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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



WHITE HOUSE

INTERNSHIP: Maile Wilson, daughter of Rich and Linda Wilson, recently returned from Washington, D.C., where she worked in the White House as an intern for first lady Laura Bush. Maile was assigned to the Policies and Projects division in the White House's East Wing. Her responsibilities included working on Mrs. Bush's projects and policies correspondence, The National Book Festival, and The Global Literacy Conference, as well as assisting with the Annual Congressional Picnic, T-Ball Game on the South Lawn, The Garden Tour, and the 4th of July Celebration at the White House. As you would imagine, Maile was selected from a horde of applicants, so it attests to her abilities and promise for the future.

DID YOU KNOW? That an episode of Modern Marvels on the History Channel (entitled "Dangerous Roads") featured a segment about a rock crawling competition held at Three Peaks... That the *New York Daily News* featured an article on Cedar City's Livestock and Heritage Festival this year with a photograph of the sheep parading down Main Street... That 15 percent of newborn prairie dogs die from infanticide (being killed and eaten by older prairie dogs)... That when the pioneers arrived in southern Utah in the early 1850s, they found the native Paiutes engaged in farming small one- to three-acre plots where they grew wheat, beans, corn, potatoes, squash and watermelons... That the World War II Monument in the Rotary Veterans Park is scheduled for ground breaking

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Busy week marks City's 157th birthday

Events include opening of two walking trails, filling of Leigh Hill Reservoir, Iron Mission Days, the gala Birthday Ball and Veterans Day commemoration

Tuesday, Nov. 11, is the observance of the 157th anniversary of the arrival of the first pioneers on Nov. 11, 1851, and the City will mark the day with ribbon cuttings for two new walking trails and the Leigh Hill Reservoir. Also part of the birthday celebration are the annual Iron Mission Days, culminating in the Birthday Ball Saturday evening.

Cedar City's Parks and Facilities and Cedar City's Leisure Services will welcome all residents to take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for three venues that will greatly enhance the recreational life here.

Tuesday (Nov. 11) events:

- At 2 p.m., immediately south of the Visitor's Center at Main Street and Coal Creek Rd., a representative from the office of U.S. Sen. Robert Bennett (R-Ut), along with city officials, will provide remarks to open the 8,400-foot extension of the Coal Creek Parkway. The new construction, at a cost of \$675,000, extends the trail from the 200 East Bridge near the Little League fields, to North Cedar Blvd., north of Bicentennial Park.
- At 3 p.m., the mile-long Cross Hollow walking trail will open, just north of Wal-Mart. The \$170,000 trail travels westward to Cross Hollow Canyon.
- At 4 p.m., the ribbon will be cut and the valve turned to fill the 36 million-gallon Leigh Hill Reservoir just north of Cedar Middle School. The event will take place on the north shore of the 110-acre-foot facility which includes a beach and boat ramp and will be

stocked with fish in 2009 and be used as a pressurized irrigation system for the City, Southern Utah University and Iron County School District. The cost of the project is \$2.8 million.

■ At 9 a.m., the American Legion will conduct a flag raising and memorial service to veterans at the City Cemetery at 685 N. Main St.

■ At 11 a.m., Southern Utah University will present the 21st Annual Veterans Day Observance Program in the Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom.

■ Immediately following the SUU ceremonies, at 12:15, ground will be broken for the World War II monument at Rotary Centennial Veterans Park at 200 East and 200 North. Speaking will be Mayor Sherratt and Committee Chair Ed Hahne.

■ **The Annual Cedar City Birthday Ball.** The ball, to be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, in the Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom, will feature "Ken's Big Band," formerly the Win Seegmiller Band, with additional entertainment by the SUU Ballroom Dance Company and the Hey! Cedars square dance group, along with refreshments. There is no charge for admission and the general public is invited to attend. Chairing the annual event is Michael Liebhardt.

■ **Iron Mission Days:** Iron Mission State Park Museum once again celebrates the founding of Cedar City

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on Veterans Day, Nov. 11... That a detachment of the Marine Corps League has been organized in Cedar City (for information contact chdee@scintern.net)... That Cedar City will again host the Ice Bowl on Dec. 13 where 400-500 youth in the 4th to the 8th grades from Moorpark, Calif., travel here to play football with local counterparts. While here the California youth participate in the annual Lighted Christmas Parade and the Shop with Cops program.

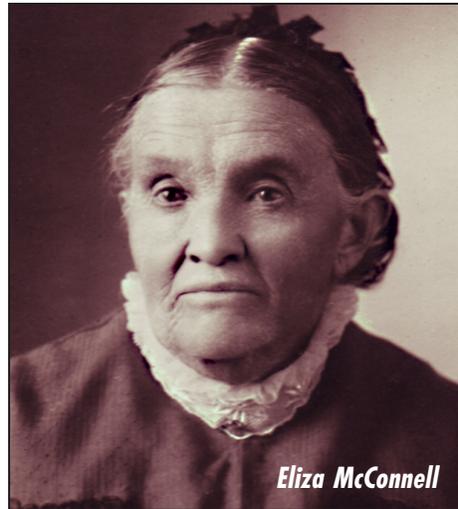
CHRISTMAS: The American Children's Christmas Festival will not be held this year as the committee saves its shekels for a redesign scheduled for 2009. In its place this year only will be a Santa's Holiday Celebration to be held on four nights: Friday-Monday, Dec. 5-8. Santa Claus will be present at the celebration which will include beautifully decorated Christmas trees, the annual Fantasy in Frost (local children performing groups), and an area where canned goods or gifts will be received for needy children. A photographer will be available to take photos of the children with Santa. The celebration will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday. The traditional downtown fireworks show that heralds the beginning of the Christmas season in Cedar City will be Friday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. from the upper floor of the parking terrace on 100 East. The annual Storybook Cavalcade parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. in the afternoon and will be bigger and better than ever with the addition of two 24-foot tall helium balloons.

GATHERING HONORS: Local author Lana Jordan is busy picking up honors these days for her new children's book, "Whose Ears are Whose?" The book is written in rhyme and beautifully illustrated by Pam Farrance and Melanie Babcock. For those looking for a great children's Christmas present, I highly recommend Ms. Jordan's impish book, which is available from PuffballPress.com. Jordan has published two other books: "The Sleepytime Ponies" and

"Journey to Motherhood."

STATISTICS: Sales tax revenues for September in Cedar City were down by 2 percent from the same month in 2007: \$431,411 in 2008 compared to \$437,411 in 2007. RAP tax collections in September dropped 17 percent from the same month in 2007: \$39,527 verses \$47,597 in 2007... At the end of September, 286 building permits had been issued here valued at \$36,996,820, compared to the same date in 2007 when 438 building permits had been issued valued at \$95,668,630... This year, 19 of 21 Southern Utah University students applying to medical schools were accepted! Twelve out of 14 students were accepted to dental schools and 10 out of 11 to pharmacy programs. Particularly exciting is that seven of the medical school admissions were at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

PIONEER HEROINE: Elizabeth Williams was born in Wales in 1835 and immigrated to Utah, traveling a major



Eliza McConnell

part of the way by handcart. In Utah she met and married Henry Harrison McConnell and they had eight children. In pioneer days, the men of the family took care of the farming while the dairying was assigned to the women. The valley became overgrazed and people began looking for other pastures for their dairy cows. Cedar Mountain was considered an ideal site but none were willing to take the risk of having their cows stolen by marauders or killed by bears and other wild animals. But in 1869, "Eliza" McConnell took her dairy cows up on Cedar Mountain to the lush pastures and showed the remainder of the citizens that dairying on the mountain was safe. Within two years,

nearly half of the families of Cedar City had taken squatter's rights on mountain property and dairying in southern Utah became a major industry, lasting for decades. The butter and cheese from the mountain dairying was sold to mining camps and people traveling through Cedar City and for many it was the only source of cash the residents had. The mountain dairying later led to pasturing cattle and then sheep, all because of the bravery of Eliza McConnell.

PARKWAY TREES: The Coal Creek Parkway's walking trail will open officially with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. in the afternoon at the Visitor's Center, allowing people from the community to take a nearly three-mile walk from the trail's origin at the mouth of Cedar Canyon to its current end near the freeway. It is planned to have the entire distance be landscaped with areas that open up into parks (Veterans Park, for example). One of the planned parks will be a Memorial Grove with trees planted in memory of friends and loved ones. A kiosk at the park's entrance will provide a layout of the park and indicate which tree is in honor of which person. If you'd like to honor someone in this way, you can donate a tree for a gift of \$200, which covers the cost of purchasing and planting the tree (included in the purchase price of the tree is some funding to develop the kiosk). If you are interested, you can send a check addressed to Cedar City Memorial Grove along with your water bill indicating the person you want to be memorialized. A listing of those being so honored will appear in this monthly column.

RETIREMENT CENTER: *Where to Retire* Magazine (November-December issue) has once again featured Cedar City. In an article entitled "Naturally Great Playgrounds," Cedar City is profiled along with Durango, Colo.; Flagstaff, Ariz.; Bend, Ore.; Bozeman, Mont.; Waynesville, N.C.; Winchester, Va.; and Lewisburg, W.V. The cities were selected because they were neither too large nor too small and have proximity to some of America's natural resources. Some of the places have long been attracting retirees while others—like

Cedar City—were selected as “emerging targets for retirees with active lifestyles, particularly the baby boomers.” To read the full article, see the City’s web site: www.cedarcity.org

GOLF COURSE: The Cedar Ridge Golf Course has been named by *Golf Digest* as one of the best golf courses to play in the nation. This rating will appear in the 2008-2009 edition of *Golf Digest’s* “Best Places to Play.” The list rates approximately 6,000 courses all across North America and the islands. Some 20,000 *Golf Digest* readers evaluated all 6,000 golf courses.

REMEMBERING 1967: With five physicians having left the area, the City was experiencing a lack of doctors. When the City Physician received an order to report to military duty, the City requested his deferment because of the doctor shortage... Bonanza Airlines, which served the City airport, reported that if its passenger services continued to increase as it had for the past few years, it would require adding 2,000 feet to the runway, prompting the City to initiate negotiations for the needed land and to begin making applications for state and federal grants... The mayor released three prisoners from jail, two to a traveling carnival and one to the Alcoholic Center... Plans were made to increase the local nine-hole golf course by an additional nine holes (golf green fees were \$1.50 on weekends and holidays and \$1 weekdays)... Construction was proceeding on I-15 being built through Cedar City and citizens complained bitterly over the contractor’s hot plant north of the city as it was creating dust that was spreading throughout the town... The Cedar City Police Department introduced a new weapon to its law enforcement arsenal: the chemical Mace (ordered for each police car), which the police labeled as “gentle persuasion.”

KUDOS: To all those who worked so hard to make the Cedar City Livestock and Heritage Festival such a great success. How many other communities in the country have an event featuring 1,000 live sheep parading down Main Street? Congratulations to the committee and to Scott Anderson who conceived the idea of the festival several years ago... And to Curtis Weber of Cedar City, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Weber, who has been engaged in an Eagle Scout project of significant importance to Cedar City. He has taken a major section of the City cemetery, photographed all of the tombstones in the section, and cataloged them in a database. The photos and information are now being placed on the City’s website, allowing genealogists and other interested people to view the tombstones on the web. It is the City’s hope that all of the cemetery’s tombstones will someday be recorded in the same way Curtis has done for the cemetery’s Section B. The project will be utilized often in the years to come by people who cannot personally visit the City but are seeking the grave sites of their loved ones or writing histories of those buried in the cemetery.

NAMING ORGANIZATION: Former Cedar City resident Kit Law has suggested the name for the proposed new non-profit organization to support property rights vis-à-vis the invasion of prairie dogs to be GROWL: Group for the Reform of Oppressive Wildlife Legislation, or Group to Review and Oppose Wildlife Lawsuits. Naming suggestions are still being received.

REMEMBERING 1917: Touring Utah’s national parks today can be accomplished easily over a maze of well-maintained roads that have been built over the years. But in 1917, when the National Park Service awarded the first franchise to Gronway and Chauncey Parry to transport visitors from Cedar City to and about Zion National Park, the roads were but “ruts through sagebrush,” as Gronway’s daughter has written. The trips were made in a used passenger Hudson and a Model T Ford with seven such tours sponsored in the franchise’s initial year. Passengers increased steadily until the advent of World War I when the franchise owners enlisted in the U. S. Army. Following the War, Chauncey Parry resumed the transportation business (his brother Gronway took a teaching assignment at the Branch Agricultural College, now SUU), adding visits to Grand, Bryce, and Cedar Breaks. With business booming, Gronway again united with his brother in the transportation business and the two men continued the franchise until 1924 when the Union Pacific Railroad purchased it.



Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The Master Singers** will perform a free Veterans Day Concert Sunday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. No tickets are required.

◆ **The Orchestra of Southern Utah Fall Concert** is Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m., featuring Keith Bradshaw piano concerto, Tchaikovsky (Kirill Gliadkovsky, soloist), Symphony No. 4, Bruckner. Adults: \$10; Students: \$5.

◆ **In Jubilo’s Christmas Concert** is Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. This is a free concert with no tickets required and is open to all ages.

◆ **Holiday On Broadway** is presented by Cedar City Music Arts on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Includes music from around the world in a Celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Hear hits from Broadway and film, as well as hilarious “fractured” carols. Adults: \$25; SUU and Iron County School District Students: \$10.

◆ **Handel’s ‘Messiah’** is Sunday and Monday, Dec. 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m. It is a free concert but tickets are necessary and must be obtained at the Box Office.

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.



LuAnne Endres is recognized

LuAnne Endres, administrative assistant in the Community Development office, is the November Employee of the Month of the Employee Advisory Council.

LuAnne is new to this position after having served in the same capacity for the office of Economic Development for a year and-a-half. Former supervisor Bryan Dangerfield



said “You won’t find a more pleasant person to work with than LuAnne.” He lauds her initiative and competency and notes that she is

an exceptionally reliable worker on behalf of the City’s residents. She says she’s enjoying learning many new things in her new position.

LuAnne is a native of Cedar City and spent 26 years in Arizona working for Intel Corp. and the Anasazi Foundation while teaching computer courses at Mesa Community College. Here in Cedar City, she teaches courses for SUU’s Continuing Education division in her spare hours. She is also a dedicated alto vocalist in the local group In Jubilo, and is currently rehearsing for the group’s Christmas concert in the Heritage Center on Dec. 4.

“I come to work happy and leave work happy,” she says. “I credit that to the great people working here at Cedar City Corp.”

She says she loves the fall leaves here and is most grateful for the wide variety of cultural offerings in Cedar City. She is the mother of a daughter, Jessica, who lives in Orem, and a son, Ben, of Chandler, Ariz., and enjoys her two cats, Wilbur and Gracie.

with a week-long series of activities designed to honor the spirit of our community and those that created opportunities for our growth. The celebration begins on Saturday, Nov. 8, with a family handcart pull and the opening of a new art exhibit by the students of SUU. On Monday, Nov. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Iron Mission will host its fifth annual Community Night. Pioneer activities, crafts, stagecoach rides, and living history demonstrations will be available. The cost is \$3 per family. On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Museum Curator Ryan Paul will conduct a guided walk through Cedar City’s historic cemetery, pointing out unique features and discussing history. Dress warmly and meet at Iron Mission State Park at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Iron County Historical Society will present a lecture detailing the history of South Central Utah’s pioneer populations. The

lecture and Cemetery tour are provided at no charge. Reservations are required for the Family Handcart pull as space is limited. The charge for this event is \$20 per family.

For more information or to make handcart reservations call 586-9290. Iron Mission State Park is located at 635 North Main Street in Cedar City.

The week’s events celebrate the interesting and unique founding of Cedar City 157 years ago when Capt. Henry Lunt captained a party of 36 men—the Iron Mission Company—from Parowan to establish an iron works. The 11 wagons arrived here in a blinding snowstorm on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1851. The actual settlement site was on the north bank of Coal Creek where small cottonwood log houses were built fort-style at the western base of the hill. The settlement was given the name of Fort Cedar because of the abundance of trees which were called “cedar” trees, but were, in actuality, junipers.

Public Works Report

STREET: The Street Division reminds residents that large trucks are now prohibited on Ridge Road, except for delivery to local residents. Street sweeping is done regularly each month throughout the city. For more information on when your area is swept, feel free to call the Public Works office at 586-2912. **REMINDER** - Please place your garbage can(s) on the asphalt in front of the curb and not in the gutter. Cans too close to the curb can cause damage to the wheels.

WATER: The Water Division reminds all citizens that it is now time to winterize your homes. Please properly drain all sprinkler systems, swamp coolers, and hoses in order to avoid line breaks and costly repairs. Please undo all hoses off of the hose bibs on the outside of your house.

WASTEWATER: Cedar City’s wastewater treatment facility is designed for things that typically go down the toilets, showers and sinks. While most homes have garbage disposals we ask that no food products be sent down to the treatment facility as it has a significant impact on the treatment process. Food

items should be disposed in the garbage and there should be no handy wipes, disposable diapers, etc., going down the sewer.

AIRPORT: Beginning Nov. 1, a new Skywest flight schedule is in place with flights departing Cedar City at 5:50 a.m. daily (except Sunday) and 3 p.m. daily; with flights returning to Cedar City at 2:35 p.m. daily and 8:35 p.m. daily (except Saturday). Check out the ticket prices; they’re great!

CATS: Cedar Area Transportation Service (CATS) has a route providing service to 28 different locations from Wal-Mart to the Health Department nine times a day, Monday through Friday. A dial-a-ride (curb to curb) service is also available for the elderly and disabled. For more information, contact CATS at 865-4510.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS: Anyone doing work within the road right-of-way must obtain an encroachment permit. The City will now monitor whether an excavation location requires a prairie dog clearance letter. These forms can be obtained at our office at 716 N. Airport Rd.

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