



FESTIVAL CITY USA

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



NOTED: The Foursquare Gospel Church has purchased the old roller-skating rink and is remodeling it into a True Life Center with a 400-seat auditorium. The remodeling is anticipated to be finished by fall and the Church has indicated that it will make the Center available as an auditorium for medium sized performances... Enplanements (paid tickets for departing the Cedar City Regional Airport) for the month of April totaled 629 compared to 535 for April, 2007. Enplanements for the first four months of 2008 total 2,352 compared to 1,796 for the same four months last year...Sales tax revenue for April totaled \$372,115 compared to \$340,884 in April of 2007. The health of the local retail market is indicated by the amount of sales taxes generated. In January, Cedar City's sales tax revenues increased by 1.89 percent compared to January of 2007 and Iron ranked sixth from the top of Utah's 29 counties in the percent of growth. The overall state average in January was 3.89 percent **below** the previous year and 10 counties had double-digit dips (including Beaver, Kane, Garfield, Sevier and Piute counties).

KUDOS: To Cedar City's library director, Steve Decker, who has been named to the board of directors of the Utah Humanities Council... It pays to be honest: Witness the laurels being heaped on Jared Gray, the high school student/janitor at Southern Utah University who found \$108,000 that had been lost

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Festival summer begins in Cedar City

June sees the Utah Summer Games, Paiute Restoration Gathering, Groovefest and the beginning of the Utah Shakespearean Festival kick off summer events here

Besides the just-completed Hughes Brothers' American Family Fest, June in Festival City USA offers a wide variety of events to suit many tastes:

THE UTAH SUMMER GAMES will bring thousands of sports enthusiasts and their families here this month for the 23rd annual Games. Registration is now on for most the 53 different sports being offered. The events run from June 4-22 with the Opening Ceremonies June 12. This year's ceremonies will include a performance by Collin Raye and of course a gigantic fireworks display. It begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Eccles Coliseum. Tickets start at just \$8 and are on sale through Smith's Tix at any outlet, by phoning 1-800-888-TIXX or by visiting www.smithstix.com

For more information, visit utahsummergames.org or call the USG office at 865-8421.

The 2008 summer season of **THE UTAH SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL** begins June 19 and features the following plays:

The Two Gentlemen of Verona is a free-spirited and engaging comedy for anyone who has ever been in love, replete with love-smitten (and confused) men, cunning (and disguised) maidens, and the most likable and ill-mannered canine ever to grace the stage.

Othello, a powerful and tragic story of jealousy, will lure you to the edge of Iago's shadowy world. There you will see evil and betrayal slowly master Othello until he loses everything.

In *The Taming of The Shrew*,

Petruchio has come to Padua wife hunting, and the object of his eye is none other than Katherine, also known as Kate the Curst, whom he vows to tame. Thus begins one of Shakespeare's most popular romantic farces, a bold and fresh look at the battle of the sexes.

Cyrano de Bergerac: Expert swordsman, eloquent poet, and eligible bachelor, Cyrano shies away from wooing Roxane because his overly-large nose masks the beauty of his soul. Instead, he helps his bumbling young friend, Christian, court her by writing entrancing poetry for the young man to recite.

One of the most beloved plays in history, *Fiddler On The Roof* has touched audiences for nearly 50 years with its humor, passion, warmth, and honesty. Tevye, his family, and the good people of Anatevka now come to the Festival stage, along with some of the world's most memorable songs: "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset" and many others.

In *The School for Wives*, Arnolphe has trained Agnes since childhood to be his wife, teaching her only to sew, pray, and serve him. But as their wedding approaches his plan goes ridiculously awry: Agnes is so innocent she doesn't know better than to fall in love—with someone else.

The fall season, beginning Sept. 19, will feature Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, *Gaslight* and *Moonlight and Magnolias*.

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Bringing City Hall to your finger tips:

New and improved website debuts

Have you heard? CedarCity.org is new and improved. The official Cedar City government site is redesigned and now packed with features to promote better two-way communication between City Hall and citizens and visitors.

Citizens have enjoyed being able to pay their water bills online this past year, now there are other interactive features such as “Report a Concern” where users will be able to submit comments and suggestions (such as reporting a street light out, a pot hole in the road, etc.) and receive feedback. Citizens will stay informed with the new “Notify Me” feature in which citizens can receive custom notifications for meetings, events or activities. Citizens can also save a trip to the city offices and avoid standing in line through new downloadable city forms.

Other features include a user-friendly calendar to keep citizens up to date on the latest activities, an online Festival City USA merchandise store; staff directories; access to city records and ordinances; area demographics and economic data; area photos and more. “The new website is a result of citizen and department staff input,” said Bryan Dangerfield, economic development director, “LuAnne Endres has done an outstanding job overseeing this project and organizing the work of the department representatives.”

Dangerfield said CedarCity.org will continue to change as new suggestions and capabilities are added throughout the year.

Stay engaged with City Hall by making CedarCity.org your homepage.

Water conservation tips for Cedarrians

Water conservation benefits everyone. Besides saving on your monthly water bill, it postpones costly water development projects. Most important, it helps us to be better stewards of this limited resource.

GENERAL LAWN MAINTENANCE: Did you know that most lawn problems are a direct result of over watering? Maintaining your lawn properly will help you save time, money and water!

MOWING: Is your lawn shorter than your carpet? Mowing your lawn at such a short length hurts the grass, wastes water and produces more green waste. By raising your lawn mower height another 1/2 to one inch, you are promoting the conservation of water in grass. Grass will shade itself as it grows longer, reducing its water need. This, in turn, reduces the growth rate of the grass meaning less frequent mowing. Experts recommend cutting grass to a total length of three inches, and removing no more than one-third of the leaf blade per mowing.

STRESSING: Ever heard the expression “What doesn’t kill you only makes you stronger”? In order to make your grass heartier, try stressing it out. By going an extra day without water here and there, you are promoting deeper root growth. The deeper the roots are allowed to penetrate the soil, the better overall health of your lawn. Roots will grow only as far as they need to in order to get water. If you are always giving them water up near the surface of the lawn, the plants have no incentive to grow deeper. Try waiting as long as possible in the spring before watering your grass. The longer you wait, the healthier your lawn will be in the summer months. The lawn may turn brown in areas, but it is just the plant going dormant, not dying. Handwatering will make that spot spring back to life! Watering the whole lawn to green-up just a few brown spots is an inefficient use of water.

PROPER LAWN WATERING: Water your lawn deeply and infrequently to encourage deeper root growth. Typically, your lawn needs to be watered for about 20 minutes every three days during the months of June, July & August.

AUTOMATED SPRINKLER SYSTEMS: An automated sprinkler system can help you water efficiently if the timer is used properly. Make sure you use your timer wisely by doing the following:

- Adjust your watering schedule to the season.
 - Water only between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. Reduce the amount of water you lose to evaporation.
 - Don’t water during or after a rainstorm. Historically, Mother Nature has provided about 30-40 percent of the moisture your lawn needs to remain healthy.
 - Program your timer to cycle watering events. Clay type soils and areas with mild or steep slopes usually cannot absorb water fast enough to prevent it from running off. If such conditions exist in your landscape, program your timer to water for several shorter periods, with about an hour in-between, to let the water soak into the soil.
 - Once a month, turn on each valve of your sprinkling system and perform an inspection. Check the following:
 - »Is any water being sprayed on the street or sidewalk?
 - »Are there obstructions preventing the water from reaching the desired areas?
 - »Are there any observable leaks or breaks in the pipe?
- CYCLE & SOAK:** On soils with high clay content, or areas with slopes, you may need to cycle. Cycling breaks up the required run time into short durations that allow the water to penetrate deeper into the soil, improving root depth and overall plant health.

To determine if you need to cycle, turn on your system and time how long it takes for water to start running off. This is the maximum amount of time you can water in one cycle. Divide the recommended minutes by this to give you the number of cycles to run. For example, if water begins to run off after seven minutes, divide the suggested number of minutes (21) by seven. This gives three cycles, with one hour between each.

INSIDE TIPS:

1. Never let water go down the drain unnecessarily. Instead of waiting for it to get hot, capture it in a container and use it to water plants.
2. Turn the water off when you brush your teeth, wash your face, shave, or lather up during a shower.
3. Check your home for leaks. Repair faucets that drip or toilet handles that let water run constantly. Install low-volume toilets.
4. Take shorter showers. A 10-minute shower uses 30 gallons of water.



Tickets for the Utah Shakespearean Festival may be ordered by phone at 586-7878 or on the internet at www.bard.org.

THE 28TH ANNUAL PAIUTE RESTORATION GATHERING will take place June 13 and 14 at 440 N. Paiute Dr. and will include the always colorful and majestic Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Friday and at 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, a parade on Main Street at 10 a.m. Saturday, a softball tourney at Bicentennial Park both days and a Feast Saturday at 5 p.m. as well as other events. For more information, phone Connie Jake at (435) 267-2131.

THE GROOVEFEST AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL returns for its seventh year. The family-oriented event is June 26-29 at the Cedar City Main Street Park and other venues in historic downtown.

Watch for opportunities to win mementos at the end of the Saturday night show. Proceeds will go to a fund to benefit the proposed Cedar City recreation center.

Groovefest is a major four-day festival event with more than 30,000 in attendance. Festival-goers come to Cedar City from all over the United States to hear and see performers from all over the world and enjoy vendor booths selling food, art and gifts as well as a kid's corner of inflatable rides. Two stages will host national touring acts and several local musicians for two days of music from 11:15 a.m. until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

A Thursday "Pre-Groove Show" kick-off at The Grind Coffee House will feature a performance by Nowhere Man & A Whiskey Girl (Willcox, Ariz.) at 7:30 p.m., and John Boy's Mule (Park City) at 8:30. Both groups will perform again Friday at the main stage in the park.

The Friday performances in the park will include the two acts mentioned above plus Breanna Paletta (Portland, Ore.), Pert' Near Sandstone (Minneapolis, Minn.), Moses Guest (Houston, Texas), Todd Wolfe

(Easton, Pa.) and Wisebird (Salt Lake City).

The action continues Saturday, with Mud (Cedar City), Chris Proctor (Salt Lake City), Woodbox Gang (Makanda, Ill.), The Stolen Sweets (Portland, Ore.), Dikki Du & The Zydeco Krewe (Lawtell, La.), Wayne "The Train" Hancock (Austin, Texas) and Chicago Afrobeat Project (Chicago, Ill.).

During the festival there will also be guitar, banjo, percussion and gypsy style jazz music workshops held at The Grind from the professional musicians performing at this year's festival. The workshops were added four years ago as part of the goal of Groovefest to teach, inform and entertain. There is a small fee to attend the workshops. Sign-up sheets are available at The Grind, Groovacious, Braun Books, Whittlesticks and Cedar Music & Studio.

The newest addition this year is the Human Right Awareness Tour which will put Groovefest on the map and reach a broader, more diverse audience of festival goers and attendees who are concerned with human and social issues that affect each of us. The free activities from the Human Rights Awareness Tour will include two showings of films at The Grind before the workshops on Friday and Saturday. There will be speakers each day at the main stage and a "No Sweat Shop" Fashion Show Friday evening at the park involving professional models and an open invitation for models from the audience. They will model clothing manufactured in a non-sweat shop environment.

"After Hours" (10:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.) shows at Mike's Tavern are Pert' Near Sandstone on Friday and Dikki Du & The Zydeco Krewe on Saturday as well as The Stolen Sweets on Saturday until midnight at the Grind Coffee House. There is a small fee for these performances.

The "Groovefest Gospel Hour" is Sunday morning at the Grind Coffee House. This year's performance, June 29 at 11 a.m., is Woodbox Gang. It's billed as an intimate gathering in a calmer setting to hear traditional gospel themed acoustic music.

evening are \$10 per person; \$5 for children age 10 and under and may be purchased at IFA, Jolley's Ranch Wear and at the gate. There will be a fireworks show each night and new specialty events are promised for the Rodeo.

Former Mayor Robert Linford passes away

Robert Henry Linford, who served as mayor of Cedar City from 1982 to 1989, died May 14 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He served the community of Cedar City in many different capacities.



He was president of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), Cedar City Music Arts committee and a

member of the Shakespeare Guild. After his service as mayor, he served on the Cedar City Planning Commission.

He sold automobiles for Bradshaw Chevrolet for more than 30 years. He was an owner of Clark and Linford Jewelers on Main Street for 32 years.

"Mr. Linford became mayor of Cedar City during a period of economic downturn following the closing of the iron mines west of the City and helped guide Cedar City to a successful recovery," said Mayor Gerald R. Sherratt.

"Under his direction, an economic development office was created and special efforts were made to attract new business and industry to town. He led a successful effort to obtain the Flight Service Center and assisted SUU in launching its image campaign which began the school's modern growth. He supported efforts to beautify the City and expand tourism with the Festival City concept."

PRCA Rodeo slated at Cross Hollow Event Center

The closing ceremonies of the Utah Summer Games consists of the Wendy Wood Memorial Rodeo, a two-night Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association affair at the Cedar City Cross Hollow Event Center at 7:30 p.m. June 20 and 21. Tickets per



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and returned it to SUU, thus earning mention on CBS's national morning news program and a scholarship from SUU... To Michael Richards, who served at SUU for many years as assistant to the president and assistant provost, and was recently named president of the College of Southern Nevada (enrollment: nearly 40,000) at a salary of \$210,000.

GOLF MAGAZINE: City Manager Ron Chandler's quote in *Golf Magazine* on the local rule created after a large colony of prairie dogs took up residence on the course and began stealing balls: "You don't lose a stroke if a prairie dog takes your ball." The next quote in the article was from Tiger Woods, which puts Chandler in elite company.

WOOD CARVINGS: The Gilbert Great Hall in the Hunter Conference Center on the campus of Southern Utah University contains five exceptional woodcarvings that depict the founding of the school and the construction of its first building, Old Main. Because the carved mahogany panels are placed above eye level, at the top of high doors or the Great Hall's stage, too many people fail to see them, and it isn't until someone points them out that visitors sense the exquisite beauty the carvings bring to the Hall. Sadly, the carvings' sculptor, Angelo Caravaglia, one of Utah's most honored sculptors and a former Fulbright Scholar to the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome, died May 6. He is also represented on campus with the StarMaker bronze statue near the Science Center. We are fortunate in Cedar City in having five carvings and a statue from this amazingly gifted artist.

DID YOU KNOW? That Cedar Valley is the winter home of the largest population of Bald Eagles in the continental United States... That two Catholic fathers passed through Cedar Valley in 1776 and gave the name Señor San Jose to Coal Creek, the small stream of water that ran out of Cedar Canyon. Presumably had the name stuck, Cedar City would be called San Jose today... The first election in Cedar City took

place on January 17, 1851, and there were 117 votes cast... That Cedar City was named the 15th best town in America for outdoor living by *Outdoor Living Magazine*... That a special Town Meeting is scheduled for August 30 at which time a statue on Main Street of Cedar City pioneer Francis Webster will be unveiled, thanks to an outpouring of private donations these last few months. See next month's newsletter for details.

WATER USE: In 2007, Cedar City's water system served an area of 31.57 square miles. The City owned 17,477.59 acre-feet of total water rights, and during the year the City acquired 150.03 additional acre-feet. In 2007, the City delivered a total of 7,663 acre-feet of water to 7,841 culinary water connections. The City's pressurized irrigation system delivered 699 acre-feet for irrigating the City Golf Course, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School and Middle School, Bicentennial Park and Soccer Field and the City Cemetery. The average daily use of water per person was 260 gallons (vs. 289 in 2001). Also during the year the design of the Leigh Hill Reservoir project was completed and approval was granted by the Utah Division of Water Rights to begin construction. Mel Clark, Inc., will complete the \$2,818,686 project in September. It will have a capacity of 110 acre-feet, will serve customers on the City's pressurized irrigation system, and will also serve as an urban fishery.

REMEMBERING 1917: Individuals who operated gambling "punch boards" were told they could not operate them in the City... The City was experiencing a "dog menace" and an ordinance requiring the muzzling and other disposition of dogs was passed... A claim was brought against the City seeking \$135 for two horses their owner claimed were poisoned in the City Park... Cement walks on Main Street between Center Street and First North were installed at a cost of \$3,180. The curbs were of a standard form except they were seven inches thick... The City band requested an appropriation of \$365 for instruments to make a complete band and in return

it was agreed the band would serve the City free on legal holidays and Sunday evening concerts... The City was overdrawn at the bank and a loan of \$2,000 was negotiated to carry the City until taxes arrived... The City paid \$27 for thawing pipes... E. M. Corry was elected mayor in November elections winning 207 votes to his opponent's 191.

PRAIRIE DOGS: I recently heard of a local citizen who adopted a prairie dog for several weeks, feeding it and using it as a pet. Cedar City residents should know that prairie dogs can carry diseases that can be (and have been) transmitted to human beings. Indeed, the Centers for Disease Control bans prairie dogs as pets because the CDC knows they harbor the bubonic plague and tularemia that have been known to have been carried from animals by fleas and ticks to infect humans. Some 10 to 15 people contract bubonic plague in the United States each year (many of them in the American southwest), and one out of seven will die from it. Further, human beings have contracted the disease in counties that border Iron County. Prairie dogs also have been known to occasionally carry the monkey pox and on several occasions have transferred the disease to humans. The CDC web site recommends that sources of food and nesting places for rodents (the family to which prairie dogs belong along with rats and mice and other vermin) around homes, work places, and recreation areas be removed. All of this makes it hard to understand why federal officials and the Wildlife Guardians think it fine to let prairie dogs take over the City's golf course (a recreation area), a place where there were never prairie dogs before the golf course was built.

KUNG FU PANDA: Jason Turner, son of Jim Turner (former security chief at SUU) and an Iron County native, is a lead computer artist and animator for the Dreamwork film, "Kung Fu Panda," playing this month in Cedar City. He has already been contracted for "Kung Fu Panda 2."