



FESTIVAL CITY USA

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



DID YOU KNOW? That Cedar City's Gladys McDonald was the first lady pharmacist in the state of Utah...That in 1880 Iron County comprised 13,000 square miles stretching from the western to eastern borders of the Utah Territory and boasted a population of 4,013 (Cedar City's population then was 749 of which 49 were Native Americans)...A number of plants that still grow in Iron County were already here some 11,000 years ago and include sagebrush, pickleweed, three-leaf sumac, creosote brush and some very coarse grasses...That the first recorded contact between the Spanish and the local Paiutes took place in October 1776 when the Catholic fathers Silvestre Velez de Escalante and Francisco Atanasio Dominguez and party passed through the area in an attempt to reach Monterey, Calif....That the original Iron Mission plan in 1851 called for Cedar City to be the manufacturing center and Parowan to be the agricultural center...That Southwest Applied Technology College's masonry students fared exceptionally well in Skills USA state competition this year, placing first, third, fourth and fifth. The state champion, Cedar High senior Bret Woodmancy, went on to nationals in Kansas City and finished 15th of 54 state and territorial winners.

WORLDWIDE PODCASTS: You of course are aware of the recitals presented each year by the Orchestra of Southern Utah but did you know that podcasts of its performances reach more than 30 million people across the world each month? A podcast is a radio show broadcast to home

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Great American Stampede, Cedar City SkyFest, USF fall season, Korean Cultural Day are set

Festival City USA's year-round schedule of festivals continues this month with four big events, including a new one, as the first in what is expected to be an annual International Festival begins with Korean Cultural Day on Sept. 28.

September's events are:
THE GREAT AMERICAN STAMPEDE, run by the Cedar City Lions Club, is Sept. 10-12. Beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday (until 10 p.m.) Cedar City's Main Street Park will be transformed into Old Fort Cedar, a fun park, demonstration and vendor site that will continue Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to Old Fort Cedar is free.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., the western parade will include award-winning carriages, wagons and coaches drawn by champion Fresians and Percheron draft horses from Mountain View Ranch and renowned English Shire horses from Diamond Z Ranch.

Friday and Saturday nights will feature a top-flight rodeo at the Diamond Z Arena at the Cross Hollow Equestrian Center at the central west end of town. The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$10 per night for adults (all those over age 12) while a family pass is just \$22 for two adults and four children. Kids 5-11 are \$6 and those under 5 are free.

THE CEDAR CITY SKYFEST will take place Sept. 18-20 at the Launch Field (soccer fields) of Bicentennial Park and features hot air balloons, radio control 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. 18 to Oct. 17. Offerings for the season are *The Complete Plays of William Shakespeare (abridged)*, *The Woman in Black* and *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

The Complete Plays of William Shakespeare (abridged): Three actors. Ninety-seven minutes. All 37 of the Bard's plays—and the sonnets! It's all here, with larges doses of clowning, street theatre, and vaudeville thrown in for good measure. *The Woman in Black*: Haunted houses, supernatural happenings, foggy and stormy nights, and a mysterious, ghostly woman all combine in this gripping and thrilling mystery which taps into our primal fears. *Tuesdays with Morrie*: In a world full of cynicism and consumerism, the lessons Morrie Schwartz teaches his former student are powerful, deeply emotional, and, many times, unselfishly humorous. Although Morrie is dying, he is teaching Mitch (in weekly doses) how to live, forgive, love, laugh, and be human. From the best-selling book by Mitch Albom.

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Municipal election information offered

Jackie Hunter is honored

Jackie Hunter, parks maintenance worker, has been named the September Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Corp. Employee Advisory Council.

A native of the City and graduate of Cedar High, she began working part time for Parks and Outdoor Facilities in April, 2001, and began in a full-time capacity in March, 2008.

Previous to that, she worked in a number of fields in town.

“Jackie’s work attitude is excellent,” said Parks and Outdoor Facilities Director Wally Davis.



“She is always willing to do extra to get the job done. She takes a lot of pride in her work and takes the initiative to make sure the job is done well.”

He said that there are constant deadlines for Jackie to meet to prepare for scheduled events at the ballparks and that Jackie manages those deadlines well.

Moreover, said Davis, “Jackie is always willing to take instruction and is continually learning better and faster ways to accomplish the task at hand.”

Jackie says she loves her job, which is to maintain ballfields and soccer fields, with snow removal in the winter, because she loves being outdoors. A self-described tomboy, she said she enjoys hiking, fishing and camping and, also, working on cars.

She is mother to two daughters and five grandchildren, with a sixth on the way.

Early voting in the Cedar City Municipal Primary Election continues on Sept. 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sept. 10 and 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the City Council Chamber at 10 N. Main St.

Vying for mayor are Joe Burgess, Linda Rae Bush, Raymond Green and Steve Wood.

The two with the highest vote totals will meet in the general election

Nov. 3. Candidates for the two

contested council seats are Ron Adams, Nina R. Barnes,

Craig Corry, Rich Gillette,

Jolene W. Goff, Ralph M.

McAfee, Ryan C. Neumann

and Brian K. Tavoian. The four

with the highest vote totals will proceed to the general election. All terms are for four years.

The normally scheduled Primary Election is Sept. 15 at designated locations. Polls open at 7 a.m. and continue to be open until 8 p.m. on election day. While polling districts and locations have not changed since 2007, those who are uncertain of where they must vote may phone the Iron County clerk’s office at 477-8340.



Valid voter identification will be required for both the primary and final election.

Valid I.D. is a form of identification that bears the name, current address and photograph of the voter, which may include a currently valid Utah driver license; a current valid identification card issue by the state or a branch, department or agency of the United States; a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon; a currently valid United States passport; or a valid tribal identification card, whether or not that card includes a photograph of the voter.

A voter information card is not valid identification for voting.

Those who have not registered for the primary election may still register for the Nov. 3 general election via mail postmarked by Oct. 5 or in person at the County Clerk’s office in Parowan with a deadline of Oct. 19. Forms for mailing may be picked up at the main desk of the City Offices at 10 N. Main St.

Early voting in the general election is Oct. 20-23 and Oct. 27-30.

will include a Korean food tasting of such dishes as Kimchi, Bulgogi and Japchae; a Korean traditional dance recital as well as modern dance and a Popin dance with Contrabass; a performance by The Seoul Chorus; and a fashion show of Korean dress.

The 7 p.m. event is free to the public.

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

KOREAN CULTURAL DAY will be the first of a planned annual International Festival and will be held in the Heritage Center, Monday, Sept. 28. The celebration

Public Works Report

STREET: The Street Division has completed the annual street maintenance for this year and gives 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 the division know. It continues to address pot holes and other repairs as it is able.

WATER: The Water Division reminds residents that during the month of September, lawn watering can be

reduced to once every five days, with approximately ½" 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. No watering during the day. Please check for leaks and avoid sending water down the gutter by adjusting sprinklers to water landscaping, not sidewalks. A friendly reminder: Irrigation at most of the schools is with non-potable water, which comes from irrigation ditches or non-potable wells. Please be cautious if your children are playing in this water.

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



Bridgette Garcia and her daughter Brigette are part of a new Oak Family in Cedar City as they pick up their new oak tree from Wally Davis, parks and outdoor facilities director for the City. There are still about 40 oaks available for those who would wish to plant them. Bruce Jensen donated about 175 oaks to the City for the program.

Cedarrians may become 'Oak Families'

Free oak tree starts are available at the Cedar City Cemetery

Beginning with the efforts of one-time Cedarrian Bruce Jensen, Cedar City may well have more than 150 oak trees providing shade and sustenance across the City one day, and citizens can take part in this undertaking today.

Jensen, who graduated from what was then the Branch Agricultural College (now SUU), went on to become the master campus planner at the University of Utah and worked with prominent scientist Walter P. Cottam to develop a hybridized special oak, many of which are planted across the Salt Lake City campus and producing acorns by the hundreds. He's given away more than 1,000 oaks and now has made scores available to Cedar City residents for planting.

The special hybrid oaks, combining Arizona and Utah Gambel oaks and designed for our climate, are one to three

Cedar's Muddy Boots to open fall concerts

Popular Cedar City country band Muddy Boots will kick off the fall Concerts in the Park series, a free event Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Street Park Gazebo. The band will play Oct. 5. The remainder of the month's schedule will be announced shortly.

years old and are 12-20" high. Some 75 are available for "Cedar City Oak Families." Also, some 75-100 new plants with 2009 oak starts are available. If citizens are interested in becoming an Oak Family, all they need to do is stop by the Cemetery Sexton's office or phone the Sexton, Craig Orton, at 233-0118, to make arrangements to adopt an oak for their property.

The trees could, at 20 years of age, grow 20-30 feet high and have a canopy of 20 feet.

As for Jensen, he said that while a student here, "I washed dishes at the cafeteria, swept floors at the 'new' East Elementary School, pumped gas at Lunt Motor and made beds at the Cedar Crest Motel, all for 75 cents and hour and I was worth every penny."

He said he's happy to be able to give back to the City.



New statue is dedicated

Cedar City's first Iron Works Supervisor, Richard Harrison, was honored Aug. 1 with a statue in front of Wells Fargo Building at 57 N. Main St.

Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The Orchestra of Southern Utah Showcase Concert** is Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. with lobby music at 6:45 p.m. Individual concert tickets are available at the Heritage Center Box Office one week prior to the performance. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$30 for groups of six. The Showcase will feature concerto soloists Anastasia Gliadkovsky, Sarah Sun, JessiKate Riley, plus music by John Williams including Summon the Heroes. "In Jubilo" women's choir will also perform.

◆ **Korean Cultural Day**, presented by Cedar City Corp. and the Korean Cultural Center in Los Angeles, is Monday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. and will include a program of Korean traditional dance, a Hanbok fashion show, a mixed chorus and samplings of Korean food. It is free to the public.

◆ **The Utah Symphony**, presented by Cedar City Music Arts, is Friday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students from the Iron County School District or Southern Utah University. It is preceded by the Symphony Soiree dinner in Festival Hall, beginning at 5:45. The cost is \$25 per plate.

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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 2 to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and for one hour prior to ticketed performances.



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computers. Ken and Sandy Hedgecock started the broadcasts and both are amazed at the popularity of their little podcast that Ken started three years ago as an experiment, never dreaming that the listening audience would grow from 137 people to more than 30 million during that time. On September 15, the Hedgecocks are doing something unique! They are doing a live podcast featuring many local artists and many composers from around the world (and one author) are helping make the podcast possible by contributing their music. Those of us in the audience will be able to enjoy the performance but so will other listeners (via the podcast) in the USA, Canada, Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Turkey, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Russia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, China, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Burma, South Korea, India, Malaysia, Australia, Papua, New Zealand, Jamaica, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico, indeed from all corners of the globe in countries not mentioned. The concert will be at St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 70 N. 200 West, at 7:30 p.m.

STATISTICS: Sales tax revenues for May were down by 12 percent from May of the previous year (\$358,485 for May, 2009 vs. \$405,125 for May, 2008), a recovery of 12 percent from April when sales tax revenues were down by 24 percent. But sales taxes for June totaled \$415,961 compared to \$548,283 in June 2008, a return to a 24 percent drop... RAP taxes totaled \$32,235 for May 2009 vs. \$36,731 for May of 2008, while RAP taxes for June totaled \$38,495 compared to \$55,105 in June 2008 (down by 30 percent)... At the end of July, 150 building permits had been issued in 2009 in Cedar City with a valuation of \$12,574,500 and included 40 single family homes and 24 town homes.

LIBRARY IN THE PARK: During the period of July 2008 to July 2009 the City's public library welcomed 25,026

patrons with the total number of visits (gate count) reaching 209,897 (this does not include people who come to the library for meetings but do not enter the library proper). Library sponsored programs totaled 5,764 participants, 5,173 for children's programs and 591 for adult programs. Total programs were 600 and included 583 children's programs including library tours, scout groups, church groups, and the like. Adult programs totaled 17. Materials checked out of the library totaled 288,297 (108,899 children's materials, 179,398 all other). Add to that an additional 74,175 online computer use. The total library collection now includes 76,686 materials. Circulation in the library was up by five percent while computer use was up more than eight percent. Circulation has increased over the last 10 years by 233 percent and computer use has increased by 357 percent of what it was in 2000.

REMEMBERING: Janet Seegmiller has written that during the early years of Cedar City, the settlers had but a few head of cattle but by 1870, the ranchers had larger herds and grazing grants authorized them to use large tracts of land which they used communally. In 1868 the first "range war" occurred when Cedar City rancher Homer Duncan was able to cheaply buy a large herd of 1,200 Texas longhorn cattle. When he brought the longhorns back to Cedar City, other ranchers fought to keep the Texas cattle away from their established herds charging that the longhorns were an inferior breed and would not mix well with their more domesticated cattle and would also further tax the already overburdened grazing ranges. The "war" was settled by a "church court" that ruled against Duncan, who then appealed the decision to local church leaders. The leaders decreed that Duncan could keep his cattle but assigned him use only of the mountains west of Quichapa Lake that quickly acquired the name Duncan Mountains.

MEMORIAL GROVE II: Trees in the planned Memorial Grove II adjacent to the Coal Creek Parkway have been purchased in memory of Addison May Thompson (donated by friends and family of Curtis and Andrea Thompson), Thomas E. Rosenberry and Harvey A.

Clark (both donated by the Clark and Rosenberry families), Anton H. (Tony) Lambert (donated by Kirby J. Lambert, Ember Lambert Winders, and children of Toni Lambert Higbee), Benjiman R. Blake (donated by Theo Blake), Inger Kerstine (donated by Kent S. Wikinson). A total of 86 trees have now been purchased for the two groves. Memorial Grove trees cost \$200 each and can be purchased by sending a check to Memorial Grove, 10 North Main, Cedar City, Utah 84720 (please include a photograph and the date of birth and death of the person to be honored and the name and address of the person making the gift).

CHRISTMAS: For those of you—like me—who start contemplating Christmas months in advance of the celebration, there is good news this year. First and foremost, the American Children's Christmas Festival (which runs Nov. 27 to 30, and Dec. 4 to 7) will be back in all its glory, and this year attendance will be free. The Festival will open with the Christmas fireworks show (thanks to the Cedar City Fire Department) on Friday, Nov. 27 (more about that later). The annual Storybook Cavalcade parade will be Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. And thanks to an anonymous donor there will be a contest this year in house decorating, with \$500 for first prize, \$300 for second prize, and \$200 for third prize. A blue-ribbon panel will select the winners.

SKYWEST SCHEDULE CHANGES: The SkyWest schedule at the Cedar City Regional Airport for September to Salt Lake City will include departures at 6 a.m. and 6:01 p.m. with arrivals in Salt Lake City at 6:59 a.m. and 7:04 p.m. Departures from Salt Lake City to Cedar City will be at 4:40 p.m. (arrival in Cedar City at 5:46 p.m.), and Saturdays through Tuesdays, at 7:53 p.m. (with arrival at Cedar City at 8:57 p.m.); Wednesdays through Fridays at 9:50 p.m. (with arrival at Cedar City at 10:54 p.m.) On Oct. 10 the schedule changes again. While not yet concrete, it will most likely have departure times at 9:26 a.m. (with arrival in Salt Lake City at 10:25 a.m.) daily and at 6:01 p.m. (with arrival in Salt Lake City at 7:04 p.m.) daily, except Saturday. Flights from Salt Lake City to Cedar City will depart SLC at 8:06 a.m. (Cedar City arrival at 9:11 a.m.) daily, and at 6:01 p.m. (arrival at 7:04 p.m.) every day.