



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**AIRPORT:** In response to numerous inquiries regarding the size of our airport, the Cedar City Regional Airport can allow a Boeing-747 aircraft to land here (the only airport between Salt Lake City and Las Vegas that now—and presumably in the future—can accommodate airplanes of that size). It is possible for Air Force One to land at the airport (in fact, an Air Force Boeing-757 that acts as Air Force Two landed here in December of 2005) as well as all aircraft that can seat up to 200 passengers... Enplanements (paid departures) from the airport in 2008 totaled 7,636 compared to 6,903 in 2007. SkyWest has established an excellent record at the airport for consistently being on time and the dependability of the service.

**STATISTICS:** The total value of construction in Iron County in 2008 was \$56,952,000.52, or a drop of 61.4 percent from 2007's valuation total, according to statistics released by the University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research... Cedar City's motels finished 2008 with occupancy levels about 5.7 percent below the previous year's mark. Occupancy rates dipped to 52.5 percent (down from 2007's 58.2 percent and 2006's rate of 61.6 percent). St. George motels dipped by almost 10 percent in 2008 from 2007, according to statistics released by the Rocky Mountain Lodging Report...

**MEMORIAL GROVE:** Trees in the planned Memorial Grove adjacent to

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## Cedar City artists' website is planned

Local artists and craftsmen in varying media will soon have the opportunity to market their work through a program initiated by the City's Office of Economic Development.

The City is in the process of creating a website to showcase local artists and artisans. Those who make or create a handmade product or work of art and who would like to be included on the website may contact Dana Dodge by e-mail at [assistant@cedarcity.org](mailto:assistant@cedarcity.org) or by calling the Economic Development Office at 586-2770.

Dodge, who serves as the City's web master, has extensive experience in putting together web sites.

While sales of local items will initially be promoted only through the website, plans call for eventually adding a downtown Main Street gallery that would exhibit only locally made art products. A local non-profit group called "Artisans" is being organized and will have as its goal the establishment of an inclusive gathering place for local artists and artisans, the general public, and out-of-town guests. Heading the organization is Melissa Sullivan, who responded to an idea originally broached by Mayor Gerald R. Sherratt.

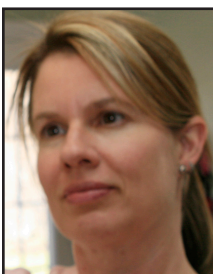
Sullivan is currently soliciting artists and artisans to participate in the program. Potential functional and decorative items that might be featured on the web site can be made from materials such as wood, ceramics, glass, common and precious metals and gems, basketry, textiles and

leather, as well as pre-packaged specialty foods, skin-care products, and candles.

"The goal of the program is to promote and support local artists and artisans," Sullivan says. "The emphasis is strictly on locally made products and the development of a cooperative organization that might support an inclusive, cohesive and productive art community. Items to be selected must be handmade by the artist offering them for sale; no resale items, mass-produced items, no third parties."

Sullivan envisions the creation of a non-profit community arts organization which might incorporate the web site,

but also a gallery in the City's downtown area where the items could be placed on year-around display.



Melissa Sullivan

"Visitors to Cedar City have long complained that there is nothing to buy here that is unique to the

area," Sullivan says, "and a gallery in the City downtown might assist in providing products for sale as well as encourage tourists and residents alike to visit the area and view the latest products that have been made locally."

Sullivan is currently preparing a business plan for such an organization, investigating possible gallery locations, and exploring various financial plans to make the organization successful. Getting a pool of participating artists and artisans is the first step in getting the endeavor under way.

Sullivan can be reached via e-mail at [cedarcityartisans@gmail.com](mailto:cedarcityartisans@gmail.com)



Dana Dodge



# Betsy Carlile is honored

Cedar City Police Department Executive Secretary Betsy Carlile is the February Employee of the Month of the Cedar City Employee Advisory Council.

A native of Los Alamitos, Calif., she transferred to Southern Utah University from BYU-Hawaii in 2001 and is now a full-fledged Cedarian. Following her graduation from SUU, she worked as a journalist at The Daily News, then began in her current job in May, 2006.

"Betsy always has a positive attitude," says co-worker Lori



Fillerup. "She does not let what can be called the 'negative aspects' of police work affect her."

"She can take on any problems that arise and find solutions for them," adds Megan Curtis.

She and her husband of three and-a-half years, Scott, spend time on home improvement and she enjoys cooking and fitness-related activities, noting that she has run several 5k road races and has improved her time on each outing.

"I love my job," she says. "There's always something different and I just love the people I work with."

She says she truly enjoys life in Cedar City as well. "I love everything about Cedar City, but maybe my favorite thing is that there are four seasons. I like to snowboard."

# UDOT planners schedule workshop here

As part of the statewide effort to encourage planning and preparation for Utah's future, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) Planning Division is working with Iron County community leaders to understand Iron County's transportation needs and to identify possible solutions to serve the demands of its growing population and economic endeavors. The information will be compiled into an Iron County Emerging Area Plan to be used as a resource guide for planning and addressing future transportation needs.

UDOT is soliciting community input for the process with a workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Cedar City's Festival Hall.

Following is the schedule:

- b** 3 p.m. Project Overview Presentation.
- b** 3:30 - 5 p.m. Workshops for public input.
- b** 5 - 6 p.m. Open House (For those who are not able to attend the presentation and workshop.)

Representatives from the Emerging Area planning team have been meeting with local community leaders to identify key issues relating to Iron County's growth and future needs. Transportation scenarios have been developed based on key community issues and the team needs local input as it clarifies and prioritizes these issues and begins to identify possible solutions.

RSVP to Angela Linford at (801) 364-0088 ext. 114 by Feb. 18.

# Xeriscape group forms, slates first meeting

In the face of limited water supply, many are seeking ways to continue having beautiful gardens by using drought-resistant flowers, shrubs and trees.

The Cedar City Native Plant Chapter of The Utah Native Plant Society has scheduled its first meeting on Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. in SUU Science Building Room 312.

Invited are all gardeners and those interested in preserving and protecting the native environment. Charter membership is \$15 per person, \$25 for families, \$9 for students, \$12 for Seniors, and a one-time-payment of \$250 for Life Membership. Contact Winnie Washburn at 867-8878 for more information.

## Public Works Report

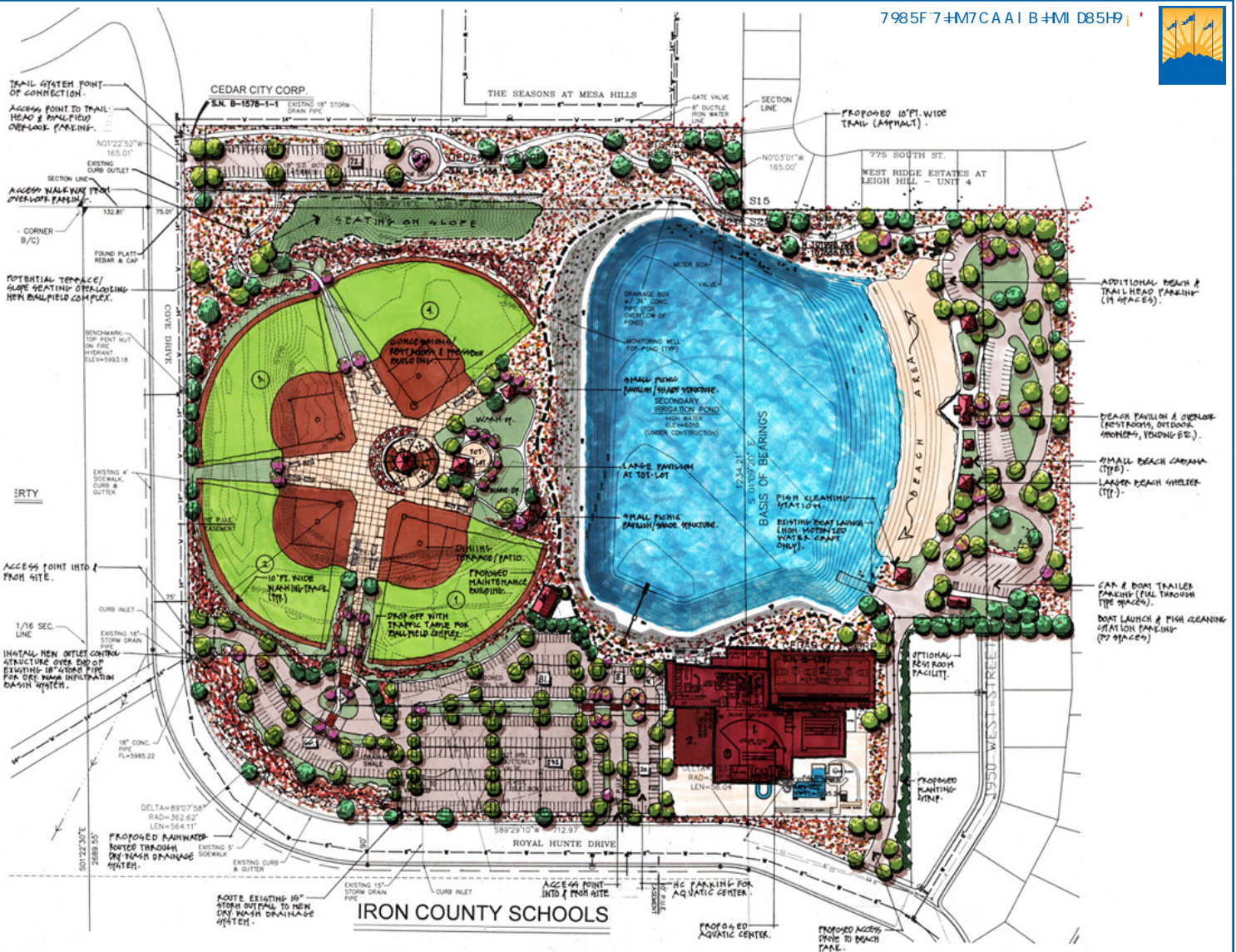
**STREET:** Snow was plentiful during the week of Jan. 26. The City has the community divided into nine different areas, with a driver assigned to each one. Each area has miles of streets which are plowed on both sides. When it continues to snow while the driver is plowing, the earlier plowed street may not look like it was done. Each driver knows to go back through the area as he is able. 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) the Street Division appreciates those who clear their driveways with 4-wheelers. Please keep piles of snow as close to the gutter as possible, not in the middle of the road. 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. Also, please refrain from piling snow onto your water meter lid. According to City ordinance, sidewalks should be cleared of snow to allow pedestrian traffic. When snow blowing your sidewalk, please blow the snow onto your lawn instead of into the street. This will benefit your lawn as it melts.

**WATER:** The Water Division would like to remind home owners that on extremely cold nights, they may want to leave an inside faucet dripping to avoid frozen pipes.

**AIRPORT:** Thanks to all local passengers who utilize our Cedar City Airport for their traveling needs. Please remember, check-in time is one hour prior to departure, no later than 30 minutes prior. The Cedar City Airport rates very high among all of the 130+ SkyWest locations for reliable (on-time) service.

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



## Recreation Center site plan approved

The Cedar City Council has approved the design concept for the recreation site on Royal Hunte Drive. Construction of the Aquatic Center (at lower portion

of drawing) and ball fields will begin this summer. Construction of the park east of the reservoir will begin at a later date.

## Coming Up...

### IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

**i Orchestra of Southern Utah Children's Jubilee** is Saturday, Feb. 14, beginning at 2 p.m. with the Sorcerer's Apprentice by Dukas and more. Admission is \$5 per person, age 1 and over; babies are free. A family may have one free admission with three cans of food for Care and Share. Lobby displays open at 1 p.m. Art and science hands-on activities, face painting, and games follow until 4:30 p.m.

**i Cedar City Junior Ballet presents 'Coppelia,'** Friday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 general admission.

**i Orchestra of Southern Utah Winter Concert** is Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults, \$10; students, \$5.

**i Cedar City Music Arts presents The Vienna Boys Choir,** Friday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults, \$30; SUU and ICSD students \$15.

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**'Bye Bye Birdie,'** Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults, \$30; SUU and ICSD students \$15.

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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the Coal Creek Parkway have been purchased for Wourth Wood and VeLyn Demille Wood (both donated by Lorah Bodie of San Diego, California); LaZon Avedisian (donated by the Avedisian family); Zoe R. Palmer (donated by Gerald Sherratt), John Harold Johnson (donated by Miriam Hammond), Loren and LeVeve Whetten (donated by Linda Wilson), Patrick Shukait (donated by Maile Wilson), Glen Dale Anderson (donated by Jeane Anderson), Kathi Leavitt Baldwin (donated by Dudley and Helen Leavitt), Rex McFarlane Perry (donated by Marie Davis), Cecilee Goddard (donated by Pat Keehley), and General J. Wallace West (donated by Dorothy and David Uherka). 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 the date of birth and death of the person to be honored and the name and address of the person making the gift).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Canyon View High School graduate Lonnie Barton, son of Craig and Ann Barton (they own the Top Spot), was named employee of the year for Las Vegas's new mega Trump Hotel, one of the few hotels in Vegas that does not have gambling. Barton was hired by the hotel last March.... The beautiful flower garden of Gary and Diana Simkins, owners of the Garden Cottage Bed and Breakfast, will be featured in the February issue of Garden and Deck Design and the March issue of Country Style... The Centurium at SUU, which contains 12 bronze statues by sculptor Jerry Anderson of men and women prominent in the world's intellectual history, was featured in a recent issue of Rider magazine in an article detailing a 2,400 mile trip by a Harley-Davidson rider who photographed the monument, calling it a "rotunda of wisdom."

**REMEMBERING:** The item in last month's newsletter regarding the

student housing arrangements at the BAC (now SUU) in the years following the Second World War brought back some fond memories to Elsie Nay, who now lives in Brigham City, Utah. Mrs. Nay resided in the Girl's Dormitory, a frame building southeast of the old science building. The dorm had a single entrance that opened to a reception room that also served as a lobby/meeting room. There were three wings off this room, each wing with four apartments. Each apartment had a kitchen/study area and one bedroom with two double bunk beds. There was a vanity on one side with four drawers, one for each girl. There were four 2' by 2' clothes closets, one for each girl with an additional drawer at the bottom. There was one bathroom in each wing that had one tub (no shower) and a couple of toilets and a couple of sinks. Fifty girls lived in the dormitory. "We were quite crowded when I lived in the dorm," Mrs. Nay writes. "We also had a girl who slept on the couch in the study area so there were five of us in one dorm room. Because of the physical closeness of that many girls living together, I developed close associations with many girls that have lasted through the years."

**DID YOU KNOW?** That Heath Oveson and Brad Rhodes have purchased the Cedar City office of Bulloch Brothers Engineering and have changed the firm's name to IronRidge Civil Solutions, Inc.... That Palladon Ventures Ltd. has acquired 1,184 more acres of mineral rights at its Iron County project 20 miles west of Cedar City. The new property expands Palladon's land position to approximately 9,700 acres of net mineral and surface acres of mining property... That the long-awaited opening of the new Maggie Moo's ice cream parlor will take place on Feb. 12 at its North Main location in the Fiddlers Plaza mall... That a monument is being planned in Moab at the site where the plane accident took place last year that cost the lives of the pilot and nine of the employees of the Southwest Skin and Cancer

Center. The project is being sponsored by the Cedar High Future Business Leaders of America and those who wish to contribute to the monument can either deposit the money into the Moab Memorial account at any State Bank or mail the funds to State Bank of Southern Utah, Moab Memorial, 377 N Main, Cedar City, UT 84720.

**REMEMBERING:** The first trained physician to come to Cedar City was George W. Middleton who arrived here in 1894. Dr. Middleton was elected mayor of Cedar City (1904-1906) and immediately began a campaign to enforce a ban on the use of alcoholic beverages. In 1893, the populace had passed an ordinance making Cedar City one of the first cities in the nation to adopt prohibition. For the mayor's efforts, he was roundly pilloried by a group which Middleton labeled the "whiskey ring," "an unscrupulous enemy" which was responsible for cutting his carriage into pieces and posting large placards on the telephone poles that ran through the middle of Main Street's downtown labeling him as "an associate of thugs and ex-convicts." So unsettling was the experience that Middleton elected not to run for a second term and moved his practice to Salt Lake City where he became one of the leading Utah physicians, president of the Utah State Medical Association, and a Regent of the University of Utah. Cedar City saw him only once a month when he returned to the City to perform needed surgery.

**VALENTINE'S DAY:** Cedar City has long lacked a community-wide way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Now, thanks to the SUU Ballroom Dance Company, a Valentine's Day Gala is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 14. The event will be held in the Great Hall on the SUU campus and will include a formal evening complete with catered dinner, live piano music, professional pictures, a special performance by the Ballroom Dance Company, and dancing to live music. Tickets are \$50 each and must be purchased prior to 5 p.m. on Feb. 12. Call 865-8375 for information and reservations.