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CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY UPDATE • JULY 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



DID YOU KNOW: Sales taxes for May were \$484,230, down from \$498,746 in May of 2007...That more than 40 additional names have been added to the Iraq-Afghanistan Monument in Veterans Park, thanks to Bill Melling who donated and installed two more rows of blocks to the monument wall... That construction will begin soon on several new taxi lanes at the Cedar City Regional Airport and on an upgrade to the runway lighting system...That one of the featured actors in *The Incredible Hulk* movie (Ty Burrell) was seen having dinner recently at Café Orleans. If you ever have other sightings of celebrities, let me know when and where...That the power poles that bisected the Main Street Park have been removed and the electrical lines moved underground, greatly enhancing the appearance of the park...That the two homes removed in the 200 South block of Main Street were torn down to make way for a new office building to house James Froyd Insurance...That design work has begun on the completion of Cody Drive and on the walking trail that will extend 6,000 feet along Cross Hollow Road. It is hoped that both projects will be sent to bid within three to four weeks.

COST OF LIVING: The ACCRA composite Cost of Living Index for Cedar City for the first quarter of 2008 shows the city at 91.7 percent of the nation's average with grocery items at 95.6 percent, housing at 89.6 percent, utilities at 82.4 percent, transportation at 96 percent, health care at 88.6 percent, and miscellaneous goods and services at 93.8 percent. The cost of living in

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Festival summer continues to unfold

Neil Simon Festival, Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire, Wildflower Fest, July Jamboree join the Utah Shakespearean Festival in area this month

July is one of Cedar City's busiest months with four festivals running and bringing visitors to town. Of course, the Pioneer Day celebration will also take place this month.

The granddaddy of all Cedar fests remains the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival, which runs all month and through October. The Neil Simon Festival, now in its sixth season, takes the Heritage Center stage from July 19 through Aug. 9. The 26th anniversary of the Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire, at Main Street Park, runs July 9-12 and promises much mirth, fun, games and merchants. And, on July 12, the July Jamboree turns Cedar City's historic downtown into one big block party with cars of all kinds on display. On Friday night, July 11, the street will also be filled with cars from 5 to 9 p.m. for the monthly Cruise-In.

The Neil Simon Festival, the world's only annual festival celebrating the life's works of America's renowned comedic playwright, this year includes two of Simon's best and a third, well-loved play. Simon's *Fools* tells the story of an ecstatic Leon Tolchinsky who's landed a terrific job as a schoolteacher in the idyllic Russian hamlet of Kulyenchikov. This tongue-in-cheek fable is a departure from the standard Simon fare.

Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs* is part one of his autobiographical trilogy: a portrait of the writer as a Brooklyn teenager in 1937 living with his family in crowded, lower-middle-class circumstances. Parental Guide:

This show contains a coarse adolescent discussion and language that might earn it a PG-13 rating in the film world.

The third play is *I Do! I Do!* with book & lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt. It's the story that traces the marriage of Michael and Agnes from their wedding day over a period of 50 years.

For the first time Preview performances are available to the public at a reduced price on July 14, 15, and 16. Preview ticket prices are \$8. Regular ticket prices are \$20.

The following performances are open to Iron County residents at half price with day of show purchase only: *I Do! I Do!*, July 22, 7:30 p.m. *Fools*, July 23, 2 p.m. *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, July 23, 7:30 p.m.

Ticket information can be found on the website at www.simonfest.org or by calling 327-8673.

The July Jamboree, now in its 11th year and to be held on July 12, has become one of the City's prime celebrations and is Utah's premier automotive event. Each year, more than 15,000 festivalgoers flock to Historic Downtown to take in the sight of beautiful hot rods, street rods and classic cars on display, and to sample food, beverage and goods from dozens of vendors. The evening, sponsored by Tink's Superior Auto Parts and the Rotary Club of Cedar City, runs from 5 until 11 p.m. and includes live music and dancing. To learn more, phone 586-3121 or check julyjamboree.com.

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Stauffer, Woolsey are recognized

Patrol Officer **Norman Stauffer** of the Cedar City Police Department is the July recipient of the Cedar City Corp. Employee of the Month award presented each month by the Employee Advisory Council.

Norman began with the police department two years ago and supervisor Sgt. Sheldon Barney says he is "very highly self-motivated. He has a great learning ability and a strong willingness to serve the public."



A graduate of Canyon View High School, Norman is a few courses shy of earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from SUU, which

he thinks he will accomplish in the next year. He is single and says he loves sports, camping, four-wheeling and other outdoor activities. He says that when he was young, he wanted to be a police officer and later wanted to be a high school teacher. "But then," he says, "I got the itch again to be a cop and then it happened."

Charlie Woolsey was the June Employee of the Month. He began work as a maintenance worker in the Street Division nearly 10 years ago and has proven to be an



exceptionally valuable employee, according to Street Superintendent Sandy Webb. Field Supervisor Bart Lambert said, "Charlie is always willing to come to work with the attitude to get the job done and to do it right.

He is reliable and you can count on him to always be there to do a good job."

Bart said that Charlie truly deserves this honor because of his strong work ethic and attention to detail.

"Charlie is always very aware of what is going on around him and always finds things or hazards that are in need of repair," Bart said. "He is highly self-motivated."

QUESTIONS & Answers

QUESTION: I have read where prairie dogs can get bubonic plague but have any prairie dogs actually become infected in Iron County? And has anyone ever really broken

their bones on the golf course from stepping in prairie dog holes? And why would the City build a golf course when it knew that it might be infested by prairie dogs?

ANSWER: Yes, to the first two questions. Incidents of plague in prairie dogs in Iron County have been documented in the 1920s, 1930s, 1950s, 1980s, 1990s, and, probably, in recent years as well. Then, too, three people have

suffered broken ankles in recent years from falling into prairie dog holes on the Cedar Ridge Golf Course, one in 2004, one in 2006, and one in 2007. The Cedar City public golf course was built in 1952, 21 years before the enactment of the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

QUESTION: Where can I find the City Ordinances?

ANSWER: The most easily accessible copy of the ordinances is on the newly-designed City web site: www.cedarcity.org, which contains a vast amount of information on virtually all aspects of the City and its operations. The City recorder's office at 10 N. Main also maintains booklets of the ordinances for perusal or purchase.

Public Works Report

STREET: As you have noticed, there have been some strong winds blowing through Cedar City these past few weeks. The Street Division reminds you that if a strong wind is blowing 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. We hope to begin chip sealing in that area within the next couple of weeks.

WATER: The Water Division recommends that you 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. Please check for leaks and avoid sending water down the gutter by adjusting sprinklers to water landscaping, not sidewalks. We are getting closer

to a completed updated Master Plan. This plan will eventually be presented to the City Council in a public meeting.

WASTEWATER: The division is in the process of selecting a consultant to review the nitrate levels in the effluent water. The purpose of the study is to evaluate alternative methods to reduce nitrate and to make the water more usable.

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). Check out the ticket prices. They're great!

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS: The Public Works office reminds all that with summer arriving there will be more construction 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.



The Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire is another of Cedar City's grand traditions at Main Street Park July 9-12. There's no admission charge and offered will be a number of magic and music events, The Royal Processional, vendors demonstrating and selling their wares, festive food and fun games. Wednesday-Friday hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, phone 586-3711, 586-6757 or check in at www.umrf.net.

The Wildflower Festival at Cedar Breaks National Monument is in its third year now through July 20 as high-country wildflowers burst into full bloom. Wildflower specialists and volunteers will be available beginning at 10 a.m. daily. Festival highlights include guided walks, photography workshops, Junior Ranger scavenger hunts and Zion Canyon Field Institute (ZCFI) classes. Guided hikes will begin at the Visitor Center at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Kids' activities include a Junior Ranger Wildflower Scavenger Hunt at 3 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. On July 19 a free photography workshop is at 10 a.m. "Wildflower Photography for Beginners" is open to amateur photographers of all ages and ability levels.

The park will host several ZCFI classes, including "Wildflower Photography: Cedar Breaks" July 8, "Wildflower Journaling at Cedar Breaks" July 10, and "Lifezones II: Zion to Cedar Breaks" July 12. Please contact ZCFI at 435-772-3264 for more information and to pre-register.

Cedar Breaks National Monument is located 23 miles east of Cedar City, along Highway 148 between Highway 14 and Brian Head. The park entrance fee is \$4 per person ages 16 and older. Those traveling to the Festival should come prepared for cool weather at 10,000 feet. See the Cedar

Breaks National Monument website: www.nps.gov/cebr. Schedules and events are also available at the Visitor Center and at the Monument's administrative office in Cedar City at 2390 W. Highway 56 Suite 11. Call 586-0787 or 586-9451 for more information.

Pioneer Day on July 24 celebrates the heritage and history of all the peoples of our community. The celebration is sponsored by the Cedar City Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the various LDS wards in the community. Ross and Velda Hilton will be honored as Outstanding Citizens and will be the Parade Grand Marshals. Ross and his wife have given numerous hours of service to the community and the university over the past half-century.

Festivities begin at the Old Rock Church on 100 East Center Street at 8:30 a.m. Anne Leavitt, author of the SUU centennial history, will be the featured speaker. Winners of the SUP elementary school student essays contest will be recognized and Doug Bonzo will read their essays. This year's overall winners are Randi Lee Bradshaw from South Elementary, Hunter Laird from Fiddlers Elementary, Tyler Carter from Iron Springs Elementary, Nicole Hopkins from Three Peaks Elementary, and Derek Dunnell from Enoch Elementary. Following the program at the Rock Church, at approximately 10 a.m., there will be a parade down Main Street. Stephen Ashworth is chairman of the Parade. Entries for the parade can be made by contacting him at 586-8433 or assistant parade chair Daniel Boyle at 586-8088. When the annual parade concludes, the Cedar SUP will sponsor a food stand for all interested. Applications for special booths at Main Street Park can be made through Fred Green at 586-9373. Application forms for the parade and park booths can also be picked up at the Cedar City offices at 10 North Main Street.

Dan Roberts is volunteer of the month

Lifelong Cedar City resident Dan Roberts is the July Volunteer of the Month for the City. Owner of Coldwell Banker Advantage Realty, he has long provided a wide range of community service, most recently as chair of the Korean War Memorial at Veterans Park.

He has long been active in the Rotary Club of Cedar City and involved in a variety of other civic endeavors. A retired U.S. Army colonel, he chaired the 213th



Field Artillery Battalion Commemoration Committee which resulted in an award-winning documentary film *Miracle at Kapyong*. He also served in 2003 as the Utah director for the 50-year commemoration of the Korean War. He is currently ombudsman for the Utah Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

He and his wife Jane are the parents of two and grandparents to one.

Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The Neil Simon Festival schedule:**
Monday, July 14: *Fools* (Preview) 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 15: *I Do! I Do!* (Preview) 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16: *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Preview) 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 17: *Fools* 7:30 p.m.
Friday, July 18: *I Do! I Do!* 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 19: *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 22: *I Do! I Do!* 7:30 p.m.*
Wednesday, July 23: *Fools* 2 p.m.,* *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 7:30 p.m.*
Thursday, July 24: *I Do! I Do!* 2 p.m., *Fools* 7:30 p.m.
Friday, July 25: *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 2 p.m., *I Do! I Do!* 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 26: *Fools* 2 p.m., *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 29: *I Do! I Do!* 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30: *Fools* 2 p.m., *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 31: *I Do! I Do!* 2 p.m., *Fools* 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 1: *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 2 p.m., *I Do! I Do!* 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 2: *Fools* 2 p.m., *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 5: *I Do! I Do!* 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 6: *Fools* 2 p.m., *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 7: *I Do! I Do!* 2 p.m., *Fools* 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 8: *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 2 p.m., *I Do! I Do!* 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 9: *Fools* 2 p.m., *Brighton Beach Memoirs* 7:30 p.m.
 Tickets are \$20; \$8 for previews.

* Denotes half-price sale for Iron County residents.

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. Normal Box Office hours are Wednesday to Friday, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Box Office is always open one hour prior to any ticketed performance.



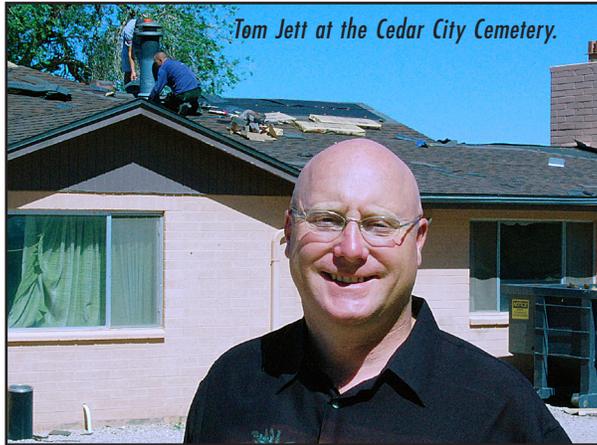
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Cedar City has dropped for each of the last two quarters.

KUDOS: To Tom Jett for organizing the labor and donations necessary to strip and reroof the sexton building at the Cedar City Cemetery. Tom insists that he is just one of many hundreds who give of their time, talent and monies to help Cedar City thrive. The City would also like to thank Pacific Supply for its generous donations of material and Rocky Ridge Rolloff for the donation of a dumpster. Thanks also to everyone else who aided in this community project...To the Orchestra of Southern Utah for winning the Audrey Baird Audience Development Award of the League of American Orchestras in competition with orchestras whose budgets sometimes exceed \$14 million. A Video Ideas Production DVD of the OSU's "Spanish Trail Suite" includes illustrative materials of the American Southwest with stunning flyovers and time-lapse photography... To former Cedar City native Mary Hirschi Heyborne whose one-act play, *Happy Anniversary*, was performed in Phoenix recently to a completely sold out audience.

DID YOU KNOW 2? That there was once a water hydrant at the corner of Main and Center for use by travelers going through Cedar City. That directly across the street (where Zions Bank now stands) a water tank was once erected to fill the street sprinkler wagon. That power poles once ran down the middle of Main Street. That originally the U. S. government owned and operated the local airport. That the City government once owned the only hearse in Cedar City. That the second floor of Bulloch Drug (then the Cedar Sheep Association) was used for dances. That Cedar City once agreed to buy handcuffs for its police, but the policemen had to purchase their own guns. That a major issue in the 1930s revolved around the request of the Women's Club that a women's "comfort station" be erected in the Main Street Park or some other central place (the request was defeated).

GRAND CANYON: If you have ever had the urge "to hike the Grand Canyon the wrong way," Penny Webster-Scholten's account of her 1958 hike with two friends and an expert guide (Wendel Heaton), "Flirting with Danger," is a must-read, a shared saga of "endurance and survival that includes... an Arizona rattlesnake, a death-defying battle with thirst, unmatched hunger, blistered feet, aching muscles, hallucinations, ... and a tree-top-skimming airplane adventure that ended with a finale straight out of Hollywood." A copy of the booklet is available at the Library in the Park or can be ordered via



e-mail to 1penny@infowest.com.

REMEMBERING 1857: With the failure of the Iron Works, large numbers of people began leaving Cedar City for work elsewhere. Clothing had become scarce and people began going barefoot to work, to meetings, and even to dances. Some turned to home manufacturing producing shoes, furniture, combs, threshing machines, wagons, nails. A handmade wool-carding machine was made with all of its parts (except the cards) manufactured in Cedar City. The luxuries of life, however, were rare. Itinerant merchants would purchase a bushel of wheat locally for only \$1, but then charged residents \$1 per pound for sugar, \$5 per pound for tea, \$1 per yard for cotton textiles, 75 cents per yard for print cloth, \$1 per pound for coffee, \$6 for a six-inch plug of tobacco. Necessities were sold to residents at 100 to 5,000 percent above cost. But most residents remained healthy and there were but few deaths between 1851 and 1860.

VETERANS PARK: Construction on the Korean War Monument is well under way at Veterans Park adjacent to Coal Creek

on 300 East. The handsome monument will include a centerpiece statue of a soldier paying tribute to a fallen comrade as well as granite slabs depicting each branch of the military and what role each played in the war. Another granite slab will list all of the men and women from Iron County who served in the war. The statue will be placed in the middle of a large map of Korea, now finished. Funding for the project was enhanced by a significant recent contribution from the Coca Cola Foundation. All these monuments are being funded entirely by private contributions. Fund-raising

efforts are proceeding under the leadership of committees and the Cedar City Rotary Club for two additional monuments: World War II and the Vietnam War.

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY: Manzanita Court, built in 1962 and consisting of six residence halls, is being torn down to accommodate two new buildings with 270 suite-style units (financed through donations and bonding) in the same architectural style as the University's Eccles Learning Center, further enhancing the beauty

of the campus, which has never looked better...The "Coaching Factory" at SUU can take another bow: an SUU physical education department graduate, Jon Hoover, has been named national high school baseball "Coach of the Year." Now the coach at Cottonwood High School, he has amassed 537 wins, the most in Utah prep baseball history, and four times has been named Utah's high school baseball "Coach of the Year."

IRON MISSION PARK: Fund raising has begun on the Iron Works Homestead and Paiute Native Camp planned for the Iron Mission Park and Museum. The goal is to provide an historically accurate re-creation of a fledgling 19th century community, with craft demonstrations and hands-on activities for people of all ages. The project, which should strengthen tourism in Cedar City by becoming a priority destination, will preserve the community's history for generations through education and artifacts. Additions will include a foundry/blacksmith shop, pioneer camp, Paiute camp, and wagon barn, among others.