



FESTIVAL CITY USA

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



DID YOU KNOW? That Cedar City's retail sales increased by 57 percent from 2003 to 2007 when they totaled \$577,463,584, the 19th highest percentage increase in Utah over that period... That enplanements (paid air fares departing the Cedar City Regional Airport) were 667 in June compared to 542 in June of 2007... That sales tax revenue for the month of June totaled \$405,125 compared to \$410,043 in June 2007... That a total of 297 names have been placed on the Iraq/Afghanistan War Monument with six more soon to be added... That a site is being sought for a new Cedar City entrance sign from the west (similar to the one coming out of Cedar Canyon), an Eagle Scout project by Jesse Carter... That using a commercial car wash saves water. Washing your car at home with a bucket and hose actually uses two to three times as much water as a commercial facility. Plus, many commercial facilities recycle the water on site or return it to the water system via the sewer system. When you wash your car at home, the water flows into the gutter and is lost to our water cycle.

KUDOS: To Travis Parashonts, president of Suh'dutsing Technologies, for having been selected as recipient of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2008 Award in the service category... To those responsible for the July Jamboree, Renaissance Faire, and Groovefest for their well-planned and well-attended events... To the Southern Utah University Athletic Department which has scheduled the SUU football team to play the Air Force

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Webster statue dedication is Aug. 30

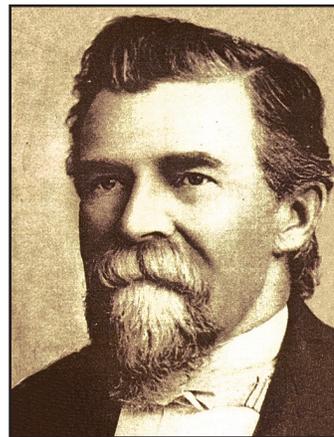
The second in a series of statues of historical figures from Cedar City's formative years will be unveiled on Aug. 30, as part of a project to make the downtown area pedestrian-friendly and to provide residents and visitors alike an opportunity to learn the community's unique history. A private/public project, the statues are part of an ongoing effort by Cedar City to preserve its downtown area and to make it an attraction for tourists who come to the City for its many festivals, as well as events and activities at nearby Southern Utah University. The statues will be limited to figures who made a significant contribution in the years between the City's founding and the arrival of the railroad in 1921, which effectively ended the community's pioneering period.

Beloved pioneer Francis Webster, long revered as a hero of the Martin Handcart Company, will be honored with a statue and tablet outlining his contributions to early Cedar City as a livestockman, businessman, former mayor, community and Utah leader, and ardent participant in the effort to secure Southern Utah University for Cedar City.

The statue, by renowned sculptor Jerry Anderson (Leeds), joins the statue of City founder Henry Lunt that was dedicated last November and produced a reunion of the Lunt family that attracted 900 people from

seven states and two foreign countries. Broad-based funding for the statue came from the Dixie and Anne Leavitt Foundation, from citizens throughout the community, local businesses and organizations, friends of Cedar City, members of the Webster family, and the city government.

The dedication will include a



Francis Webster

reception for the Webster family and special guests at 3 p.m. in Festival Hall, a Town Meeting at 4 p.m. in the Heritage Theater in honor of Francis Webster and his contributions to Cedar City, followed by the unveiling of the statue on Main Street (which will be blocked off for the event and chairs placed in the street for the brief unveiling program) in front of the old Cedar

Sheep Cooperative building, now the Bulloch Drug Store.

Born in England, Francis Webster traveled to Utah in 1856 and played an important role in the early development of Cedar City. A leader in the sheep growing industry, he was among the first to begin shipping sheep and wool to the Chicago markets. An early merchant in Cedar City, he had a small store (where Clark and Linford Jewelers now stands) that sold candles, soap, saddles and other supplies that he brought back from his Chicago trips. One of the stalwarts in the monumental effort to build the first building (Old

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'Purty Dozen' winners named

In each of the past six years, Cedar City has named the winners in the "Purty Dozen" contest. The Purty Dozen is a list of outstanding yards here, things of beauty created by dedicated and inventive people.

The Purty Dozen are selected by an anonymous committee that travels throughout the town— every section of the community— and selects the ones that this year deserve special recognition. They are not always large, beautifully landscaped lots. They can also be smaller areas that the owners have transformed into gardens of beauty.

The fact is we have a lot of such lots and selection of the annual winners is a difficult and time consuming task.

The winners stand as inspiration to what can be done if the owners of the yards really decide they want to transform them into sites that delight the eye.

The 2008 Purty Dozen are (in alphabetical order):

- Jack and Janice Carpenter, 90 South Beacon Drive
- Michael and Marsha Evans, 2148 West Shanna Lane (675 South)
- Garry and Tammy Griffiths, 80 South 580 East
- Kevin and Jewly Krause, 137 North Roundabout Way
- Philip and Lisa Kurtz, 998 Nichols Canyon Road
- Mark and Amanda Messer, 2232 West Sunnyside Drive
- Shana Nelson, 871 Fiddlers Canyon Road
- Derral and Karen Stratton, 383 South 300 East
- Marlo and Betty Stones, 183 North Highland Drive
- Ella Van Groningen, 294 Dewey Avenue
- Duane and Maria Wilke, 2136 West 700 South
- Scott and Teresa Yardley, 208 North Beacon Drive

Congratulations to these 12 winners who reside in Festival City USA.

Main) for what is now Southern Utah University, he was a member of the Building Committee and is credited as playing a crucial role in persuading townspeople to participate in the undertaking.

Mr. Webster served as a member of the City Council, then as mayor of Cedar City from 1872 to 1876, was elected to the lower house of the Utah Territorial Legislature and served as president of the Cedar City Cooperative Mercantile and Manufacturing company. Active in the LDS Church, he served as bishop of the Cedar City Ward.

As a young man, Francis Webster traveled to Australia and to the gold fields of California to earn sufficient money to begin a planned marriage, arriving back in England with \$1,600 in gold dust. Following his wedding, at age 25, he and his bride elected to immigrate to Utah. While the money he had earned would have been sufficient to purchase a wagon, full travel equipment, and two yoke of cattle, the Websters instead elected to travel by handcart, using the remainder of their money to pay for the ocean passage of nine other people. They arrived in Boston, traveled to Iowa City, Iowa, where they were assigned to the ill-fated Martin Handcart Company. Once on the plains,

the handcart group was caught in a heavy fall snowstorm, many of the company members dying of exposure and starvation. The Websters, plagued by illness and the effects of the extreme weather conditions, survived on a quarter of a pound of flour a day and for five days Francis subsisted on the meat of a dead buffalo he discovered in order that his wife and baby daughter could have his flour ration. Rescued by a relief train, they were able to complete their journey to Salt Lake City, and two days later departed for Cedar City.

Mr. Webster's remarks on his participation in the Martin Handcart Company have been quoted at length over the years, one of the most recent being by the late President Gordon B. Hinckley of the LDS Church at the dedication of the Visitor's Center at Martin's Cove in Wyoming in May 1997. Webster was father of a large, multi-generation family and his ancestors, too, have played vital roles in the advancement of Cedar City.

The public is cordially invited and urged to attend the City celebration. Those who would like to attend the Webster family reception are requested to make reservations for the event by Aug. 15 by calling 867-5959. There is a charge of \$6 per person for the reception, which will include a light buffet. Both the Town Meeting and the Main Street unveiling are free of charge.

Public Works Report

STREET: If a strong wind or rain is present the night before your garbage pick-up day, please refrain from putting your garbage can out the night before. It will help to avoid cans tipping over and having garbage blown all over. Also, please be sure to put your cans at least six feet away from any vehicles. If you reside in the Fiddler's Canyon area, please refrain from parking your vehicle(s) on the street as we will be performing street maintenance until the middle of September. Chip sealing is almost complete in that area. During August we will be sweeping excess chips and putting down a final coat of oil. You should allow two hours drying time. Notices will be provided.

WATER: Please water your lawn every three days, with approximately 1/2" of

water each time (Utah Division of Water Resources). The City has established year-round watering times: after 6 p.m. and before 8 a.m. Please, no watering during the day.

AIRPORT: A new Skywest flight schedule is in place with flights departing Cedar City at 7 a.m. weekdays (except Sunday) and 3 p.m. daily; with flights returning to Cedar City at 2:37 p.m. daily and 10:27 p.m. weekdays (except Sunday).

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS: The Public Works office reminds all that more construction is occurring. Anyone doing work within the road right-of-way must obtain an encroachment permit. This can be done at the offices at 716 N. Airport Rd.

The Public Works Department appreciates any comments or observations. Please call 586-2912.

Cedar City Leisure Services Community Interest Survey

Cedar City Leisure Services wants your input! We are striving to increase the number of programs available to our community members. By filling out and submitting this survey, you will help us to determine the activities and programs best suited for development in our city.

1. Rank your Class, Activity, or Sports Program with 1 = Top Priority

COMMUNITY CLASSES- (TOP FIVE)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Classes (Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Adult Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Oven Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merit Badge | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping for Homeowners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After School | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly fishing/Fly tying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrapbooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery for Kids & Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish/English/Sign Language | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Bagpipes | |

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS- (TOP PICK)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forever-Fit Series - IHC | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K / 10K runs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Step-Up to Health - NRPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Iron County |

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES- (TOP FOUR)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-School Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Night @ the Skate Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chess Tournament/ Chess Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Haunted Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Campfire / Nature Talks | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Festival in Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Talent Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Story Time in the Park |

SPORTS PROGRAMS- (TOP FOUR)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult/Youth 3x3 Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park Tournaments | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Programs/Tournaments | <input type="checkbox"/> Running Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino Programs - Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Flag Football |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slow Pitch Softball Tournaments | <input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Frisbee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike races / rides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Track Club | |

Other: _____ Other: _____

2. What day would you prefer to participate?

Mon___ Tues___ Wed___ Thurs___ Fri___ Sat___ Sun___

What time period is better for you?

Morning___ Afternoon___ Evening___

3. Do you know someone who would be willing to share their skills and lead community activities?

4. Other Comments:

Name _____ Email _____

Check here if you would like to be added to our email list _____ Number of people in family _____

How many family members in each age group

Ages: 1-3___ 4-9___ 10-15___ 16-20___ 21-30___ 31-40___ 41-50___ 51-60___ 61+___

Please return online (cedarcity.org) or by mail with your water bill or bring into the Cedar City Office Building at 10 North Main or to the Leisure Services Office 286 North Main.



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Academy in Colorado Springs on Aug. 30, probably the most important football game in the school's history, and the men's basketball team which will host both Weber State and Utah State University in December while playing road games at Florida and UNLV... To SUU's gymnastics coach Scott Bauman who was being pressed by Utah State University to move to the Logan school but elected to remain at SUU where he has built a highly respected program, thus adding to his popularity here... To the Cedar City Music Arts Association which has booked an outstanding season including the Canadian Brass, the Vienna Boys Choir, the Broadway musical *Bye Bye Birdie*, and the Utah Symphony with Keith Lockhart conducting, among others.

NEW BALL FIELD COMPLEX: The Cedar City Council has approved the construction of a new ball complex in the south part of town that will include six fields of various sizes for softball and baseball, all with lights, dugouts, bleacher seating, and a central scoring and concession building. The complex will also include a play area for children and adequate paved parking. The entire complex will be landscaped and, when finished a year or so from now, will take its place among the top ball complexes in Utah. Primary funding for the project has come from impact fees on new construction. The Council has also assigned additional funding to provide improvements at the ball complex adjacent to Coal Creek at 300 East.

CARE AND SHARE: With the slowdown in the national (and local) economy, more people find themselves in need of assistance. The Utah Food Bank is having the same problem: getting enough food for distribution. Primarily it has been getting crackers. But it needs canned foods also like meat, beans, tomato sauce, and canned tomatoes. If you'd like to help, please take your food contributions to Care and Share's new food bank at 222 W

900 North (north of the cemetery). Contributions from home gardens would also be appreciated.

REMEMBERING: For 36 years, a building in Cedar City's downtown served as the gathering place of the community, and was used for church meetings, school, dances, dramatics, funerals, civic and social needs. Located where the parking terrace on 100 East is now located, the Social Hall, as it was called, was constructed in 1861 from adobe bricks from the original school house in the Old Fort, which had been abandoned. The schoolhouse was dismantled, brick by brick, and reassembled at the new location. The one-story building had four windows on each side, a fireplace in the west end, and a door in the east end, facing 100 East Street. School functions were transferred from the Hall in 1881 when a new school building was finished on the southeast corner of the block (where the Old Rock Church is today). And when the Tabernacle (now also gone) was finished in 1888, religious services were discontinued in the Social Hall, but it continued to serve for recreation and other needs until 1897 when it was declared unsafe and torn down.

VETERANS' HISTORIES: The Library in the Park has been able to collect more than 40 histories from local veterans, men and women, who have served in combat and non-combat situations from World War II forward. They are available to the patronage of the Library both on DVD and written transcript (as time and means are available to transcribe the original footage). Most interviews are between 30 minutes and one hour and provide an invaluable account of the military service of former local military personnel. The project has been funded by a grant from Iron County and has received great assistance from the efforts of Kathryn and Doyle Ipson, as well as several Eagle Scouts.

PRAIRIE DOGS must not be as hardy these days as in times long past, since we are told that 90 percent of them died in being relocated a mere 30 miles. In 1803, Thomas Jefferson sent the Lewis and Clark Expedition into the northwest to map out the new country obtained in the Louisiana Purchase with instructions

to explore rivers, collect plants, draw wild animals and, where possible, send back specimens. Coming upon a prairie, the Expedition discovered an animal they first called a "ground rat," then a "barking squirrel," before finally agreeing upon the name "prairie dog," since it barked like a dog. They sent a prairie dog back to President Jefferson. The trip included being carried by humans in back packs, then via a barge down the Mississippi river, then placed aboard a big ship in New Orleans. The ship sailed around Florida and up the east coast of the U.S. to Baltimore, where the prairie dog was loaded into the back of a wagon and carried to President Jefferson in Washington, D.C. Jefferson, in turn, sent it to the Peale Museum in Philadelphia, where people came to see the animal. It had been a very long trip but the prairie dog had survived it hale and hearty.

UPDATE: The reservoir being constructed on Leigh Hill, which will hold 112-acre feet of water, is scheduled for completion Oct. 1. A clay lining is currently being installed, with a plastic lining to follow, and yet another clay lining will then be placed on top of the plastic. A sandy beach will be positioned on the east side of the miniature lake (which will also serve as an urban fishery) and a boat ramp will also be constructed. Some have suggested the lake should be called Leigh Lake. Do you have any suggestions? If so, send your nominations to mayor@cedarcity.org.

VETERANS PARK: The three remaining war memorials are all moving forward to completion. The Viet Nam Monument is scheduled for dedication on Sept. 6, the Korean War Monument on Sept. 27, and ground breaking for the World War II Monument is tentatively scheduled for Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The Park, sponsored by the Cedar City Rotary Club, has received funding from the Utah Legislature, the Iron County Commission, the Cedar City-Brian Head Visitors and Tourism Bureau, Cedar City civic clubs, businesses and organizations, and private donors. The Rotary Club is proposing that the Park be a zero-scape garden to conserve water consumption and to make it a tourist attraction.