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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



OUTDOORSY PLACE:

U.S. News and World Report magazine named Cedar City among the nation's top 10 "outdoorsy" places to retire, citing its proximity to two national parks. The other nine top outdoorsy places were Canyon Lake, Texas; Carlsbad, California; Center Point, Alabama; Hilo, Hawaii; Juneau, Alaska; Kalispell, Montana; South Burlington, Vermont; Tanque Verdi, Arizona, and Winchester, Virginia.

RIDGE ROAD: A totally narrow residential street running the length of the hill immediately west of Interstate 15, Ridge Road has evolved into a major thoroughfare for trucks and other heavy equipment heading south to Providence Center, to the concern of parents who deem it a danger to children. A recent traffic study conducted along Ridge Road indicated that in a 69-hour period, 280 long vehicles traveled Ridge Road. The residents have been patient, knowing that the City was building Cross Hollows Road to carry major north and south traffic, eliminating much of the need to use Ridge Road. With Cross Hollows Road finished, the City Council has passed a City ordinance banning all vehicles having an overall length of 35 feet or more, or any heavy vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating of 20,000 pounds or greater, from using Ridge Road with the exception of vehicles making deliveries or servicing the local neighborhood. Those who have traditionally used Ridge Road for through traffic are urged to use the New Cross Hollows Road or Interstate 15.

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SkyFest, USF fall season on tap this month

In addition to the just-completed Great American Stampede, Festival City USA's year-round schedule of events continues this month with three other big events, including...

THE CEDAR CITY SKYFEST will take place Sept. 12-14 at the Launch Field (soccer fields) of Bicentennial Park and features hot air balloons, radio controlled airplanes and a community kite fly in the afternoon. All events are weather permitting. It begins at sunrise, so, dress in layers, bring a blanket, or folding chairs to enjoy the day. Bring a flashlight to light your way when it is still dark. The popular Saturday Night Glow starts with an hour of music from The Two Much Fun band, followed by a show by glowing hot-air balloons, all on the Bicentennial Park grounds.

THE UTAH SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL FALL SEASON runs from Sept. 19 to Oct. 25. Offerings for the season are Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, Patrick Hamilton's *Gaslight* and Ron Hutchinson's *Moonlight and Magnolias*.

In *Julius Caesar*, the noble Brutus wonders if he is being swayed by

the self-serving plots of political opportunists, or does Caesar, the man who has loved him as a son, really intend to see himself crowned an emperor?

In *Gaslight*, Bella, home alone, believes she's losing her mind, she can't explain the disappearance of familiar objects, the mysterious footsteps overhead, or the ghostly flickering of living room gaslights whenever her husband is gone. This suspenseful and dark Victorian melodrama will surprise you and have you holding your breath.

In the hilarious farce *Moonlight and Magnolias*, writer Ben Hecht and director Victor Fleming begin to write the script for *Gone with the Wind*. Now, if only Hecht had read the novel.

All are available by phoning 586-7878. See www.bard.org.

THE CEDAR CITY ART FESTIVAL will be held Sept. 26-27 on the grounds of the Randall L. Jones Theatre. Art Festival hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with children's art, food booths and live entertainment throughout the day in addition to the art vendors.

Francis Webster statue unveiled

August 30 was Francis Webster Day in Cedar City. The pioneer stockman was recognized for his great contributions to Cedar City's formative years with a statue by Jerry Anderson unveiled in front of Bulloch Drug Store at 91 N. Main St., which was once the headquarters of the Cedar City Sheep Cooperative, directed by Webster. The Webster work joins the Henry Lunt statue in front of the City Offices, as Main Street statuary. More than 600 attended the event.





Barrick, Parks are honored

Just as she switched jobs from the Cedar City Police Department to become the executive secretary to the administration of the Cedar City Corp., **Barbara Barrick** was selected as the September employee of the month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee. She spent 11 years with the



CCPD after a stint with the SUU department of physical education. She is a native of Long Beach, Calif., and has lived in Cedar City for 13 years. Among her hobbies are hiking, gardening and reading

and she loves the beauty of the area. Her husband is Robert and she has four grown children and one grandchild.

Randy Parks, a 30-year employee of Cedar City Corp., was named the August Employee of the Month. A native of Covina, Calif., he moved to Cedar City with his family in 1959 and later graduated from Cedar City High School before attending Southern Utah University and serving a hitch in the U.S. Army. He held down a number of jobs here, in California and in Montana



before beginning as an employee of the City landfill in 1978. Currently, he is a street maintenance worker.

“Randy’s attitude is always positive and he is willing to do whatever is needed

even if it is not the most desirable task,” said Street Superintendent Sandy Webb.

Randy and his wife Sherie, who hails from Minersville, enjoy life in Cedar City largely because of the small-town atmosphere and the recreational opportunities it affords. Randy says he enjoys working out at the gym and has been known to go fishing on occasion.

Crash victims are remembered

A number of campaigns are under way to honor and to aid the families of the 10 Cedarians who lost their lives in a tragic plane crash near Moab Aug. 22. Those victims are Dr. Lansing Ellsworth, his son Dallin, David Goddard and daughter Cecile Goddard, Valerie Imlay, Mandy Johnson, Keith Shumway, Marci Tillery and Camie Vigil, all of the Southwest Skin and Cancer Institute, and pilot David White. They were saluted in a community-wide service Aug. 28.

Those impacted the most by this calamity are the family members who depended on those lost both emotionally and financially. Many dependents will continue to feel the results of this tragedy, including several minor children, spouses, and an unborn child. Accordingly, trust accounts have been established at various financial institutions to aid those families. Information on how to donate may be obtained by phoning 586-7868.

Physical memorials to the victims are being planned in Cedar City. Ten trees will be planted along Coal Creek Parkway in a campaign begun by Tim and Lisa Cretsinger of Groovacious at 867-9800. Julie Dennett’s Tombstone Tribute, which has erected headstones

for 21 people in the past five years, will erect a monument either at the Cedar City Cemetery or at the Southwest Skin and Cancer Institute offices. She may be reached at 531-1077.

Those who wish to donate may also contribute through their City Water Bill by noting on their check which campaign they wish to support.

The community-wide tribute, in the Centrum arena of SUU, featured speakers Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr., and Elder Steven Snow of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Cedar City Mayor Gerald R. Sherratt conducted the services.

Cedar City Calvary Chapel Pastor Joe Carroll gave the invocation while SUU President Michael T. Benson, Dane Leavitt and Dr. Robert Nakken also spoke. Musical numbers were performed by the Orchestra of Southern Utah and SUU Symphony Orchestra, the combined choruses of SUU, combined choirs from Canyon View and Cedar high schools and the Scarlet and Black Pipe Band. The benediction was by Monsignor Michael Winterer of Christ the King Catholic Church. Also in attendance was U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt.

Text information to be available

Cedar City will establish a new alert service to the community beginning in October. Citizens will be able to text in “cityinfo” to the number 83043 to receive information and updates on the following topics:

- ◆ Holiday schedules for trash pick-up
- ◆ City events
- ◆ Road construction
- ◆ Important dates
- ◆ News and emergency notifications
- ◆ School delays
- ◆ Other important info.

Cedar City is constantly looking for better ways to serve the community

and we feel that text messaging will be among the fastest and most effective forms of communication that we can offer. We have recently partnered with M6 Marketing, a Utah-based mobile marketing company to make this free service possible. There are no additional text messaging fees, standard rates apply. If you choose to not receive the messages you can unsubscribe at any time by replying “stop” to any of our messages.

Additionally, the Cedar City/Brian Head Tourism Bureau is now providing tourist information to those who text “happenings” to 83043. New signs at the I-15 entrance monuments announce this service to those traveling to or past Cedar City.

Emergency response team seeks members



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is administered by FEMA's Community Preparedness Division and is currently seeking individuals who wish to be prepared to aid in any emergency here.

The next training session for Cedarians is slated for Oct. 10-11 and 17-18 and those who wish to take part may phone the Iron County Emergency Services office at 867-7329. The training is free while a cost for necessary equipment is \$35.

CERT is an integral part of Citizen Corps, the grass-roots movement that actively involves everyone in making our communities and our nation safer, stronger and better prepared. CERT is a training program that prepares people to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of a disaster

in their community. In 95 percent of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene. CERT training is designed to teach individuals what to do in these cases.

Through CERT, citizens can learn about disaster preparedness and receive training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. With this training, volunteers can provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims before emergency first responders arrive on scene. CERT volunteers also support the community year-round by participating in community preparedness outreach activities and distributing materials on disaster preparedness and education.

General information about CERT may be found on the web at citizencorps.gov.

Public Works Report

STREET: The division has completed its annual street maintenance area for this year: the northeast part of the community. Thanks for the patience of those who were kept off the streets while the chips and oil were applied. If you have any suggestions as to how the City can conduct this important maintenance effort in a more "customer friendly" manner, please let Public Works know. The division continue to address pot holes and other repairs as it is able. Plans are to install a cross gutter at the intersection of Ridge Road and 150 South during the month of September. Please be aware of construction at that location. Thanks to Eric Liebhardt for his work on painting curbs in front of many fire hydrants in the community as part of his Eagle Scout project.

WATER: The Water Division would like to remind citizens that during the month of September, with cooler nights, lawn watering can be reduced to once every five days, with approximately 1/2" of water each time (Utah Division of Water Resources). And remember, watering is to occur after 6 p.m. and before 8 a.m. Please, no watering during the day.

The City has received and is reviewing

an updated Water Master Plan. The plan will eventually be presented to the City Council in a public meeting. Check the City's website for Council meeting agendas to see when the plan will be presented to the Council.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT: The plant has recently installed a new Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system which allows all operations to be monitored by computer. Plant workers are notified immediately of any warnings or malfunctions via cell phone. This replaces the old system which was installed with the plant's construction in the early 1990s.

CATS: The dispatch office has moved from the City Offices to the Public Works building (716 N. Airport Road). Anyone interested in bus passes may still get them at the City Office, at the front counter.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS: Anyone doing work within the road right-of-way must obtain an encroachment permit. This can be done at 716 N. Airport Rd.

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

Coming Up... IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The Orchestra of Southern Utah Talent Showcase** is Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. It will feature the talents of soloists Steve Downs, Jackie Jackson, Johnny Gallis, Tracey Bu and Gary Player, as well as a musical celebration of composer Leroy Anderson's work.. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students.

◆ **The Korean War Memorial** at the Rotary Centennial Veterans Park will be dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 27, following a program in the Heritage Theater which begins at 10 a.m. Immediately following the program, the event will move to the Park (at 200 North and 200 East) for the unveiling and dedication. Korean veterans are asked to call Betty Jones at 865-7637 for special seating information.

◆ **The Utah Symphony**, presented by Cedar City Music Arts, is Friday, Oct. 3 in the Heritage Theater at 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$30; students \$15. It is preceded by the Symphony Soiree at 5:45 in Festival Hall at \$25 per plate. Tickets for the Soiree must be purchased in advance.

The Heritage Theater (phone 865-2882) is located at 105 North 100 East, immediately north of the City Parking Terrace, where there is no charge for parking. Unless otherwise noted, children under the age of six are not admitted. Box Office hours are Wednesday to Friday, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and for one hour prior to ticketed performances.

AT MAIN STREET PARK

Monday evening concerts at the Gazebo are at 6 p.m.: Sept. 22, with **Karyn Whittemore and Steven Swift**; Sept. 29, TBA; and Oct. 6 with **Maybelle's Music Box** and another act TBA. They're free. Bring a blanket and food and beverage if you wish.



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STATISTICS: Sales tax revenues for Cedar City dipped by two percent in August from the same month in 2007, \$548,283 compared to August 2007's \$561,349... Rap Tax revenues were off eight percent in August from August of 2007, \$55,105 compared to August 2007's \$59,760... Building permits issued by Cedar City totaled 606 for the first six months of 2008, compared to 1,048 for the same six months in 2007... Cedar City had \$689,000,000 in gross taxable sales in 2007, up 2.9 percent from 2006... Per-capita income in Iron County in 2007 totaled \$21,904, up 9 percent from 2004... The Utah Association of Realtors indicates that average sales price of a home for the first quarter of 2008 was \$219,384, down from \$230,801 in the same quarter in 2007... 16,000 square feet of new space is being constructed at Valley View Medical Center to allow expansion of the radiology department, laboratory, cafeteria and education center... Monthly average salaries in Cedar City increased from \$1,629 in 2000 to \$2,189 in 2007, or \$560 more a month... Cedar City's property taxes rate has decreased every year since 2001, when the public voted to bond for the Library in the Park.

COST OF LIVING: The ACCRA Cost of Living Index for the second quarter of 2008 indicates that Cedar City's composite index is 91.5 percent of the average with groceries at 100.9 percent, housing at 89.5 percent, utilities at 78.6 percent, transportation at 95.5 percent, health care at 85.6 percent, and miscellaneous goods and services at 93.1 percent. Cedar City's composite index of 91.5 percent compares to St. George's 97.3 percent, Salt Lake City's 98.8 percent, and Las Vegas' 106.3 percent.

YOU GOTTA LOVE: The performance of the musicians at the memorial service for those killed in the airplane crash near Moab. The Orchestra of Southern Utah and the SUU Symphonic Orchestra were superb, as were the combined

choruses of SUU and the combined choruses of Canyon View and Cedar high schools... Eagle Scout Bradley Williams who is repainting the Main Street boxes the nutcrackers stand on during the Christmas holiday, ensuring the holiday tradition has a special sparkle this year... The architecture of the new Fiddlers Plaza office building on Canyon Commercial Drive... The beautiful landscaping at Ken and Garfay Middleton's home (2081 South Scenic Drive)... The 1,200 young freshmen at SUU who devoted a day of their Welcome Week orientation activities to partner with the community by assisting with a variety of service projects ranging from quilting to aluminum can recycling, weed pulling, to mending costumes for the children's Christmas parade to assisting in Parowan's nursery and arboretum... The impressive 75th anniversary celebration at Cedar Breaks National Monument that featured actor Richard Bugg portraying President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 designating our near-by national wonder as a National Monument and the release of an eagle that had been nursed back to health by Martin Tyner.

AIRPORT: Enplanements (paid fares) for SkyWest Airlines for July at the Cedar City Regional Airport totaled 682 compared to 471 in July 2007... The Southern Utah University Athletic Department has become a major user of the Cedar City Regional Airport with both incoming charter flights bringing football teams and the department using chartered flights to transport its football team to away games. The university is also working to have incoming basketball and other sports teams travel to Cedar City via SkyWest, boosting the overall enplanement level of the airport.

REMEMBERING 1875: 24 years after Cedar City's founding, a map of the City prepared by Mayhew Dalley showed the names of the streets then being used: 100 East was called High Street, 200 East was Franklin Street, 300 East was Whitaker Street, and 400 East was Walker Street. University Blvd. (Center Street) was called Water Street, and 200 North was just North Street. Main Street had the same name then as now. The map showed a proposed railroad

extending through Cedar City going down 200 North, over Coal Creek, and up Cedar Canyon. The map had the planned railroad terminal located where the Paiute Tribe now has its headquarters.

DID YOU KNOW? That the children's Christmas parade, to be held but once this year on December 6, will for the first time include three helium balloon characters (a la Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade)... That donors from 13 states and the District of Columbia contributed money for the erection of the Francis Webster statue on Main Street and that the unveiling drew more than 600 people from California to Washington, D.C.... That the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial was held September 6 and the Korean War Monument will be dedicated on September 27... That the Iron Bull Mining and Milling company west of Cedar City has tentatively set late October for an open house, allowing the public to see what the company (owned By Paladon, Ltd.) has accomplished in preparation for resuming shipment of iron ore, this time to China.

REMEMBERING 1910/1911: The City set aside July 30 as Weed Day in Cedar City with the entire community asked to spend the day pulling weeds... The City Council ruled it unlawful for any person to leave any dead animals or fowls or any dead carcass within one-fourth mile of any inhabited portion of the City... The unsanitary condition of several waste pipes and outhouses were referred to the Health Board... A special election was held to determine whether alcohol could be sold in Cedar City. Voting to approve the sale of liquor totaled 46; against were 336... A proposal was made to ban the use of roller skates on pavements... Donald P. Urie, running on the Socialist ticket, was elected mayor with 161 votes, Democrat Lehi W. Jones received 101 votes, and Republican Jethro Palmer tallied 97 votes... Grievances were presented to the City Council opposing gambling at the forthcoming County Fair (held then in Cedar City), but the petition received no action when the Fair Committee reported it too late to rescind the action as gambling was the chief source of funding for the Fair.