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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



STATISTICS: Enplanements (paid fares for departure) at the Cedar City Regional Airport for August totaled 638 compared to 492 in the same month last year. Total enplanements for January through August was 5,090, compared to 5,292 for the entire year of 2007...

Unemployment in Las Vegas and the nation as a whole has reached 7 percent, in St. George it is 6.1 percent, and in Cedar City it is 4.4 percent.

COAL CREEK PARKWAY: The new walking trail along Coal Creek Parkway will open this month allowing residents and visitors to walk all the way from the entrance to Cedar Canyon at the Southwest Wildlife Refuge to the ball fields at Bicentennial Park. The asphalt portions of the trail are finished and the cement portions are now being poured. The walking trail winds under three bridges across Coal Creek including the bridges at 200 East, Main Street, and 1025 North. Part of the Coal Creek Parkway project, the new walking trail should be a boon for those who use walking as both recreation and for fitness.

PRAIRIE DOGS: 491 prairie dogs were trapped this summer at Cedar Ridge Golf Course and transported to a preserve at Wild Pea Hollow in Iron County. Included were 125 females. Since female prairie dogs have three to four pups a year, the 125 trapped females would have produced 375 to 500 dogs next spring at the golf course. Because of the prairie dog infestation on the golf course, Cedar Ridge is unable to host golf tournaments of any magnitude.

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Iron mine 'Grand Blast' ceremony is Oct. 23

A "Grand Blast" ceremony for the general public is set for 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Iron Bull Mining and Milling facility (north of Highway 56, approximately 16 miles west from Exit 59 off of Interstate 15). A special invitation is being extended to former workers at the mine to be a part of this historic occasion.

Palladon Iron Corp. resumed blasting and mining operations Sept. 12 at the Iron Mountain site. The historic mine has produced more than 80 million tons of material since 1853, but has not been actively mined since 1996.

The first run-of-mine iron ore to be

sent to China was mined from benches 6350 and 6400 and moved to the crusher pad. Mining operations are currently at approximately 5,000 tons per day. This production will increase to approximately 6,000 tons per day. The newly-mined material will be used to replenish the current stockpile, which will be maintained at 130,000 tons.

Palladon Iron Corp. has a five-year contract with Gilbert Development Corp. to be the company's contract miner on the Iron Mountain project. Gilbert will perform all mining duties

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Livestock and Heritage Festival begins Oct. 24

The third annual Livestock and Heritage Festival activities in Cedar City begin Friday, Oct. 24 with a Michael Martin Murphey concert on the Heritage Theater Stage. The famed singer-songwriter will light up the stage at 7:30 p.m. with hits like "Wildfire" and "What's Forever For." Murphey tickets are on sale now at the Heritage Theater for \$20 and \$15 for seniors.

On Saturday about 1,500 head of sheep will be herded from local pastures, along Main Street, providing a glimpse of the Old West and its livestock heritage to spectators along the route. Horses, wagons, antique tractors, and historic and modern sheep camps also will take part in the procession. The vehicles and sheep camps will travel on to Cross Hollow Multi-Purpose Center where they will be on display for the remainder of the day. The Sheep parade is one of the most unique parades in the country.

"The sheep drive is about tradition,

when cattle and sheep ranchers moved their animals from summer range on Cedar Mountain to winter range in the valley," says Maria Twitchell, executive director of the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau. "Cedar City is the only city in the United States that still has a designated livestock trail that runs through town," Twitchell said. "Honoring our community's western agricultural commitment is the core of this annual celebration."

The popular People's Choice Dutch Oven Cook Off returns this year for both seasoned and novice cooks. Categories include Main Dish, Side Dish, Bread/Rolls, and Dessert. Judging for each category will take place by the public, so have enough samples for approximately 300 people. Tasting by the public will begin at 12:30 Saturday for Main Dish, 1 for Side Dish, 1:30 for Bread/Rolls and

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Rick Holman is honored

Cedar City Public Works Director Rick Holman is the October Employee of the Month of the Employee Advisory Council.

Holman has held his current job for two years and was previously director of administrative services for the City for 14 years. He began in a similar capacity here in 1984 before spending six years working for the city of Visalia, Calif. A native of Panguitch, he received bachelor's and master of public administration degrees from BYU.

"Rick is a great leader and co-worker," says Public Works Executive Secretary Jessica Brown.



"He always keeps a positive attitude and outlook on the everyday situations that occur. You can count on Rick to be proactive

in finding solutions to complicated situations."

Rick and his wife Kaye are the parents of six children and have three grandsons. He lists as among his favorite pastimes playing with those grandsons, along with golf, water skiing and other outdoor activities.

As a sports fan, Rick follows the BYU Cougars, the Utah Jazz and the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. He says he plays basketball two mornings a week with "guys my own age."

He says one of the greatest things about living in Cedar City is the way people care for each other. He also cites the great variety of activities for families.

QUESTIONS & Answers

QUESTION: Why do the city cemetery and ballfields water during the day when residents may not water?

ANSWER: The City has a number of "green space" areas that need irrigation. In addition, there are numerous other school sites that need water as well. These areas could be watered with the same culinary water as is piped to residences. However, the City owns and operates the Cemetery Well, located just off Main Street, which contains water that should not be used as culinary water. That water comes from an area of the aquifer that is not the same as the water our other wells pump for culinary use as there are 1,800 parts per million hardness compared to the 200 parts per million in our culinary water.

Using this well day and night makes the most sense in irrigation, as opposed

to using culinary water. Its use helps prevent infiltration of hard water into culinary water in the aquifer. This well is used by the cemetery, ballparks, the golf course and some school locations. The City plans to continue to use this source for as long as it can. In the future an additional "non-culinary" well may also assist with the irrigation needs of the community.

QUESTION: When will the new reservoir north of Cedar Middle School be complete?

ANSWER: The 110-acre-foot reservoir, which covers some 10 acres of land, is scheduled to be filled with water on or about Nov. 1. The sand for the beach is now in place. At some point yet to be determined in 2009 it will open for public use as a recreational facility. It's part of a 62-acre site that will include six fields for baseball and softball as well as the proposed Aquatic Center if Proposition 1 is approved by the voters in a General Obligation Bond Election on Nov. 4.

Public Works Report

STREET: The Street Division continues to address pot holes and other repairs as it is able. The cross gutter at the intersection of Ridge Road and 150 South is completed. Also, please be aware that large trucks are prohibited on Ridge Road, except for delivery to local residents. **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 would like to remind all that during the month of October, with cooler nights, your 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. As the temperature drops, remember to properly drain outside lines (swamp

coolers, sprinkling systems) to avoid line breaks.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT: The Waste Water Division would like to remind you that the 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.

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.

at the site with the major elements including drilling, blasting, crushing, screening, hauling, blending, conveying and stacking and railcar loading.

Palladon personnel will oversee Gilbert's operations and will conduct all operations for the mix of ores to be hauled to the stockpile, survey primary elevations of the benches, toe and crest limits for the mining pit, and percentage grade on all roads, based on permitting requirements. Gilbert Development currently has 40 workers at the site and looks to double, or even triple, that number over the course of the next year. Interested applicants with



The Iron Bull Mine from the air. A 'Grand Blast' ceremony for the public at the site is Oct. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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and 2 p.m. for Dessert. Entry fee is a non-refundable \$10 for each category. You can have up to four people on your team. Prizes will be awarded. Applications can be found on the following web site <http://cedarlivestockfest.com/dutchoven.html> and are due by Oct. 18, 2008. It's all at the Cross Hollows Events Center, Diamond Z Arena. For more information contact Kasie Benson at 586-8132.

The stock dog competition takes place Oct. 24-25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Southern Utah University (SUU) farm on Westview Drive in Cedar City. Sanctioned by the United States Border Collie Handlers' Association, 50 Sheepdogs/handlers from Utah and surrounding states

heavy machinery operation skills are asked to apply at the Workforce Services Offices or on the internet at www.jobs.utah.gov.

Installation of the crushers, load-out facility and the stacker is now complete. The new stacker, a 42-inch-by-170-foot swing-axel radial telestacker conveyor, was received at site and will be installed in the next two weeks. This rotary stacker is capable of blending and storage of approximately 130,000 tons of material prior to loading on the trains. The stacker is portable and can easily be relocated within the Iron Mountain property.

Palladon Iron has signed a contract with GSL Electric to provide secondary power at the site.

will compete to see who will be the top team.

The dogs will be sent out 600 yards to retrieve five sheep through a series of panels, then split the sheep into two groups, regroup them and pen them all in a set amount of time. This trial will challenge the dogs and handlers to see who can best handle the Cedar City yearling range ewe. Also included in the festival is a big show by the Color Country Quilt Guild, cowboy poetry and music, hands on demonstrations from pioneer games to wool spinning. Other activities celebrating the livestock festival include kids tractor pull and an antique tractor pull the afternoon of Oct. 25 from 1-4 p.m. For more on festival activities, visit www.cedarlivestockfest.com or call 586-8132.



Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The Canadian Brass** will be in concert Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Cedar City Music Arts. Adults: \$30; SUU and Iron County School District Students \$15.

◆ **The United States Army Field Band: Volunteers** will perform a free concert Monday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets must be picked up in advance at the Box Office.

◆ **Michael Martin Murphey** will perform as part of the Livestock and Heritage Festival on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$20; Seniors: \$15; Students: \$10. Murphey was inducted in the Western Music Hall of Fame in 2004, and is the best-selling Cowboy Music Singer of our time.

◆ **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.

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.



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PRAIRIE DOGS, AGAIN: And did you know that the Wildlife Guardians in Santa Fe, N.M., have filed yet another law suit, this one to elevate prairie dogs from a “threatened” to “endangered” species, which would make it even more difficult to deal with the prairie dog issue? There is some discussion locally of the need to form a non-profit corporation to counter sue every time the Wildlife Guardians make a legal move in the belief that property rights, which are now “threatened” by prairie dogs, might become “endangered” if the Wildlife Guardians are successful in the courts. Suggestions are being taken for a name for the proposed organization.

REMEMBERING: Affiliated with our local hospital today are some 50 physicians, but for Cedar City’s first 40 years, there were no trained doctors. There were some who practiced medicine, but they were self-trained. When someone became ill, the family of the person who was sick would gather at the home of some neighbor who had a copy of “Doctor Coffin’s Home Physician,” a book that outlined the symptoms of various diseases, and then try to match up the symptoms of the one who was ill with a disease with similar symptoms. The book provided a remedy for each disease, and the family followed the book’s instructions religiously. I suspect the name of the book’s author, Dr. Coffin, was altogether appropriate. There were some people who specialized in treating certain illnesses. For example, if someone broke a bone, there were those in the community who had dealt with broken bones before. Mr. George Wood developed a considerable skill at setting bones and became widely known throughout southern Utah for the success he had. There were no dentists either, at least none who were trained. If you somehow came in possession of forceps, that made you a dentist. A wanderer known to the community as “Yellow Jacket” (from the color of his tunic) traveled from town

to town pulling teeth. There was no attempt at anesthesia or sterilization, but if the tooth was hurting bad enough, the presence of “Yellow Jacket” was much appreciated. In Parowan, the blacksmith did the tooth pulling.

DID YOU KNOW? That Big Lots store is going in next to Bealls in the space formerly occupied by K-Mart in the Albertson’s shopping center. The K-Mart space was divided into four portions; Staples took one, Bealls took another, Big Lots the third, and the fourth is still unoccupied... That the 10 people who died in the Moab airplane crash have had a tree planted in Israel in their honor by Cliff, Nancy, David and Eli White... That Francis Webster (whose statue now graces Main Street) owned the first Singer sewing machine in the town, the first screw-top fruit bottles, the first ice box, the first organ in a home, and the first stone filter designed to purify creek water for culinary purposes... That 200 North marks the dividing line between zip codes 84720 and 84721 (everything to the north is 84721; everything to the south is 84720)... That Cedar City’s hospital was once located on the upper floor of the building that today houses Bulloch Drug... That the GrandLuxe Rail Journeys (formerly known as the American Orient Express), which visited Cedar City each summer, has gone out of business.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES: Throughout Cedar City there are people in their homes making quilts, jams and jellies, saddles, ornaments, candles, bottled fruits and vegetables, paintings and art objects, crafts, clothing items, walking canes, candies, and a host of other quality products. Some are specialized hobbies with the potential to be turned into businesses. The Cedar City-Iron County Economic Development Office is looking for a variety of local entrepreneurs to join the Cedar City Mercantile Cooperative with the possibility of first creating a virtual retail store (a web site) and then study the possibility of creating a Main Street store for those who may want to only produce products and leave the selling and marketing of the products to a cooperative. For more information,

phone 586-2770 go online to cedarcity.org/index.asp?nid=337
REMEMBERING 1936: With the nation in the grips of the Great Depression, caring for transients became a problem. The City Council authorized payments to Harry’s Café for feeding transients and to Corner Market for supplying groceries for impoverished visitors passing through the City... Iron cages at Iron Springs were moved to Cedar City and placed in the City Jail, allowing the City to keep its prisoners at home instead of transporting them to Parowan where the County Jail was located... With the public pressing for additional work on the City streets, a Diesel Caterpillar Patrol Grader was purchased for \$4,125... Jax Billiard Parlor received a license to sell draught beer in the pool hall... Following negotiations with the Utah State Liquor Control board, it was agreed that the state-owned liquor store would close at 9 p.m. each day except Saturdays... Stop signs were ordered at the south corner of Main and Center to slow traffic, and it was determined that Cedar City needed a storm sewer lest new drain pipes installed on the roofs of some buildings and connecting with the sewer overtax its capacity and lead to flooding.

KUDOS: To Mary Payne for the highly successful SkyFest on three absolutely perfect days in Cedar City... To the Cedar City Lions Club for their equally successful Great American Stampede with the sold-out rodeo two nights in a row and the Old West parade with a rare appearance of the stirring Budweiser Clydesdales... To the Cedar City Rotary Club and the special committees who worked so hard to create the memorials to the Viet Nam and Korean Wars, both handsome and significant additions to the Centennial Veterans Park. Construction of a memorial for the Second World War is scheduled for groundbreaking on Nov. 11, Veterans Day (and Cedar City’s 107th birthday)... To the Francis Webster Memorial Statue Committee for organizing the festivities surrounding the unveiling of the new Main Street statue. Visitors from throughout Utah and seven other states enjoyed the day here.