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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

CONGRATULATIONS!

Cedar High School has received a singular honor that reflects well on all of our schools in Iron County and on Cedar City. Cedar High was recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of only three high schools in Utah to receive the coveted Silver Award that designates the great high schools of the nation. Using data prepared by School Evaluation Services, a K-12 education data research firm run by Standard and Poor's, the magazine selected 504 high schools throughout the United States for the Silver Award. It is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all its students well, not just those who are bound for college, and that it must be able to produce academic outcomes to show that the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators. The other two high schools in Utah so honored: Skyline High School, Salt Lake City, and Timpview High School, Provo. Sincere congratulations to all the teachers, students, and administrators of the school. You have made us very proud indeed.

ECONOMIC REPORT: Retail sales are down and unemployment rose this past year as a result of the shock waves to the global economy. However, as we begin 2009, we have a lot of positive economic indicators to give us hope for a prosperous new year. Iron Bull Mining and Milling Facility has begun operations. Three business and commerce parks (professional, retail and light industrial)



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Cedar City's Volunteers in Police Service staff includes, from left, George Harris, Sylvia Kofford, Norman Meltzer, Mark Browne, Roland Gow and Carol Young.

VIPS program aids Police Department

Cedar City's six Volunteers in Police Service representatives are hard at work after having received the Presidential Service Award last year.

President George W. Bush created USA Freedom Corps (USAFC), which includes VIPS, to build on the countless acts of service, sacrifice, and generosity that followed the 9/11 attacks.

The program is administered here by Cedar City Police Sgt. Darin Adams, who says that he hopes to double the staff this year. Those who may be interested in supplementing the CCPD force should contact him at 865-5128.

"Our volunteers are asked to serve a minimum of 16 hours per month and they aid in many ways, tailored to their interests and abilities," Adams said. "They help in clerical work, act as mobile patrollers, aid in traffic control, track graffiti and deliver community presentations. They are a valuable addition to the department."

Cedar City's honored VIPS staff members, all transplants to the City, are:

Mark Browne. He previously ran a distribution center in Ontario, Calif., and moved here with his wife Joanne three years ago.

George Harris is a Vietnam vet who worked 35 years with the Southern California Gas Company. He and his wife Joanne moved here six years ago.

Roland Gow, an environmentalist for industry, worked for Questar, for Colorado Interstate Gas, and for Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. He moved here three years ago with wife Valerie.

Norman Meltzer worked for 30 years in real estate development in the San Francisco Bay area and moved to Cedar City six years ago with his wife Karen.

Sylvia Kofford worked as a medical assistant for many years, then worked for a community college in the San Diego area and retired from there. She and her husband Jim moved here 22 years ago.

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Michal Adams is honored

Michal Adams has been named as the Cedar City Employee of the Month for January by the Employee Advisory Council.

She has served as the executive secretary for the engineering department since 1993 and City Engineer Kit Wareham said that she “is an employee that City officials can be proud. They can be confident that citizens are being well taken care of when they come into the engineering offices for help.”

Wareham also said “Michal’s work attitude is one of the first things anyone notices when dealing with her. She is always positive, helpful and cheerful and always provides a very good first impression for us. She works continually to improve the department’s efficiency and effectiveness.”

Michal moved to Cedar City from Payson, Utah, when she was eight and says she considers this her home. A graduate of Cedar High School, she spent summers during high school singing “little Elizabethan ditties” with three sisters in the Utah Shakespearean Festival’s pre-show activities.

She and her husband Ron are the parents of four and grandparents of three.

She says she loves everything about Cedar City and spends much of her free time with yard work and with music.



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Carol Young grew up in Long Beach, Calif., and managed a bank for 10 years, taught martial arts for 14 years and then raised Arabian horses. She moved here about four years ago.

Citizen Corps partner programs build on the successful efforts in place in many communities around the country to prevent crime and respond

to emergencies. VIPS is one of five Citizen Corps partner programs. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) manages and implements the VIPS Program in partnership with, and on behalf of, the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The VIPS Program’s ultimate goal is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers.

Leisure Services offers winter programs

Cedar City Leisure Services has women’s volleyball and the Family Hiking Series, with cross country skiing, going this winter.

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL: Register Jan. 5 to Feb. 13; Play begins Monday and Wednesday nights at Canyon View High School the week of Feb. 23. \$175 per team.

FAMILY HIKING SERIES: Bring your family for this fun series of hikes. Children of all ages are welcome (with parental supervision). *January 10* - Cross Country Skiing at Cedar Breaks National Monument. Cross country ski into the yurt at the monument (two miles round trip) and choose to stay for lunch and explore the area. Please bring a lunch and expect to

be done mid-afternoon. *February 14* - Cross Country Ski in the Dixie National Monument (Details to be determined by the snow conditions. *March 14* - Three Peaks Nature Scavenger Hunt. Join us for a family activity to find signs of spring.

Unless otherwise noted, meet at 9 a.m. at the Main Street Park Lion’s Pavilion (corner of 100 E. & 200 N.) Hikes should finish around noon. Essential to bring with you on the hikes: Raingear, sturdy hiking footwear, food, water (1-2 qts.), a warm layer of clothing, a first aid kit, sunscreen, sunhat and backpack.

The Leisure Services Office is at 286 N. Main, 865-9223.

Public Works Report

STREET: Please place your garbage can(s) on the asphalt in front of the curb and not in the gutter. During the winter months, if the snow plows have been through, place the can just inside the line of plowed snow so the garbage truck can pick it up easier. Speaking of snow, the goal is to make the roads as passable as possible. A few suggestions: (1) please keep cars parked off the street as much as possible to allow the snow plows to be more effective; (2) Cedar City Corp. appreciates those who do their own plowing with their 4-wheelers. Please keep piles of snow as close to the gutter as possible. Piles should be on the right-hand side of the driveway (facing the street) to avoid getting pushed back into the drive approach; and, (3) please remove from and don’t pile snow on sidewalks. City ordinance states that sidewalks should be cleared of snow to allow pedestrian traffic. When snowblowing your sidewalk, please blow

the snow onto your lawn instead of into the street. This benefits your lawn as the snow melts.

AIRPORT: Thanks to all local passengers who utilize our Cedar City Airport for their travel needs. Please remember to arrive for your flight 15 minutes before your flight time if you are not checking baggage; 30 minutes before your flight time if you need to have your baggage checked. The Cedar City Airport rates very high among all of the 130+ Skywest locations for reliable (on-time) service. Check out ticket prices at www.skywest.com.

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. Also available is dial-a-ride (curb to curb) service for the elderly and disabled. For more information, contact CATS at 865-4510.

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



Finance, 15 City employees are lauded

Fifteen Cedar City Corp. employees were honored in December as employees of the year, while the Finance Department was lauded as the department of the year.

“The success of the City begins with the Finance Department,” said Cedar City Manager Ron F. Chandler when presenting the award Dec. 4.

“During these uncertain financial times, the Finance Department’s conservative approach to budgeting and financial management has helped the City avoid drastic budget cuts and layoffs,” said Chandler, who adds that the department works exceedingly well with both City employees and the public at large. Chandler offered his congratulations to Finance Director Jace Bunting and Wendy Bonzo, Megan Gibson, Cathy Macfarlane, Kristin Park and Mary Koistinen.

Employees of the Year were:

Mike Benson, equipment operator for the street division;

Jessica Brown, Public Works executive secretary;

Corey Childs, Fleet Maintenance manager;

Allan Davis, water worker II;

Bryan Dangerfield, Economic

Development director;

Roy Houchen, Police evidence and crime scene investigator;

Dusty Kaminska, vehicle maintenance technician;

Tyson Fisher, Police officer;

Dave McIntyre, Police sergeant;

Carlos Medina, Police officer;

Kevin Norris, Police officer;

Larry Palmer, chief Building and Zoning administrator;

Kristin Park, utility billing clerk;

Susie Pedersen, recreation coordinator;

Jonathan Stathis, project engineer.

Residents reminded of animal ordinances

The Animal Control division of the Cedar City Police Department (586-2960) reminds citizens to all be good neighbors when it comes to pets and other animals.

STRAY ANIMALS: It is important to remember that not only is it illegal and costly to let your animals free roam, it is also dangerous to the animal and people.

Among the new laws: If your dog is loose and growls or chases someone, you will pay up to \$1,000 in fines. If your dog is hit by a car, you as the owner are responsible for all damages to the vehicle. The division now also has the right to get a court-ordered destruction of your dog if it acts aggressively three times. It also can mandate that you may lose all privileges of owning an animal if you are issued an excessive amount of citations.

BARKING DOGS: This is by far the biggest problem the division has to deal with. Be considerate of your neighbors. If your dog is an outside dog and you are at work, ask your neighbors to call you if it barks a lot. It will save you from a \$100-\$300 citation. Bark collars are available for less than \$50 at local stores, and they are very effective. If you are going out of town and are having a friend come and feed and water the dog, leave that person’s phone number with a neighbor and Animal

Control in the event there is a problem.

LAMPLIGHT SUBDIVISION RESIDENTS:

Your subdivision is responsible for 90 percent of all barking dog complaints; the other 10 percent is coming from the entire 27,000-plus residents. This is extremely disproportional and it is your responsibility to keep your dogs from barking.

SPAY AND NEUTER PETS: The mobile clinic “The Big Fix” comes to town every two months. The next visit is scheduled for Feb. 2 at Cal Ranch. There is also a free voucher that can be obtained from www.utahpets.org for people on Social Security, Medicaid, and Veteran’s disability. The voucher is good for up to six pets.

It has been proven that sterilized animals are less aggressive, are less likely to run off, and live longer lives.

“We know that times are tough,” said Animal Control Officer Alisa Haller. “If you need assistance with feeding your animals we will do what we can to help you through a difficult time. If you have lost your pet you only have five days to claim it or it can be destroyed. If you are concerned about the cost of retrieving your animal, we will work with you on that, too. We do not like punishing animal owners; we would rather educate and assist them.”

Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The New Hollywood String Quartet** is presented by Cedar City Music Arts Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$25; SUU and Iron County School District students: \$10.

◆ **The SUU Honors Band** is Jan. 23 and 24, at 7:30 p.m.

◆ **The SUU Music Department opera: The Magic Flute** is Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 28-31 at 7:30 p.m.

◆ **The Royal Ballet School of London** presents a special evening with the future stars of ballet in a mixed repertoire performance Monday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. as hosted by SUU. Tickets: \$15 per person; family rate of \$25 for four.

The troupe will also offer classes from the Ballet’s master teachers. In addition to a shared concert performance that will include local high school and dance companies, instructors of the ballet will conduct two master classes open to community residents of all ages. In addition to the classes, the ballet will conduct a lecture demonstration for Iron County school children, special teacher training and instruction for elementary teachers and a special master class for SUU dance students. For more information, phone 865-8182.

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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are opening. Unemployment rates: although they climbed throughout 2008, the rates have declined since August (4.0% down from 4.2%) The growth rate has increased to 3.4% in 2008, up 0.2% over 2007. Active economic development projects (retail and industrial) looking to relocate to Cedar City area: 15 (double last year at this time). Cedar City Area is becoming known as the Gateway to Renewable Energy with government and scientific entities recognizing our outstanding geothermal, solar and wind energy potential. And within months Cedar City will boast a 48-strand fiber optic line from New Castle to Cedar City and return (one strand can handle all the telephone calls west of the Mississippi at the same time).

DID YOU KNOW? That the Big Lots store in the Albertson's mall is scheduled to open the end of February or in early March... That the Cedar High School Class of 1949 will hold its 60th reunion this summer on July 18... That Cedar City's Omar Abderrahman is the concert production manager for singing sensation Miley Cyrus ("Hannah Montana" of the Disney television show)... That former Cedar City resident Justin Harding was named as chief of staff for newly elected U. S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz (Utah's Third Congressional District)... That Anjie Chad Gardner has been named as volunteer chair for the prized costume collection of the Storybook Cavalcade children's parade (which on Dec. 6 attracted the largest crowd for a holiday parade in Cedar City's history)... That it took 20 days to fill the new reservoir on top of Leigh Hill (and contrary to rumors, it is not leaking)... That Cedar City has the only yoga center in southern Utah (except for one in Hurricane) and the only yoga teacher training school. The Sage Hills Yoga Center is located at 535 South Main, suite 12 (behind the Pizza Hut) and has a web site at www.sagehillsyoga.com

REMEMBERING: Some of the pioneer

medical remedies used in Cedar City in its early years were discovered in the journal of John J. G. Webster. The treatment for diarrhea included one glass of port wine mixed with one-fourth pint of new milk; for kidney problems mix together two pounds onions, one quart water, one gill (a quarter of a pint) of gin, two teaspoons of turpentine, and take as needed; for scurvy take one ounce bee's wax, one ounce black pitch, and three ounces of lard, mix into a salve and apply to the place affected; for deafness take one or two drops of porcupine fat and drop into the ear at bedtime; to purify the blood use quake aspen bark, sego lilies, yarrow and tansy (plants of the daisy family) or Spanish Pink (I don't know what that is), and chokecherry bark. It doesn't say what to do with the ingredients but presumably you put them in a pot with water, bring it to boil, let the water cool and then drink an amount sufficient to ensure that the blood is purified (or you begin to sprout leaves). I recommend you avoid any of these remedies today.

STATISTICS: Sales tax revenues received in November totaled \$493,835, or 11 percent less than November 2007's \$554,140... RAP tax revenues were down 18 percent in November (\$47,808 compared to \$58,601 in November 2007)... The Census Bureau reports that the median household income in Cedar City in 2005-2007 was \$38,339 (South Salt Lake has the state's lowest at \$31,868 and South Jordan had the state's highest at \$85,311). The median age in Cedar City is 24.6. The average commute to work in Cedar City is 12.8 minutes, the shortest in the state except for Logan's 12.1 minutes (the longest: Tooele city with 29 minutes). 39.7 percent of our residents report having moved within the previous year (third highest in the state). The Bureau also reports that 22.2 percent of the City's population lives at or below the poverty line... The Utah Department of Workforce Services reports that non-farm employment in Iron County in November, 2008 was 17,285 compared to 17,488 in November, 2007, a drop of slightly more than 200.

MEMORIAL GROVE: Donations have

been received for a number of trees for the planned Cedar City Memorial Grove. Those to be honored include Nandra J. Whittaker (donated by Steven Whittaker), David Goddard (donated by Tim and Lisa Cretsinger and Groovacious customers), Patrick Fenton (donated by Gloria Fenton), Lowell Heyborne Sherratt (donated by Gerald R. Sherratt), David Hammond (donated by Miriam Hammond), and Beth Johnson (donated by Miriam Hammond). Memorial Grove, to be located along the Coal Creek Parkway, will contain trees honoring deceased individuals. If you have someone to be honored in this way, send \$200 to Memorial Grove, 10 North Main, Cedar City, Utah 84720 listing the individual to be honored and your name as the donor.

BUILDING REPORT: As of the end of November, 353 building permits have been issued in Cedar City valued at \$42,755,320, compared to 528 valued at \$111,423,630 for the same period in 2007. During that period, 148 new housing permits have been issued (compared to 400 in the same period in 2007).

REMEMBERING: With the end of the Second World War in 1945, enrollment began to grow at the Branch Agricultural College (now Southern Utah University). To accommodate the increased student population, BAC administrators arranged for the purchase of war surplus trailers and barracks that were moved to the campus. The Japanese Relocation Center in Topaz (Millard County) provided four buildings, one of which became the college's fieldhouse (and when that building was torn down in 1987, its steel frame was used for the middle pavilion in the Harris Center south of the football stadium), another housed a cafeteria and bookstore, while the remaining two became faculty and staff apartments. A "Trailer Town" of 50 trailers was established on University Boulevard (and 600 West), the students having to use two separate buildings for restroom, shower and washing facilities. A "Vets Village" of barracks was erected to accommodate additional students.