and gifts for all ages. For booth prices & info: Facebook (Cedar Saturday Market), or Nancy 435-463-3735.

SUN, DEC 26

THANK YOU NOTE DAY

"I THINK SUPERMAN AND SANTA CLAUS are actually the same guy, and I'll tell you why: Both fly, both wear red, and both have a beard." Jack Handey

MON, DEC 27

VISIT THE ZOO DAY

CHRISTMAS LANTERN WALK (OPEN 24/7) @ IRON SPRINGS ADVENTURE RESORT (3196 N. Iron Springs Road, Cedar City). Come enjoy a lovely display of the Nativity story, with artwork by various local churches. Free and open to the public for the entire month of December. If you come after dark, bring your own lantern or flashlight. Bathrooms available in the Lodge, as well as local custom Christmas gifts in the Country Store. INFO: ironspring-sutah.com 435-708-0101.



TUES, DEC 28

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY

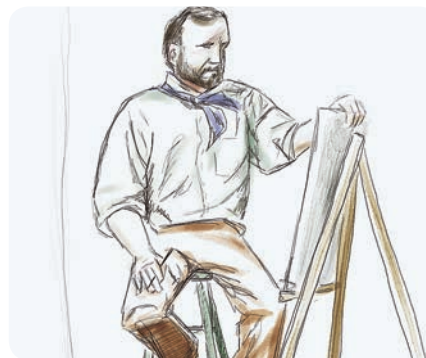
GROOVACIOUS ART WALL GALLERY: JACKIE HODGES. (6-8pm) @ Groovacious (195 W 650 S, Cedar City). Art display will remain until the end of the year. INFO: Groovacious Records (435) 867-9800.

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FRI DEC 31

NO INTERRUPTIONS DAY

BRIAN HEAD NEW YEAR'S EVE SKATE (3-10:30PM) @ Brian Head Ice (249 S Village Way, Brian Head). INFO and tickets: www.brianheadice.com.

BRIAN HEAD FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA & TORCHLIGHT PARADE (4pm – 12:30am). Get ready for another colorful start to a new decade with an incredible fireworks show and famous torchlight parade. Festivities begin with the torchlight and firework show commencing as the sky darkens. INFO: (435) 677-2035.



MON, JAN 3

HEY CEDARS SQUAREDANCE CLUB (6:30-8PM) @ Cedar City Visitor Center (581 N. Main). Accepting couples, singles, families with children 8 and over. Children must be accompanied by a paid adult. No experience necessary. If you can walk and shake hands you can Square dance. The class is open for the first 2 weeks – Fee \$4.00 per person per week. Children under 18 \$2.00. INFO: Neil (909) 477-9795.

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Merry Christmas from CV

As winter break approaches, students and staff have had the opportunity to reflect on past Christmas celebrations and prepare future observations in various ways.

Canyon View recently held their annual Christmas Concert



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featuring band, orchestra, and choirs of all ages. This celebration symbolized the union of Canyon View students during the holiday season. Mr. Jordan, band and orchestra teacher, explained to students that they were stakeholders in a long lasting tradition. Their participation in the jubilee surely had an impact on Canyon View's history. Students played a large range of music; varying from Christmas on Broadway: a jolly jazz

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piece that featured all musical groups in a booming musical number, to Infant Holy, Infant Lowly: an enchanting lullaby that whisked the audience away into the sands of Jerusalem. In the students' final number, audience members were invited to lift their voices and join in singing classical Christmas carols. The impact of the full participation of the large group at the concert was awe inspiring.

Canyon View Student Government is busying themselves in a jolly frenzy to prepare for our annual Christmas Assembly, where various Canyon View students will have their Christmas wishes granted. Student Government members drew wishes anonymously and we are thrilled to share that our assembly this year is going to be one to remember!

Basketball is readying themselves for the backyard battle that will occur next week, when Canyon View fights Cedar in the Blackout Bash. This event draws out many local fans from both North and South ends of town, and always proves to be an exciting night. We are anticipating a good brawl between both teams this year, and are looking forward to hosting at CV High.

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ICSD NEWS NUGGETS

from LeAnn Woolstenhulme

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Three Peaks Elementary

The Three Peaks Elementary first grade classes held a short Christmas program for parents on December 17 and afterwards students and parents had the opportunity to decorate gingerbread houses together. Fun was had by all.

We would like to thank our team of behavior coaches; Mary Irons, Jenelle Lacy, and Kaylynn Neilson, for all they do to help our children become successful students academically and socially. They also created Christmas cheer this season by decorating doors throughout the school. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season! School will resume on Wednesday January 5, 2022.

**Enoch Elementary**

Enoch Elementary is celebrating the holidays with fun and uplifting performances. Each grade puts together their program with a variety of songs, skits, and more. The students perform for their families and then for the rest of the school to enjoy. At the end of each program, students are invited to sing along with some well-loved Christmas favorites. The school also looks forward to Principal Daniel Ekker's holiday movie time with all the students. Merry Christmas from Enoch Elementary!

**East Elementary**

Students, faculty, and staff have been busy, busy preparing this month! We had a terrific time at our STEM night! 351 of our students registered for cool prize drawings that night. They, and their families, had the opportunity to build their own flashlights, see technology bring their drawings to life, learn about fractals, see the stars, meet SUU's animal ambassadors, and more!

The students have been learning about holiday celebrations around the world. As part of our annual Christmas Sing this year, each grade level sang a song from a different country. We love learning about and celebrating the gift of different cultures!

The Grinch and Santa appeared during the Christmas Sing, and delivered a gift to each child! It was a magical thing to witness, and we are grateful to them and to the elves who worked with our PTA!

We wish each of you a very happy and safe holiday season! We look forward to seeing

you again when students come back on January 5th, 2022!

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

We are still on the hunt for great nominees to fill the roles of PTA president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. If you know anyone who would be able to serve in any of these capacities (including yourself!), please call Dawn in the front office at 435-586-2860 to nominate them.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season spent with people you love. Winter break begins Wednesday, December 22, and school resumes on Wednesday, January 5. We'll see you next year!

Launch High School

This weekend robotics club students from Launch High school (LHS) competed in a robotics competition in Provo and took 5th place out of 21 teams! The team, Perfect Paradox, is part of FIRST Tech Challenge, an organization dedicated to involving students in technology engineering and teamwork. Perfect Paradox is made up of 11 LHS students, Shaeden McCord, Izzy Eastep, Sam Kovac, Allan Niles, Bryce Ford, Dominic Robles, Miguel Baldonado, Cason Blogett, Elijah Buckner, Jean Didgion and Thomas Daniels. What a great result for your hard work and extra time. Congratulations Team!

**Escalante Valley**

After spending 10 weeks participating in D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the 5th grade students from Escalante Valley School graduated from the program. During the course students were taught the importance of decision making for safe and healthy living. At the conclusion of the program each student was then asked to write an essay related to what they learned. We appreciate the time and effort Deputy Ford dedicated to our students and are hopeful they will choose to lead lives free from violence, substance use, and other dangerous behaviors in their futures.

**South Elementary**

Teachers at South are looking forward to Jennifer McKenzie from SUU providing training on behavior intervention, which will take place on the 4th of January. With over 20 years of experience in special education, Jennifer McKenzie is currently an assistant professor of special education at Southern Utah University. She has a passion for helping teachers manage challenging student behaviors and teaches both the undergraduate and graduate programs. McKenzie has a Ph.D. in special education and behavioral disorders, an M.Ed. in secondary administration and a B.A. in elementary and special education. South has an excellent community made of students, parents and many others who love children. Dr. McKenzie's training will acknowledge the humanity of all members of our community and how to help our students navigate challenging situations and the behaviors that manifest from these challenges. All staff at South Elementary strive to meet the diverse needs of all students.

Gateway guardians help community angels

from Amy Gibson

GATEWAY ACADEMY

The Iron County Holiday Assistance program provides new clothing and toys to more than 1,200 children and families in need each year. Southern Utah University Community Engagement Center has distributed more than 30 Angel Trees around Iron County.

For the last 10 years, Gateway Academy has participated in the Angel Tree program. A Christmas tree adorned with tags detailing a child's age, gender, and interests usually sits in our Director's office. Throughout November staff members and parents come in and choose a tag and child to shop for. This year, interim Director, Mr. Kupfer placed the tree in the hallway so it was more accessible to parents.

It is no surprise that we ran out of tags this year and provided so many gifts to children in Iron County. In a year full of tragedy for our community and county, it is important to recognize that people will step up in a big way. While we might not



Each year the Angel Tree program helps bring Christmas joy to children in our community.

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always agree, our community continues to support and alleviate the stressors people are feeling with

the holiday season upon us. Because of this and many other things, we are thankful.

obituaries

Marilyn Richardson Alger



Marilyn Richardson Alger, 82, passed away Dec 13, 2021, at Enoch Utah. She was born May 15, 1939, in Cedar City Utah to Elton Edmund Richardson and Rose Ina Grimshaw Richardson. She grew up in Enoch Utah and married Alvie DeWayne Alger.

Marilyn was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served five missions with the love of her life, DeWayne. Marilyn loved music. She played piano and organ for many years. She played the violin, and played in the Enoch Orchestra, she sang alto in a trio with her dear friends. She also played the guitar and was currently teaching herself to play the harp. Marilyn loved gardening, working with bees, sewing blankets and being with her children and grandchildren. Marilyn retired from the US Postal Office after 30 years of service.

Marilyn is survived by her spouse, DeWayne Alger, children, Debora (Edmund Alger, deceased), Jeanette, Alan, Bryan (Shana), Sheri (Dave Alldredge), Becky (D. Covington), Coleen, Bonnie (Nolan Merritt), & Joy (Chad Hardin). She is preceded in death by her children Edmund Alger, Renee Alger, and grandson Barry Alldredge.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 1:00 PM at Midvalley/ThreePeaks Chapel at 70 E. Midvalley Ward, Enoch, UT, with a viewing from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Viewing was at the Midvalley/Three Peaks Chapel, Friday, December 17, 2021, from 6-8pm. Interment was in the Enoch Cemetery under the direction of the Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to www.mortuary.org.

Michael Andrew Coronado



Michael Andrew Coronado, 62, passed away peacefully December 9, 2021. He was born November 23, 1959, in Mobile Town, AZ to Angel (Buster) and Maria Coronado. Mike grew up in Glendale, AZ and attended Glendale High School.

Mike entered the construction industry right out of high school beginning as a lumber salesman and transitioning into an estimator. In 1987 Mike accepted an offer to launch a new division in Las Vegas, NV and two years later in 1989

Mike founded Westcor Construction which grew to become the largest privately held framing company in Nevada. He eventually expanded operations to include Coronado Concrete and Masonry, ACMP and many others.

After moving to Las Vegas Mike met and married the love of his life, Becky Williams on July 21, 1994, in Kauai, Hawaii.

Mike was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on September 19, 1998. Mike and Becky were sealed for time and eternity in the St. George temple on November 20, 2001. Mike was larger than life and he lived his life that way. As a business man he had many accomplishments but his greatest and most important accomplishment to him was his family.

Mike loved to spend time with his family and friends hunting and rodeoing. His favorite thing to do was to spend time with his kids and family. He was so very proud of his children and all of their accomplishments. Mike's family meant everything to him.

Mike had many friends he loved and he loved to make new friends everywhere he went. Mike has touched many lives and will be missed greatly. Mike loved the gospel knowing that his family was forever!

He is survived by his wife Becky, children Dason (Jackie) Coronado, Kagen Coronado, McKenna Coronado and Kandyman Coronado all of Kanarraville, UT. His father Buster (Shirley) Coronado, two sisters, Norma Coronado and Josie Gallimore both of AZ, three brothers Steve Coronado of AZ, Ray Coronado of AZ and Ruben Coronado of NV.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at noon at the Kanarraville Ward Chapel (80 S Main St, Kanarraville, UT). A viewing was held on Friday, December 17, 2021, from 5:00-7:00pm at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, UT). A viewing was held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at the Church in Kanarraville from 10:00-11:30am. Interment was in the Kanarraville Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online Condolences can be sent to www.mortuary.org.

Glen Raymond Heaton



Our beloved uncle, Glen Raymond Heaton, peacefully passed away December 12, 2021, at the age of 88, surrounded by his family. Raymond was born on October 6, 1933, in the Cedar City hospital, the third child and second son of Glen and Nina Bunting Heaton. He was a perfect baby before his birth, but severe injuries incurred during the birthing process caused a cerebral hemorrhage resulting in mental and physical handicaps. Baby Raymond fought hard to live and he has been fighting hard ever since. His wasn't an easy life, but Raymond

never gave up. He always trusted in God and made the best of any situation. He has been a great example to all of his family members and friends who love and honor him.

Raymond was a hard worker and enjoyed working. He always knew how to do a job and was ready to instruct and help others. After attending school and working for many years in Northern Utah, Raymond returned home and lived with his mother and his beloved sister, Loie Jean Murray and her family.

Raymond was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had a firm testimony of his Heavenly Father and of his Savior Jesus Christ. He was ordained to the Melchizedek Priesthood and was so excited to go to the temple.

Raymond had great memories of being a Boy Scout, a 4-H member, and taking part in several Utah and National Special Olympics. Raymond always had a great story to tell and had a remarkable life of courage and fortitude.

The family would like to express their gratitude to all who had a part through these many years in Raymond's life. We express appreciation to the Cedar City Senior Citizens and all county and state programs which he has been part of and to those individuals that made a daily difference in his life and in the lives of so many others.

Raymond has a very special niece, Jessie Stephenson Williamson. With her love, she changed his life for the better. She helped Raymond see the joy of life in so many ways. She helped him learn to dance so they could dance together at her wedding reception. She dressed him up for Halloween and like Santa Claus for Christmas, which he loved. He made the best Santa Claus with his "Ho, Ho, Ho's". We all thank you Jessie, his face would light up whenever you came in the room!

For almost four years Raymond has lived at Stonehenge in Cedar City, where he has been treated like family. Thank you to all the residence and personnel, we appreciate your kind and helpful ways. Special thanks to Joy Matheson and Dean Turner, you always brightened his day! Thank you all for your patience, amazing skills and love!

Raymond is survived by his brother Micheal Heaton (Alice) Washington, Utah and his sister Christene Linton (David) Kanarraville, Utah and four generations of nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Loie Jean Murray and his brother Robert Glen Heaton.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 17th, 12pm at the Old Rock Church (75 East Center, Cedar City). A viewing was held prior to Friday's service from 10:30 - 11:30 am, at the church. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online Condolences can be sent to www.mortuary.org.

R. Wayne Grimshaw



R. Wayne Grimshaw passed peacefully away at home on December 15, 2021 from metastatic cancer at age 79. He was born February 28, 1942, in Cedar City, Utah, to Dolph and Maurine Grimshaw. He spent most of his childhood in Enoch, Utah on the family farm where he gained much of his strength and character, working hard and enjoying a childhood he wouldn't change for anything as the oldest of 6 siblings.

After earning his electrical engineering degree, he married his sweet wife, Beverly, on January 5, 1968. They

raised their 5 children in Sugarhouse and moved back to Enoch in retirement. He was always known for service in the LDS church and his amazing mechanical genius, which will be remembered by all as he is missed.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 21st, 2021, at the LDS Homestead Building, 1390 East Midvalley Rd, Enoch, Utah at 1:00 pm. Viewing at 11:30. Interment was at the Enoch City Cemetery, under the direction of Heartlight Affordable Funeral Services, 2002 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah (435-586-3456). Online zoom link for services and condolences through www.affordablefuneralservices.com.

George Barton Nichols, Jr.



We are terribly saddened to announce the loss of a great Friend, Husband, Father and Just All-Around Hell of a Terrific Man! His life was tragically taken from us far too soon, while doing what he loved the most - "Being Free riding on his beloved Harley-Davidson."

George Nichols, born in Compton, California on May 27, 1965, he was raised in Mira Loma, California, moving to Cedar City, Utah in 1997. George was a self-taught master plumber, he worked for SWIFT trucking for over 18 years. He was happiest while riding, but enjoyed many things, mostly being outside hiking, arrowhead hunting, camping or just looking at the beautiful desert stars at night.

George was definitely an old and very special soul. He always had a smile on his face, always happy. He was a wonderful friend who was the 1st one to give you the shirt right off his back or be more than willing to help anyone, even those who had wronged him. All those who knew him, loved him. He was the definition of unconditional love.

George is survived by his best friend Jim F. Hunter, his loving wife of over 10 years Angel Bean, step-daughter Paula Bean and his two step-sons Joseph Bean and David Marrick.

He is preceded in death by both parents George Sr. and Sherry Nichols and his brother Victor.

*Georgie, you have changed my life forever, and because of you and the way you loved me, I am a better person. I will love you for eternity and I will be seeing you soon! Forever your loving wife, Angel.

Online Condolences can be sent to www.mortuary.org.

Lyle Werner Wiseman



Lyle Werner Wiseman passed away on December 11, 2021, peacefully at his home in Milford, Utah at the age of 91. He was born on March 11, 1930, in Kimberly, Idaho to Carr Wiseman and Louise Werner. He grew up working in the fields raising wheat, beans, alfalfa and hauling potatoes. He graduated high school in Jerome, Idaho and was then drafted into the army at the age of 21. He fought in the front lines during the Korean War for 2 years where

he was wounded. He received two Bronze Service Stars and a United Nations Service Medal.

When he returned home from the military many of his friends had been killed in both World War II and the Korean War. He married Mary Connelly and together they had two sons, Jeff and Scott. They moved to the Milford Valley in 1954. Lyle and his brother Wayne carried on the family tradition of farming and added cement mixing. In 1976, Lyle bought the farming operation and Wayne took over the ready mix business. As times got tough, his determination and grit got him through several hard years working long days on the farm with no profit. His determination prevailed and he eventually turned it into a very successful farming operation. Lyle and his posterity have continued to farm in the valley since then. He was so proud of his farm and the life he built for his family.

Along the way, he was blessed with another wife, Nancy, son, Jesse, as well as a beautiful daughter, Kellie. On June 27, 1998, he married the love of his life, Janice Bell. They enjoyed the last 23 years together.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents Carr and Louise Wiseman, brother Don Wiseman, son Jeff (Punk) Wiseman. He is survived by his wife, Janice Wiseman; children, Scott Wiseman (Milford, UT); Jesse Wiseman (Salt Lake City, UT); Kellie (Jeremy) Sligar (Twin Falls, ID); 8 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

A viewing was held at the Milford LDS Church on Saturday, December 18 from 10:00-11:30. Interment was at the Milford City Cemetery following the viewing. Under the direction of Heartlight Affordable Funeral Services.

The family would like to thank the staff at Milford Clinic and Hospital and Beaver Valley Home Health for the wonderful care they provided. Online condolences can be sent to www.affordablefuneralservices.com.

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Terrence L. Taylor (Terry)



Terrence L. Taylor (Terry) passed away in his home in St. George, Utah on December 4, 2021. He was born on August 4, 1935, in New Harmony, Utah. He was the first of four children of Leland and Esta Taylor. After high school, Terry joined the US Navy in 1953. He attended several schools including Airmen Prep School in Jacksonville, Florida before deploying to Japan during the Korean War. He was assigned to Navy Squadron VP-48 and flew in a P5M Marlin Sea plane as a tail gunner. His plane was named Sugar Fox 4.

He recalled a harrowing experience when returning from night missions. The plane crashed trying to land and luckily, everyone survived. In 1957, he was Honorably discharged from the Navy and married in 1958. Terry moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to attend a Tech School to study electronics and programming. He moved his family to Las Cruces, New Mexico after being offered a job on White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. He continued working government contracts for many years. Eventually he joined four others in creating their own successful company and worked in Arizona until he retired.

He lost his wife Shirley in 2014 and then moved to St. George, UT in 2019 to be closer to family. Terry was preceded in death by his parents Leland and Esta Bell Taylor, sister Esta Taylor, brother Ray Taylor, sister Joycelyn Gardner and second wife Shirley Taylor. He is survived by daughter Teresa Taylor and son Russell (Joan) Taylor and stepchildren Joe (Debra) Lewandowski, Melanie (Ernie) Martinez, Theresa (Linda) Lewandowski, and Mark Lewandowski, plus many nieces, nephews and grand and great-grandchildren.

He was loved by many and will be missed by all. He was known for saying "Fair to middling" when asked how he was doing. And we hope you are better than fair now.

Vickie Lynn Engle



Vickie Lynn Engle Our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Sister passed away surrounded by her family on December 13th, 2021. Vickie put up a long fight with Liver disease. Vickie was a strong and proud single mom to 3 daughters. She also helped raise 2 of her grandchildren. She prided herself in her grandchildren.

Vickie was a diehard New Orleans Saints fan. She sure loved Drew Brees. Vickie started her life in Illinois and was a happy child who loved her mother and sisters. She had a beloved dog FiFi who

remained her favorite dog ever. Vickie got her GED and managed many restaurants. She showed her girls what hard work was. Vickie was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She had a strong testimony and loved the gospel.

Survived by her daughters, Amanda (Shaun) Moreno, Angela Smith, Alexis (Patrick) Jones. Grandchildren Taylor, Michael Smith, Florence Rane and Sebastian Coombs. Josiah, Leland and Shaylynn Moreno, Jason, Abigail Camizzi, Peyton, Marshall, Dominic and Kalli Jones. Sister Sandra (Arnoldo) Armenta. Nieces, nephews, and aunts and uncles.

Preceded in death by children Jason and Patricia Thacker, Mother Ethel Ann Akin, Father Lester Lee Thacker and Sister Loretta Franey. Vickie was so loved and will be truly missed.

Private family services were held December 16th, 2021, at 3:00pm A memorial of life will be announced at a later date.

Armando Martinez Delgado



Our beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away on December 16th, 2021, at age 68. Armando is survived by his wife, Maria Eva Martinez, of 44 years; sons Eduardo (Kary Piri) Martinez, Reynaldo Martinez, and his daughter Veronica Martinez, all of Cedar City, Utah. Grandchildren Edward, Kristopher and Izabella Kociela, of Cedar City, Utah, Armando, Natalie Martinez, Alexa Estrella, of Kennewick, Washington, Brithany, Brigitte, Kelly Piri, of Cedar City, Utah. A viewing will be held in his honor for those who would like to say goodbye

on Tuesday, December 28th from 5 to 7 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary. Wednesday, December 29th at 12 pm, there will be a mass ceremony held at Christ the King Catholic church in Cedar City, Utah, followed by graveside service at the Cedar City Cemetery.

Gerald Church Jensen (Jerry)



Gerald Church Jensen (Jerry) age, 72, passed away on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, in the Utah Valley Hospital in Provo, Utah. He was born in the old Utah Valley Hospital on August 29, 1949, to Alva O. (Al) and Margaret Jane (Peggy) Jensen.

Jerry lived in Orem until his family moved to Cedar City when he was about 3 years old. His dad worked for US Steel and was transferred to be the head of safety over the Columbia Mines. Jerry went to North Elementary, Cedar Junior High, and Cedar High

Schools. He was active in school and played football, track and baseball. He also played Little League and Pony League Baseball under the watchful eye of his dad who was his coach.

Jerry's family spent most of the summer and fall each year up on the mountain at Navajo Lake, Duck Creek and Strawberry camping, fishing and hunting. His dad always seemed to know where the game was and would be successful if he could keep the kids quiet.

In the summer of 1966, Jerry's family moved to Lander, Wyoming. The mines started to close and many of the workers were transferred to Lander. He spent his junior and senior years at Lander High School and participated in football, track and baseball. He also played American Legion baseball being coached by his dad. He graduated in 1968.

After graduating he was called on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Los Angeles, California for 2 years. He received an honorable release in 1970.

He started to attend BYU in Provo but Uncle Sam notified him that he was being drafted. He then enlisted in the US Navy for 4 years. He quit school and went home until he reported to duty at NTC in San Diego, California. After training he was assigned to the guided missile destroyer, USS Decatur, DOD 31 and stationed in Long Beach, California. He remained on the same ship for his entire enlistment. He made 3 WestPac cruises and a midshipman's cruise. He was over in Viet Nam when the withdrawal began in 1972.

After his 1st cruise he decided to attend a ward that he had served in in Torrance, California. A new family had moved into the ward and he was to meet his future bride. They started out as casual friends.

After going on his midshipman's cruise and attending his brother's wedding in Arizona, he attended the Torrance Ward. Shirley Bacon invited to her family's house for dinner. Jerry hit it off with her dad since he had also served in the Navy. That evening they attended a fireside.

On the following Tuesday, August 29, 1972, Jerry picked Shirley up for a Young Single Adult beach party at Playa del Rey. To make a long story short, they got unofficially engaged on their first date. It became official on Sunday, September 17, after Jerry spoke with her dad. They were married on September 15, 1973.

On January 3, 1973, Jerry left on his 2nd cruise for 7 months and returned in August. The couple was sealed for time and all eternity on September 15, 1973, in the Los Angeles, California Temple.

The ship relocated to San Diego and the newlyweds made their home in Pacific Beach. In July 1974, Jerry made his 3rd and final

cruise to the western Pacific. He returned in January 1975. They remained in San Diego until Jerry was discharged in April 1975.

The couple moved to Bountiful, Utah, and Jerry attended LOS Business College in Salt Lake. He also attended Utah Technical College in Taylorsville, and Utah State in Logan.

While attending he was elected ASB Vice President and Student Senate President. He was active in student activities, DECA and athletics. He was elected to Who's Who Among America Junior Colleges. He was working, going to school and the father of two small children. They had a son, Gerald Curtis (Curt) and a daughter, Kandi Kay.

While he lived in Utah he was a member of the Army National Guard as a member of the Military Police Unit in Murray, Utah. He was given the opportunity to attend the Non Commissioned Officers Academy at Camp Williams. He received the Command Sergeant Major award for outstanding leadership. He also received the Governor's Award. He was offered the opportunity to become an instructor at the academy. He was also an instructor in Arizona after relocating there.

The family moved from Logan in 1982 after attending school and adding another daughter, Brandi Ann. The offer was made to Jerry to go to Mesa, Arizona, to work with his brother, Al. That opened the door to a career in real estate and finance. While in Arizona another son was added to the family, Carl James.

Jerry was very active coaching youth sports for over 30 years. He made a real impact on many young people.

In 2005, after his kids were grown and on their own the decision was made to return to Cedar City. Jerry opened a mortgage office and in 2008 when the financial field went flat they lost their business, home and property.

Jerry was an active member of the LDS church all his life. He served as Scout leader, Stake Missionary, Elder's Quorum President and counselor, Young Men's President and counselor, 2nd Counselor in the Enoch Young Men's Presidency, Bishopric Counselor in the YSA 8th Ward Bishopric, High Councilor Member in the Cedar YSA 1st Stake.

Jerry loved working with the youth coaching and teaching them. Our home was open to them and they knew that Jerry loved them. He loved working with his own kids and grandkids. He was very proud of all of them.

He was an avid fan of working out and participating in senior athletics. He ran in senior games throughout Utah, Nevada, and Arizona. He also completed the St. George Marathon.

In 2020 Jerry was diagnosed with prostate and bladder cancer. He had surgery in May 2020. He was classified as a Downwinder since he grew up in southern Utah. He had just started working out again when he came down with COVID.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, of 48 years. His children, Curtis (Lucinda) Jensen of San Tan Valley, Kandi Davies of Mesa, Arizona, Brandi Ann Jensen of Cedar, and Carl James Jensen of Cedar City. Grandchildren Austyn Lee, Hannah Marie, Michael Curtis and Ronald James Davies, Joseph Curtis, Haylee Rae, Jenna Alexis, Jaideen Ella, and Clinton Arthur Jensen, Montana and Kai'wa Nahinu, Jaxx Austyn and James Oliver Jensen, McKyla, Kameron and KJ Wiley. Siblings Jae (Terry) Curfman. Alva O. (Al, Kip) Brenda Jensen, and Terry (Leeann) Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, half-brother, Tony Gray, in laws, Charles and Joan Bacon, Brother in law, Chuck Bacon, and grandson, James Kapono Nahinu, IV.

CHRISTMAS

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Timely Traditions...

Traditions warm the heart, satisfies the soul and brings families together to remember what's it all about. Whether it's a family dinner/party, or visiting family and friends, or as simple as leaving Santa cookies and milk-traditions are a habit that becomes a legacy. Keep the traditions going for generations to come.

Traditions are important in our lives and provide many benefits. We intentionally create and continue traditions because they provide a sense of belonging and meaning to

our lives. Family rituals include connection and give us comfort. Traditions also provide a constant for us in an ever-changing and fast paced life. Holiday traditions are also an important part to building a strong bond between family and our community. They give us a sense of belonging and a way to express what is important to us. They connect us to our history and help us celebrate generations of family.

Traditions for Randy and Collette Cowan started over 60 years ago. The family home on 200 North Cedar City, has set up a Christmas display for all to enjoy. Complete with Santa Claus, Mrs. Santa Claus, Reindeer, a Sleigh and the

Nativity; all with the splendor and beauty of that night so long ago.

Randy's grandparents, the Neeley's, started the display in 1961 at the same house the Cowan's now set up the display. The Cowan's took over the tradition in 1973. It takes an endless amount of history to make even a little tradition. As for the Cowan family, what a great honor to pass down this amazing tradition, a tradition that will live on-Generation after Generation.

"At the heart of every family tradition is a meaningful experience" – Author Unknown

"A tradition is kept alive only by something being added to it." – Henry James

faith

“Into the Light” (Matthew West) (Part 2)

GOD'S playlist

Corey Baumgartner

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Tuesday (21st) was the first official day of Winter—the shortest, darkest day of the year. Last Wednesday I spoke about two of the most common fears in life – darkness and drowning. I also spoke about the Midnight Zone (a depth in the ocean where the sunlight can no longer reach) and how not even the most powerful source of light in our universe (The Sun) can penetrate its dark depths.

First, let me clear something up, which I’m sure you already reminded yourself of. The Light and Love of Jesus Christ (The Son of God) is the most powerful source of light in the universe. No matter the depths of your darkness and despair, His Light can reach you and bring you peace as He guides you back home, upward to safer, brighter depths.

I also spoke of those among us who are experiencing a much longer and darker type of darkness—one within the world of their minds and hearts. A suffocating darkness caused by the lack of hope, love, peace and joy. A darkness where they have forgotten (or have never known) what it’s like to truly be loved, or happy. They’ve been drowning in their doubts and sorrows for so long that the pressure(s) of their darkness is crushing their hopes of ever rising above the depths of their defeats and deficiencies.

This is why those of us who have stepped into the light of Christ, are called to let it shine to guide and guard others (Matthew 5:16, Galatians 5:14). And as we follow Jesus (John 8:12), He says that we will never walk in darkness (John 8:12). However, this doesn’t mean we won’t experience our own dark moments, but that as we stay close to Him, the darkness cannot comprehend (overcome) His light (John 1:5). For while planet Earth has locations where light is limited or non-existent, there are no depths of your heart so deep and dark that the Lord’s Light and Love cannot reach and rescue you.

Especially during this season most often attributed to light, love, joy and peace on Earth, there are those now in darkness, broken in pieces, that we can and are called to be reaching, rescuing lights for (Matthew 5:16). And even if you brighten the path of one soul, how great shall be your joy, even if that soul is yours (Luke 15).

No matter what darkness you are experiencing right now in your life, don’t give in to it. Don’t give in to despair and doubt. Even on your darkest days, fear not. When you are afraid, don’t be afraid to turn on and turn towards the Light (of Christ) and to be a light for others. May this be your day to stop living in fear within the shifting shadows (James 1:7) and step into the Lord’s merciful, reliable, rescuing Light and Love. It’s your time to come out of the darkness and step into His Light.

The journey continues, and the truth is never old (Part 4)

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Angels rejoice at the birth and incarnation of Jesus, and the shepherds wonder. In the gospel (good news) of Luke 2:8-14, we find,

“Now there were in the same country, near Bethlehem, shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they, the shepherds, were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

After the angels had departed, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see what the event was that the angels had announced. Who were these shepherds? Were they just ordinary country bumpkins as many have supposed? No, these

were extraordinary shepherds who according to the Mishnah (a rabbinic Jewish legal-historical document we have from the end of the second century A.D.), were no ordinary sheep or shepherds, but they were shepherds who watched over sheep that were destined to become burnt offerings, peace offerings, and the Passover offering for the temple service in Jerusalem (Mishnah Sheq 7:4; also in “The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah” by Alfred Edersheim, pp. 132-133).

Such special and spotless sheep were kept close to Jerusalem in the hills of Bethlehem all year round. They were carefully watched over to keep them safe from receiving or incurring any blemish that would make them not usable for Jerusalem temple service. This was of great spiritual and prophetic significance that heaven’s angelic messengers revealed to these shepherds of the birth in Bethlehem of the spotless and sin-free Lamb of God who was destined to be sacrificed from the beginning of the world. (See Genesis 3:15; Revelation 13:8; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5; and Isaiah 53.) This

Messiah would once and for all pay the price for sin (Hebrews 10:10) so that those who believe are forgiven. This Messiah and only this Messiah’s life, death, and resurrection would render the Jerusalem temple, its priests, and daily sacrifices unnecessary.

We can join with the Heavenly host and praise God, saying: Glory to God in the highest, peace and good will on Earth to all. Glory, glory to God. Merry Christmas! Let us join in the celebration of the birth of the Messiah who has taken the penalty of death and sin from those who receive Him as Lord and Savior. He welcomes us all. The Christmas message rings across the centuries and across all lands, beckoning everyone to join in the glorious message of Peace on Earth and Goodwill.

Please read from chapters 52 and 53 in the Book of Isaiah for the prophecies fulfilled in the life, birth, death, and resurrection of the Messiah whose birth we celebrate at Christmas time. Merry Christmas to all and to all a sinless life through the birth of Jesus called The Christ, the Anointed One. He has carried our sins and our disappointments.

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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

Ram boys double up Valley

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Brock Felder led three players in double figures with 13 points, and the Parowan Rams came through with a big second half to pull away to a 63-31 victory over the Valley Buffaloes on Dec.



Parowan

63



Valley

31

17. Dixie State baseball commit Shaydon Benson added 12 points and Drake Robinson delivered 10 for the Rams, who improved to 3-3 on the season.

Parowan (3-3 overall) led 17-7 at the half and outscored Valley 45-24 over the final 16 minutes to earn the win. They returned home to play the North Sevier Wolves on Tuesday in a game that was too late for press deadline.

PAROWAN GIRLS HOOPS DOWNED BY PIUTE, 58-44

On the girls side, Brooklyn Hulet scored 13 points – including three 3-pointers – but the Piute Thunderbirds pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 58-44 victory over the Rams on Dec. 16. Parowan (3-5) trailed the unbeaten Thunderbirds by only six (40-34) heading to the fourth quarter, but Cassidy Westwood led three players in double figures with 20 points to help Piute finish off the win.

Bella Johnson added 11 points and Kynlee Rowley had 10 for the Rams in the loss. They will be idle until Dec. 28 when they face Hurricane in the opening game of the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic at 10 a.m. at the Canyon View gym.



FALCONS EDGE UNION

CV GIRLS CLOSE OUT WEEKEND WITH PAIR OF CLOSE LOSSES

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Jaden Johnson led three players in double figures with 14 points, and the Canyon View Falcons edged the Union Cougars in a 49-45 thriller in overtime on Dec. 17 at the Sevier Valley Center. The game was close throughout, but the Falcons scored a game-best 16 points in the fourth quarter to forge a 39-39 tie at the end of regulation.

Jayda Gleave added 13 points for CV and senior Harlee Nicoll delivered a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds. The Falcons were 20-of-24 (83

percent) from the free-throw line.

In the second game of the week at Richfield, Manti beat Canyon View, 42-35 on Dec. 18. Nicoll led CV with 11 points, but the Falcons fell to

4-5 on the season.

CV returned home to face Cedar in the crosstown rivalry game Tuesday that was too late for press deadline, the final game before the Christmas break.

Canyon View's Harlee Nicoll adds to her double-double in the Falcons victory over the Union Cougars.



Canyon View

49



Union

45

JR ROBINSON

Reds rally for pair of victories at holiday tourney

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron County Today
In another busy week for the Cedar boys basketball team, four games were on the schedule, including three at the Coach Walker Memorial Classic. The Reds came through with a pair of come-from-behind wins in the stretch, including a

57-55 win over the Riverton Silverwolves on Dec. 18 that evened their record at 5-5 on the season.

Ty Harrison led all scorers for the Reds with 19 points, including five 3-pointers. Cedar trailed by four after the opening quarter, but held the Silverwolves to just eight points in the second and led 32-31 at the half. The game stayed close

throughout the final two quarters, but the Reds held on for the win.

Zab Santana added 15 points for Cedar, who hit 10 3-pointers as a team.

Cedar's other win in the Coach Walker Classic was a 66-64 decision over the Bountiful Redhawks on Dec. 16. Harrison led four players in double figures with 18 points for the Reds, who trailed by seven points midway through the final quarter before rallying for the win.

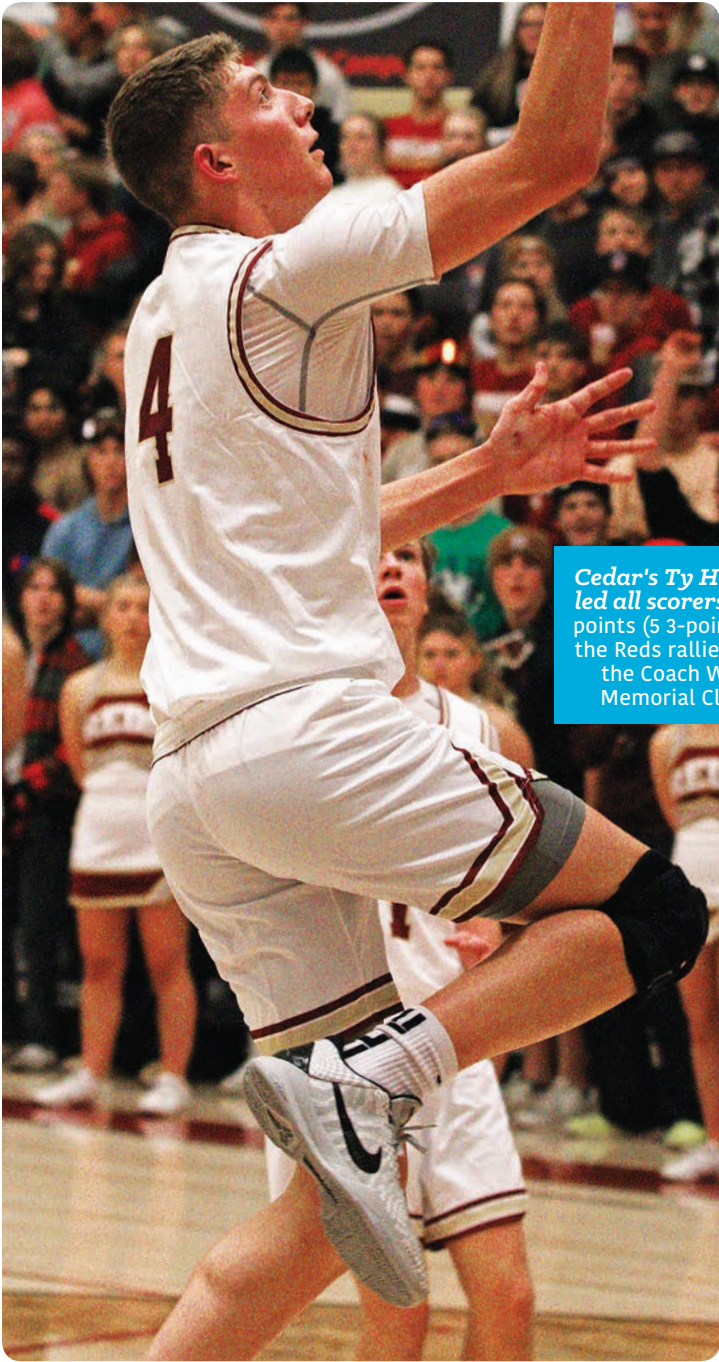
Aaron Munson added 15 points and came through with the winning basket on an offensive rebound with one second remaining. Stockton Albrecht chipped in with 12 points and Landon Kreitzer helped out with 10.

Spanish Fork handed Cedar its only loss of the weekend tournament, 70-67 on Dec. 17. Santana led all scorers with 26 points for Cedar, but they had no answer for Roman Eyre, who scored 19 points and hit several key free throws down the stretch as the Dons held on.

Harrison added 13 points in the loss for the Reds.

The week started for Cedar with the Region 10 opener on the road Dec. 15. Snow Canyon pulled away in the second half and held off a late rally for a 62-57 victory. Bowen Hammer led all scorers for the undefeated Warriors with 29 points, including six 3-pointers.

Santana led the Reds with 23 points in the loss; Harrison added 14 and Munson helped out with 10. For their final game before the Christmas break, Cedar traveled across town to face the Canyon View Falcons on Tuesday in a game that was too late for press deadline.



Cedar's Ty Harrison led all scorers with 19 points (5 3-pointers) as the Reds rallied during the Coach Walker Memorial Classic.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

PREP SCOREBOARD

SCORES

Region 10 Boys Basketball

12/15

Snow Canyon 62, Cedar 57
Hurricane 48, Pine View 40
Crimson Cliffs 64, Desert Hills 49

12/16

Cedar 66, Bountiful 64
Snow Canyon 52, Riverton 35
Desert Hills 66, Manti 48
Dixie 52, Logan 36
Spanish Fork 65, Pine View 39

12/17

Spanish Fork 70, Cedar 67
Hurricane 50, Manti 47
Snow Cyn. 66, Maple Mtn. 60
Ridgeline 53, Dixie 39
Desert Hills 54, Bountiful 44
Pine View 53, Riverton 49
Crimson Cliffs 59, Logan 47

12/18

Cedar 57, Riverton 55
Snow Canyon 57, Ridgeline 54
Dixie 64, Spanish Fork 35
Maple Mtn. 59, Hurricane 41
Pine View 64, Logan 52
Westlake 78, Desert Hills 38
Bountiful 75, Crimson Cliffs 72
Dixie 60, Manti 48

Region 12 Boys Basketball

12/14

Canyon View 69, Delta 41

12/15

Emery 61, Amer. Leadership 55
South Summit 66, Carbon 56
Richfield 46, South Sevier 40
San Juan 78, Grand 47

12/16

Grand 92, Green River 59

12/17

Kanab 68, Canyon View 66
Uintah 61, Carbon 51
Morgan 74, Grand 54
North Sanpete 45, Emery 44

Region 19 Boys Basketball

12/15

Richfield 46, South Sevier 40
San Juan 78, Grand 47

12/17

Parowan 63, Valley 31
Beaver 47, Duchesne 36
Enterprise 59, Union 44
South Sevier 60, Delta 52
Kanab 68, Canyon View 66

12/18

Enterprise 61, Duchesne 47
Union 51, Beaver 37
San Juan 94, Bayfield, Colo. 40

Region 10 Girls Basketball

12/14

Snow Canyon 43, Cedar 38
Hurricane 41, Pine View 39, OT
Desert Hills 81, Crimson Cliffs 28

12/16

Desert Hills 47, Sky View 43
Hurricane 47, Mtn. Crest 36
Ridgeline 53, Pine View 29
Green Canyon 68, Dixie 55
Kanab 84, Crimson Cliffs 40
Snow Canyon 65, Logan 35

12/17

Cedar 49, Tooele 23
Bear River 47, Snow Canyon 45
Ridgeline 51, Desert Hills 47
Green Cyn. 61, Pine View 33
Mountain Crest 62, Dixie 37
Hurricane 63, Logan 20

12/18

Sky View 60, Pine View 47
Desert Hills 51, Bear River 30
Dixie 69, Logan 34
Green Cyn. 69, Hurricane 53
Snow Cyn. 55, Mtn. Crest 41

Region 12 Girls Basketball

12/14

Amer. Leadership 52, Grand 42
Richfield 53, Beaver 29
Emery 46, Delta 34

12/16

Emery 51, North Summit 40
Richfield 58, Union 41

12/17

Canyon View 49, Union 45
Morgan 58, Carbon 38
Richfield 50, Juan Diego 29
Grand 48, Escalante 30

12/18

Manti 42, Canyon View 35
Carbon 66, Juan Diego 34
Richfield 49, Morgan 42
Tabiona 56, Grand 47

Region 19 Girls Basketball

12/14

Richfield 53, Beaver 29
Millard 47, South Sevier 40

12/16

Piute 58, Parowan 44
Kanab 84, Crimson Cliffs 40

12/17

Manti 47, South Sevier 40
Duchesne 42, Kanab 40
Beaver 42, North Summit 33
North Sevier 48, Enterprise 24

12/18

N. Summit 53, Enterprise 34
Beaver 47, South Summit 37
Duchesne 44, South Sevier 31
Kanab 50, North Sevier 23

STANDINGS

Region 10 Boys Basketball

REGION

OVERALL

Snow Canyon

1-0

7-0

Crimson Cliffs

1-0

6-3

Hurricane

1-0

5-3

Dixie

0-0

8-2

Pine View

0-1

5-5

Cedar

0-1

5-5

Desert Hills

0-1

4-6

Region 12 Boys Basketball

REGION

OVERALL

Carbon

0-0

3-6

Grand

0-0

3-7

Emery

0-0

2-5

Canyon View

0-0

2-6

Richfield

0-0

2-7

Region 19 Boys Basketball

REGION

OVERALL

Enterprise

0-0

9-0

San Juan

0-0

6-1

Kanab

0-0

4-1

South Sevier

0-0

5-3

Parowan

0-0

3-3

Beaver

0-0

2-5

Region 10 Girls Basketball

REGION

OVERALL

Snow Canyon

1-0

6-3

Hurricane

1-0

5-3

Desert Hills

1-0

5-3

Dixie

0-0

3-4

Cedar

0-1

4-3

Pine View

0-1

3-5

Crimson Cliffs

0-1

3-7

Region 12 Girls Basketball

REGION

OVERALL

Emery

0-0

9-2

Richfield

0-0

8-2

Carbon

0-0

7-4

Canyon View

0-0

4-5

Grand

0-0

4-5

Region 19 Girls Basketball

REGION

OVERALL

Beaver

0-0

6-2

Kanab

0-0

5-2

South Sevier

0-0

3-5

Parowan

0-0

3-5

Enterprise

0-0

3-6

San Juan

0-0

1-5

Falcon boys split hoops week

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Andrew Barnes scored 25 points and the Canyon View boys basketball

team broke a five-game losing streak with a 69-41 rout over the visiting Delta Rabbits on Dec. 14. CV led by 10 after the opening quarter and doubled the margin to 20 at 52-32 after three

quarters before the bench players received minutes.

A total of 12 players scored at least one point for the Falcons, who added six 3-pointers in the victory.

Canyon View traveled to Kanab on Dec. 17 and fell just short of a second straight win, dropping a 68-66 decision to the Cowboys. Kason Janes led Kanab

with 22 points, and they drained nine 3-pointers to help secure the victory.

CV returned home to face the Cedar Reds for its only meeting of the season Tuesday that was too late for press deadline. The Falcons will host the annual Steve Hodson Cancer Classic for the 12th straight year starting Dec. 28.

Warriors rally past Reds

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Snow Canyon Warriors girls basketball team had the weight of frustration on its shoulders. None of the players on the roster were around the last time the Warriors defeated the Cedar Reds. Olivia Hamlin and Lainie Leavitt did the necessary work to help the Warriors erase a half-decade of struggle and get a win that mattered to start Region 10 play.

Hamlin scored 14 of her game-high 20 points in the second half and Leavitt scored off an offensive rebound with 18 seconds left that allowed Snow Canyon to secure a 43-38 victory over Cedar on Dec. 14, its first after 11 straight regular-season losses in region play

“There’s a lot of parity. Our execution has to be better, and it starts with me.”

Corry Nielsen, Cedar head coach

dating back to Jan. 28, 2016.

Snow Canyon (1-0 Region 10) trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half, but took control of the game with a 12-2 third-quarter run that put them in front. Cedar pulled

	Snow Canyon	43
	Cedar	38
Snow Canyon 7 9 18 9 -- 43 Cedar 12 9 13 4 -- 38		
Snow Canyon – Jensen 3, Jester 2, Hamlin 20, Olson 4, Leavitt 4, Tapasa 6, Howard 4. Totals 16 7-14 43. 3-pointers – Jensen 1, Hamlin 2, Howard 1.		
Cedar – Peterson 15, Campbell 8, Shimada 7, Crowley 4, Hansen 4. Totals 15 4-7 38. 3-pointers – Peterson 2, Campbell 2.		

even at 34-34 with the help of a free throw and basket from Braylee Peterson by the end of the period.

The Reds were shut down

10 game. They made the plays and we lost our composure a couple of times.”

Despite the lack of offense, Cedar stayed in range throughout the final eight minutes and still trailed by three when Peterson drew her fifth foul and sent Hamlin to the free-throw line. The freshman missed the first of a 1-and-1, but Leavitt got position and put the ball in to push the lead to five, ending the Reds’ chance at a win.

“This is how you learn,” Nielsen said. “I expect all the region games to be like this. There’s a lot of parity. Our execution has to be better, and it starts with me.”

Peterson was the only Reds player in double figures with 15 points in the loss.

Cedar shook off the loss Dec. 17 as they routed the Tooele Buffaloes on the home floor, 49-23. The Reds turned up the defensive heat and outscored Tooele 18-4 in the second quarter to blow the game open. Peterson led Cedar with 12 points and Haylee Campbell added 11.

With its final game before the holiday break, Cedar (4-3) traveled to play Canyon View on Tuesday. The game was too late for press deadline.



Cedar's Haylee Campbell drives past her Warrior defender in what was a basketball battle to the end.

COREY BAUMGARTNER



SUU's Dre Marin scores double-digits in the Thunderbirds' tough loss to the Wolverines.

SUU ATHLETICS

Thunderbirds fall in Michigan 87-50

by Tomas D'Anella

SUU ATHLETICS STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Southern Utah University fell to the Michigan Wolverines 87-50 on Saturday night. It was the Thunderbirds' first loss since November 18 against California. Saturday's loss snaps a streak of six straight wins for Todd Simon's team as they now stand at 7-4 on the season.

Both teams failed to score on their first two possessions of the night until Hunter Dickinson scored his first two of 22 on the night for the Wolverines. SUU kept the game within three points until Michigan went on a 14-0 run in 4:35 to break open the game.

A Maizen Fausett two-point jumper broke the run off the assist from Harrison Butler. After a jumper from John Knight III, both teams would go into a three minute spell of missed shots until Terrance Williams II nailed a three point shot for the Wolverines. Michigan ended the first half in control of SUU's offense with an 18-4 run before entering halftime with a 29 point lead.

Tevian Jones scored the first bucket of the half with a jumper for his fourth point of the game. A dunk from Dickinson shifted the momentum back in Michigan's favor.

SUU's three pointers failed to find the basket for most of the night with only four shots made beyond the arch amid 23 tries.

Dre Marin was the only Thunderbird to score double digit points, including two of the team's three point shots, finishing with 12 points in the contest. He recorded a game high 4-11 field goal mark and added on five rebounds to lead SUU.

The Thunderbirds return to Cedar City for a clash with Dixie State on Wednesday December 22 inside the America First Event Center. Tip off is set for 7 p.m. with streaming available on ESPN+.

For all the latest on Southern Utah men's basketball, follow @SUUBasketball on Twitter and Instagram, and like the Southern Utah Basketball Facebook page.

Postseason honors and change in tradition

In case you missed it over the weekend, three NFL games were moved from their originally scheduled time slots to Monday and Tuesday. You probably know the reason why (COVID), and you may have also noticed that NBA and NHL games are getting postponed.

Saturday Night Live had to make a last-minute change for the Christmas episode, too. There was no audience, two regular cast members and the musical guest couldn't perform. It was too surreal to comprehend.

But we're not here to talk about that. With the high-school football season in the books, the All-State honors were announced Dec. 16. Here's who made the teams from Cedar, Canyon View and Parowan.

On the 4A first team, the Reds landed junior outside linebacker Bryson Bennett. Bennett had 119 tackles, 6.5 sacks and 20 tackles for loss. Senior defensive end Parker Allen was named to the 4A second team, and fullback Ben Ellis received honorable mention.

For 3A, Canyon View senior running back Adrian Ward earned a first-team All-State selection. Ward finished with 1,668 yards and averaged more than nine yards per carry for a Falcon team that produced one of the more impressive seasons in school history, rallying from a coaching change in Week 3 to finish with four straight wins and a 5-6 overall record. CV experienced a playoff win for the second time in 2021 when it beat Richfield in double-overtime in the first round.

CV senior linebacker Cooper McMullin, who had a game-saving interception in the playoff win over the Wildcats, earned a second-team selection along with teammate Nick Macias. Macias played quarterback, running back and wide receiver as a big part of the Falcon offense.

"The [Steve Hodson Cancer Classic] has become a tradition that keeps the attention of the community, especially when a chance to brighten the day of families affected by cancer is involved."

Honorable mention selections went to tight end Carver Mock and guard Dayne Hudson.

For the 1A first team, Parowan offensive lineman Jace Little earned a selection on the strength of 21 pancake blocks for a Rams team that finished 2021 with a 6-6 overall record and a first-round playoff win over Gunnison.

Quarterback Treven Yardley earned a second-team selection for Parowan along with defensive lineman Cooper Miller. Running back Christian Bost and defensive back Shaydon Benson earned honorable mention honors.

» **If it's Christmas break, it's time for the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic** that starts Dec. 28. For the

first time, this year's edition of the tournament will have fewer teams and games will be only played at the Canyon View gym. Cedar will not participate.

Hurricane, San Juan, Parowan, Grantsville and Millard are among the teams that will be playing in

this year's Classic. Even with the limited participation, the tournament has become a tradition that keeps the attention of the community, especially when a chance to brighten the day of families affected by cancer is involved.

In our difficult world, anything like the Classic for an emotional boost is definitely needed and welcomed. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

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RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

With Christmas Day approaching in just three days from now, our trivia research office thought it appropriate to dive into some history of NBA games played on the holiday. There are plenty of good hoop gifts to go around, but please remember our time-honored tradition...no wagering.

1. Scheduled to face the Dallas Mavericks this year, the Utah Jazz are 5-2 all-time in Christmas games and last played one in 2018. Who did they beat that day?

- A. Portland Trailblazers
- B. Houston Rockets
- C. Golden State Warriors
- D. Denver Nuggets

2. In 2004, the Detroit Pistons were the defending NBA champions and played on Christmas Day. Which team did they play against a month after the infamous "Malice at the Palace?"

- A. Boston Celtics
- B. Philadelphia 76ers
- C. Indiana Pacers
- D. Cleveland Cavaliers

3. Which of these NBA champions was the most recent winner in a Christmas Day game?

- A. Golden State Warriors
- B. Cleveland Cavaliers
- C. San Antonio Spurs
- D. Los Angeles Lakers

4. Which legendary NBA coach won his 1,000th game on Christmas Day in 2008?

- A. Lenny Wilkens
- B. Phil Jackson
- C. Doc Rivers
- D. Gregg Popovich

5. Reception from players and coaches for NBA games on Christmas Day has usually been positive. Which Los Angeles Laker once said while he was with the Orlando Magic, "I'd rather be

playing on Christmas than sitting at home wishing I was playing on Christmas. I like it. I think it's fun."

- A. LeBron James
- B. Anthony Davis
- C. Carmelo Anthony
- D. Dwight Howard

6. On the opposite side of the Christmas Day coin, which former NBA coach said in 2009, "I actually feel sorry for people who have nothing to do on Christmas Day other than watch an NBA game?"

- A. Stan Van Gundy
- B. Mike D'Antoni
- C. Pat Riley
- D. Don Nelson

7. In what year did the NBA not have games on Christmas Day due to a player lockout?

- A. 1979
- B. 1989
- C. 1998
- D. 2011

8. At 11-2, which of these teams has been the most successful on Christmas Day, including a victory in 2020?

- A. Milwaukee Bucks
- B. Miami Heat
- C. Los Angeles Clippers
- D. Brooklyn Nets

9. Of these NBA teams, which one does NOT have a victory on Dec. 25?

- A. New Orleans Pelicans
- B. Minnesota Timberwolves
- C. Toronto Raptors
- D. Denver Nuggets

10. How many of the current NBA teams have not played on Christmas?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

11. Which NBA rivalry has been featured most often on Christmas – a total of 12 times, with the last coming in 2017?

- A. New York Knicks vs. Philadelphia 76ers
- B. Boston Celtics vs. New York Knicks
- C. Golden State Warriors vs. Portland Trailblazers
- D. Los Angeles Lakers vs. Phoenix Suns

12. When was the last overtime game played on Christmas – a rematch of an Eastern Conference second-round playoff series from the previous year?

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2019

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. C: Aidan Hutchinson
2. A: Andrew Luck. Luck was runner-up in 2010 to Cam Newton of Auburn and in 2011 to Robert Griffin III of Baylor.
3. D: Barry Sanders. Sanders was inducted in 2004.
4. C: Charles Woodson
5. B: DeVonta Smith. Smith is a wide receiver.
6. C: Marcus Mariota. Mariota was drafted by the Tennessee Titans, but is now a backup to David Carr for the Las Vegas Raiders.
7. D: USC. The Trojans have only six Heisman winners.
8. B: Tony Dorsett. Dorsett won the Heisman in 1976. Larry Fitzgerald was nominated from Pitt in 2003, but finished second to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White.
9. D: Ty Detmer. Detmer won in 1990. Steve Young finished second to Nebraska running back Mike Rozier in 1983 and Robbie Bosco was third in the voting in 1984 and 1985.
10. C: 9. The number grew to nine when Alabama's Bryce Young won the 2021 trophy Dec. 11. The Tide have won four trophies, Michigan has three and Georgia has won two.
11. C: Roger Staubach
12. A: Auburn

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

As required by the guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements (EIS), a preliminary evaluation has been performed on the proposed State of Utah, Drinking Water Board project identified below to determine if an environmental review or EIS is warranted. The State of Utah has elected to "Categorically Exclude from further environmental review" the proposed drinking water project.

Project: Old Irontown Waterline Replacement
Water System No: UTAH 11070
Office Location: 646 S Main Street #128, Cedar City, UT 84720
Project Number: 3F1794
Total Estimated Cost: \$909,000
Funding: Drinking Water Loan (40 years, 0% interest) - \$454,000 Drinking Water Loan (100% Principal Forgiveness) - \$455,000

The proposed project is on private land within the Old Irontown Property Owners Association, 20 miles west of Cedar City in Iron County. This project consists of replacing existing and aging water lines, water meters, water valves, and fire hydrants with new 8-inch water lines, water meters, water valves, and fire hydrants. Additional meters, valves and hydrants will be installed where needed. The existing 6-inch water lines will be abandoned in place. The project is not anticipated to affect any wetlands, endangered or threatened species, or any cultural or historical properties, and will be constructed within previously disturbed areas. The project is needed for Old Irontown to meet current and future demand for drinking water.

The review process indicated that there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed project that may result in a significant individual or cumulative environmental effect. Consequently, a decision has been made to not prepare an EIS. The State of Utah has elected to "Categorically Exclude from further environmental review" the proposed drinking water project.

All contractors and sub-contractors will be required to comply with all relative federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and executive orders, such as Utah State air quality regulations R307-309. If any cultural resources are uncovered or otherwise discovered during construction of the water system improvements, the Old Irontown Property Owners Association will be required to stop construction and notify both the Division of Drinking Water (the Division) and the State Historic Preservation Officer for consultation. If it appears that construction work may be causing an adverse environmental impact, Old Irontown will be required to stop construction and notify the Division. The Division will investigate any such discoveries.

A Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex) from environmental review does not require a formal public hearing or a formal public comment period prior to the Cat Ex becoming effective. Therefore, this Cat Ex will become effective on the day it is published in a local newspaper, which is expected to occur on or about December 22, 2021. Questions or comments may be directed to Skye Sieber at (385) 515-0038 or sasieber@utah.gov.

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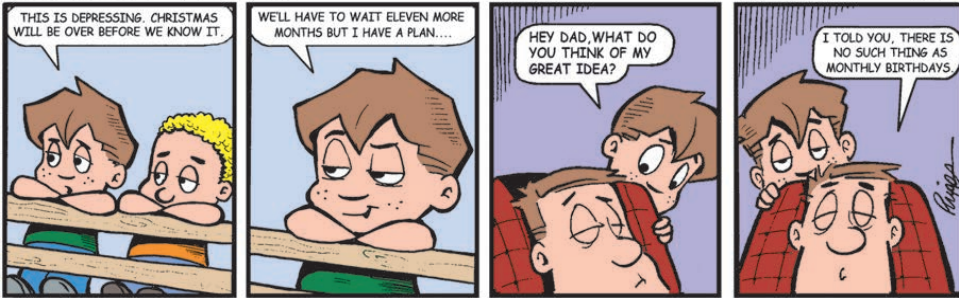
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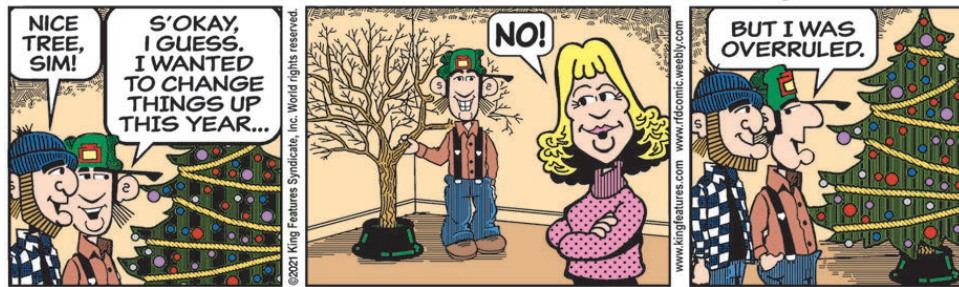
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by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fork is shorter. 2. Boots are different. 3. Hat is different. 4. Arm is showing. 5. Oven mitt is different. 6. Grill leg is removed.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Terrain
HATER _____
Rush
SLEUTH _____
Uniform
QUALE _____
Cavort
PROM _____

TODAY'S WORD

December 20, 2021 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Earring site
- 5 Smack
- 8 Blog entry
- 12 Regrettably
- 13 Fuss
- 14 "May It Be" singer
- 15 Dealer's foe
- 16 Moving-day rental
- 17 Aviation prefix
- 18 Energetic person
- 20 Galley supply
- 22 Strikers' queue
- 26 Manhandled
- 29 Chemical suffix
- 30 Hobbyist's abbr.

- 31 Rue the run
- 32 German conjunction
- 33 Lavish party
- 34 — Paulo
- 35 Fuel stat
- 36 Devil's domain
- 37 Playgoer's souvenir
- 40 Writer
- 41 Short jacket
- 45 Gambling game
- 47 Jay follower
- 49 San —, Italy

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- 50 Help a crook
- 51 Hosp. sections
- 52 Author Sheehy
- 53 Striped fish
- 54 Perched
- 55 Deco artist

DOWN

- 1 Crow's-nest cry
- 2 Skin care brand
- 3 Hoedown site
- 4 Jailbreak participant
- 5 Mayhem
- 6 Greek mountain
- 7 Ad nauseam
- 8 Oyster's prize
- 9 Biased
- 10 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
- 11 Eastern "way"
- 19 Central
- 21 Consumed
- 23 Monarchs
- 24 Evening, in an ad
- 25 Peepers
- 26 Bygone days
- 27 Exotic berry
- 28 "So what?"
- 32 Chimney pipes
- 33 Maker of ornate eggs
- 35 Gents
- 36 Coloration
- 38 Shoelace woes
- 39 Secret rendezvous
- 42 Dread
- 43 Send forth
- 44 Portrayal
- 45 "Terrific!"
- 46 Lawyers' gp.
- 48 Altar constellation

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What is the name of the department store where Kris Kringle works in the 1947 "Miracle on 34th Street"?
2. LANGUAGE: What is the English equivalent of the Latin phrase, "Cui bono"?
3. TELEVISION: Why do the other reindeer tease Rudolph in the Christmas TV movie?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which family restaurant advertises itself as a place "where a kid can be a kid"?
5. ASTRONOMY: What is a sunspot?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was a classically trained pianist?
7. THEATER: What musical features a group of women called The Schuyler Sisters?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a smorgasbord?
9. GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water does the island of Barbados lie?
10. LITERATURE: Which famous 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents."

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

HOUSE

Today's Word

1. Earth
2. Hustle;
3. Equal
4. Romp

SCRAMBLERS

solution