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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



STATISTICS: Non-agricultural employment in Iron County increased for each of the last two months. Employment was up by 107 in February and by another 113 in March. The counties losing employment in a big way were Salt Lake, Summit, Utah and Washington... Taxable retail sales in Cedar City were down in January by 7.51 percent from the same month in 2008. Taxable sales totaled \$33,092,109 in January 2009 compared to \$35,778,915 in January 2008. Cedar City's dip compared to decreases in St. George of 20.25 percent, Hurricane of 31.89 percent, and Kanab of 18.09 percent... The average sales price for a home in Cedar City in 2008 was \$218,606 (up 2.52 percent from 2007), and the average condominium sales price was \$156,860 (down 17.6 percent)... Home sales in Cedar City in 2008 totaled 567 (down 31 percent from 2007) and condo sales totaled 120 (down 38 percent).

VEGAS PICKS: *The Las Vegas Review-Journal* newspaper has an annual edition on the "Best of Vegas." The newspaper's choice for the "Best Utah Getaway" was Cedar City and here is what it wrote: "Whether it's off of red rock cliffs or at the theater, this is our pick for hanging in Utah. If the terrain and Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival aren't enough, there's the Braithwaite [Fine] Arts Gallery, cute shops and plenty of nearby lakes, parks and petroglyphs."

MEMORIAL GROVE: Trees in the planned Memorial Grove adjacent to the Coal Creek Parkway have been purchased in memory of Dudley Maurice

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Working on Cedar City's World War II Memorial are (from left): Jay Overson, Donny Hunter, Revenna Leigh Baker, Pug Urie, Richard Stucki, Edith Boyd, Ed Hahne, Sherrie Hansen and McKay Nelson.

World War II Memorial to be dedicated

Cedar City's World War II Memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. at the Rotary Centennial Veterans Park located at 200 N. 200 E. and all are welcome to attend the event.

Mayor Gerald R. Sherratt will be the master of ceremonies and will share some pertinent thoughts about the war and the memorial. The Master Singers will perform some memorable songs and a bagpipe group will provide music. Those who gave their all during the war

will be remembered and given a three-gun volley.

The memorial began to take shape on March 29, 2007 when a group of interested citizens met at the public Library. Attending that day were Edward Hahne, Marty Sherman, Ken Carpenter, Hershel Candland, Donny Hunter, Robert "J" Overson, Revenna Baker, Edith Boyd, Roy "Pug" Urie, McKay Nelson, Richard

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Concerts in the Park continue this month

Cedar City's Leisure Services Concerts in the Park continue on Monday evenings on May 11 and 18. All family-friendly programs are free and begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

Art Kaufman will take the Main Street Park Gazebo stage on May 11, followed on May 18 by Two Much Fun.

Kaufman will perform some classic

song-poems such as "Non Violent Taekwondo Troopers," "Aliens Stole My Dog" and "Tuna Tuna Tuna."

In one of his most popular events, he'll take poems from the audience and make up song-poems on the spot. Art will also encourage audience participation

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Jace Bunting is honored

Cedar City Finance Director Jace Bunting is the May recipient of the Employee Advisory Council Employee of the Month award.

A graduate of Kanab High School and Southern Utah University, where he also earned a master's degree in accounting, Jace has held his current position—the first in the City's history—since June, 2000, following three years teaching accounting at Corning Community College in Corning, N.Y.

His employees in the finance department nominated him for the award and payroll clerk and



EAC President Cathy Macfarlane said "Jace is, without a doubt, an employee all can rely on. He is always challenging

himself to improve, which he encourages also in his staff."

"Jace completes all tasks in a timely manner, even if it involves working extra hours day after day," said City Manager Ron Chandler.

His staff, to a member, said they appreciate his dry sense of humor.

Jace said he enjoys living in Cedar City and was pleased to be able to come back to southern Utah. He said he particularly enjoys the cultural avenues afforded by the town as well as the changing of the seasons.

He said that in his spare time, he enjoys reading and traveling and has a fondness for big cities in his travels.

Stucki and Sherrie Hansen. At this meeting it was learned that the City had donated the ground for this memorial and the Rotary Club of Cedar City had donated the initial funds to start the project. It was also learned that the committee would be responsible for the basic concept, the fundraising and the over site of the construction.

After a few meetings, the committee settled into a tight knit group of eight. Ideas were gathered with the emphasis on the world wide nature of the war. "Architect Robert Mercer took the concepts and incorporated them into a wonderful design," said Hahne. "We applaud him for his expertise and tremendous contribution and Mr. Mitch Dettamanti for locating the granite for us and assembling the monument."

During the past two years, Hahne has functioned as committee chair with Hunter as vice chair, working on gathering information and keeping track of paver information. Baker and Boyd have had the responsibility of publicity and Stucki headed up the supervision of the construction. Hansen was the coordinator between the committee and the Rotary Club Steering Committee and helped with many of the details for the project and Council Member Nina Barnes was coordinator for the City.

Public Works Report

STREET: The Street Division has completed spring clean-up for this year and appreciates the cooperative efforts. There have been some strong winds blowing through Cedar City recently. 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 around. Also, please be sure to put your cans away from the curb and at least six feet away from any vehicles.

WATER: The Water Division reminds you that during the month of May, it is recommended that lawn watering occur every four days, with approximately ½" 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

Since the memorial would focus on those from Iron County who served, Committee members Urie and Nelson took on the responsibility of overseeing the extraction of names from discharge records found in the county clerk's office, from the War memorials located in Parowan, Enoch and Kanarraville as well as from a plaque that hung in a glass case at Cedar High School. Additional names were also taken from records kept by Helen Baumgartner from the American Legion Post Auxiliary.

Countless hours were spent by the committee in gathering and verifying names. The names were checked and rechecked. Finally, after two years of gathering and verifying, 1,357 names were collected which are now cut into granite as part of the Memorial. The committee knows there may be errors but this is the best list that exists in Iron County, the State of Utah or for that matter the United States.

The citizens and institutions of Iron County and Cedar City in particular have been very generous, said Hahne, who noted that these sources provided more than half of the estimated \$130,000 needed for the construction.

The committee gives thanks to former State Rep. Bud Bowman for the \$45,000 he obtained from State appropriation funds and also thanks the families who purchased "Pavers" for \$100 apiece to remember their loved ones who also served in the war but were not from Iron County.

adjusting sprinklers to water landscaping, not sidewalks.

WASTEWATER: The Division received an Excellence Award from the Water Environment Association of Utah. Senior Operator Eric Bonzo received the 2008 WEAU award for Outstanding Plant Operator. Pretreatment Coordinator Pete Sury received the 2008 WEAU award for Outstanding Pretreatment Specialist. The City Collection Division received the 2008 WEAU award for Outstanding Collection Department. These individuals were selected from candidates across the state to be recognized by their peers for their outstanding work in the wastewater field.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS: Anyone doing work within the road right-of-way must obtain an encroachment permit. Forms can be obtained at 716 N. Airport Rd.

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



Wood heads Economic Development

Brennan Wood is Cedar City and Iron County's new economic development director, replacing Bryan Dangerfield, who has moved to Mesquite, Nev.

A native of Ammon, Idaho, Wood earned a bachelor's degree in business from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis before working as a marketing manager then as a banker in northern Utah. He said he was drawn to Cedar City because of the potential for business growth. "The City has so much to offer and the elected officials are looking to create the best community possible," he said. "I really just wanted to be involved with such a well-run city and county."

He and his wife Sandi are the parents of three: Cambridge, Parker and Addison. He said he enjoys sports and the outdoors and plays basketball or golf. "I also love to go to the movies but with three young children it seems that most of my activities involve crayons, cars, dolls or dress up," he said.

Citizens urged to defend against swine flu

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has declared a public health emergency related to the outbreak of swine flu in Mexico and the cases reported in the United States.

HHS and other governmental agencies are taking steps to prevent the spread of the flu and emphasize that the flu cannot be contracted by eating pork.

Individuals should take responsibility for their own health by following these steps to prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

If you become ill with influenza-like

symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact your health care provider, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your health care provider will determine whether influenza testing or treatment is needed.

If you get sick with influenza, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

A federal travel advisory recommends citizens avoid all non-essential travel to Mexico. The travel advisory will remain in effect until public health officials determine the risk from the outbreak has subsided.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/swineflu/

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to help write song-poems which he'll perform. If audience members want to bring a poem it should be no longer than 50 words. They may also email the song-poem ahead of time to magickey@redrockrecords.com or bring it to the show.

On May 18, local favorites Two Much Fun will grace the Gazebo. Alan and Marsha Garber, with percussionist and keyboardist Carylee Zwang, play a wide variety of rock and pop music. Two Much Fun, who'll take requests, came into being 20 years ago in California and the group has called Iron County its home for more than 10 years.

Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ **The Cedar City Interfaith Alliance Benefit Supper and Concert** is Thursday, May 14 with a gathering at 5:30 and soup and supper from the Garden House at 6 p.m. in Festival Hall, followed by the concert: "Sharing the Gifts of Cedar City Artists" at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Theater. Tickets for the Supper and Concert are \$15 per person. Concert tickets are \$5 per person. Please contact your local faith leader for tickets, or they are available from Lynette Webber (586-4564), The Rev. Susan Wiltsey Smith (586-3623) and Carolyn Hinton (865-1056). The Alliance is united to build a new Cedar City Emergency Shelter.

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.

Big Fix is May 12

The Big Fix is coming to Cedar City's Cal Ranch parking lot on May 12. The discount spay and neuter clinic begins intake of dogs and cats at 8 a.m. and people are advised to get there an hour or so early. The clinic also provides shots of all kinds for dogs and cats.

Animal Control Officer Alisa Haller reminds pet owners that it is illegal to be in possession of pups or kits without a permit. It's also illegal to allow a female animal in heat to be outdoors. "We are seriously trying to crack down on stray, unsterilized animals and the fines are expensive," she said, "so save yourself some money and get your animals fixed or make sure they are secured on your property."

For learn more, phone 586-2960.

Schizophrenia workshops set

The Cedar City Disability Awareness/Action Team will host a public event promoting the understanding of schizophrenia May 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. in the Library in the Park. On both Monday and Tuesday, Carmen Alldredge, SUU Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, will host an activity using a device which simulates the disorder. On Tuesday, Al Garrett, Program Director for the Cedar Division of Southwest Utah Mental Health, will provide a presentation and a panel discussion further increasing the understanding and awareness of schizophrenia.



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Leavitt (donated by Helen Leavitt), William R. Thorley (donated by Larry and Margaret Thorley), Frank J. Petty (donated by the family of Frank Petty), Todd Raymond Kaminska and Kimberly Lynn Dickinson Lantz (both donated by Richard and Tina Dickinson), Kassie Ann Neilsen (donated by Lance and Stephanie Neilsen), Christopher Robin Coan (donated by Groovacious), Edwin L. Peterson (donated by Gerald R. Sherratt), Valerie Prisbey Imlay (donated by Jay and Georgia Prisbey), and Cluff L. Jolley (donated by Donna Jolley and family). A total of 49 trees have now been purchased. 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).

REMEMBERING: With newspapers across the country struggling financially because of internet competition, it is important to remember the vital role newspapers have played in the history of Cedar City. The City's first newspaper, *The Iron County News*, made its weekly appearance in 1890 but folded four months later. In 1893 the *Iron County Record* began publishing a weekly newspaper that was to continue for 89 years. In 1976, Gail Stahle began publishing *The Spectrum* newspaper (initially five times a week, later expanding to daily) that in 1982 absorbed the *Iron County Record*. In 1984, *The Spectrum* was purchased by Thompson Newspapers and in 2000 Thompson sold the paper to Gannett. The name of the Cedar City edition was changed to *The Daily News* in 2002. In April of 2005, another weekly paper made its appearance, *The Iron County Review*. It lasted until October of 2008. On Dec. 4, 2008, Gail Stahle began publishing his second Cedar City newspaper, the weekly *Iron County Today*.

DID YOU KNOW? That a video of former Cedar City resident, Jane Petty, who lived here for many years, is making the rounds of the internet. The video features Mrs. Petty on the Tonight Show

with Jay Leno in 2007 doing a dance at age 90 that concludes with a split... That a Café Rio is to be located in the Providence Center at the corner of Sage and Royal Hunte Drive (directly south from Starbucks) and a Sweet Basil (a full service Thai restaurant) is going in at 1322 South Providence Center Drive. Jake's Over the Top Restaurant on North Main has closed and will reopen as Alberto's (a Mexican restaurant). Mi Pueblo (a Mexican restaurant) has opened at 755 South Main... That two of the trees planted in the downtown area have been vandalized by having bore holes drilled into the trees, effectively killing them. The trees, located at the north end of the west row of downtown trees, will be replaced. A \$500 reward has been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals... That the Cedar City Easter Egg Hunt was Utah's largest this year, thanks to the sponsoring alumni of SUU's Sigma Nu chapter... That for 10 consecutive years Cedar City has been named Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. **DID YOU ALSO KNOW?** That the largest Russian Boar taken in the United States was by Cedar City resident Dan Kidder in Northern Michigan with a .500 Smith and Wesson. The pig weighed just under 600 lbs and measured 7'4" from snout to tail (see photo below). Kidder is managing editor of *Sportsman's News Magazine*, published here in Cedar City... That Iron County residents made 689 calls to the Utah Poison Control Center in 2008, almost twice the number our size of population would normally make... That Cedar City ranks as the 31st



“Most Walkable” community in Utah (St. George was 37th).

REMEMBERING II: With the advent of the Great Depression in 1929, Cedar City's merchants responded to the national financial crisis with layoffs, cutting salaries and eliminating services. The Depression reached its peak in Cedar City on Dec. 24, 1931, when the City's only bank, the Bank of Southern Utah (no kinship to today's State Bank of Southern Utah) was forced to close its doors, wiping out savings and deposit accounts and creating a community crisis. The bank failure prompted the cancellation of the annual Cedar City New Year's Eve celebration. The Utah Bank Commissioner assumed control and prepared to sell off the bank's assets. A spirited local campaign was launched, however, to raise \$100,000 to re-capitalize the bank. The effort was successful and the Bank of Southern Utah reopened on May 4, 1932, having been closed just four months. A celebration was staged heralding the community's success in being the only Utah city to reopen a closed bank. The bank continued for many years until it was purchase by First Security Bank that in turn merged with Wells Fargo.

WATER USAGE: Cedar City delivered a total of 7,504 acre feet of water to users in 2008, including 6,003 acre feet of well water and 1,501 acre feet of spring water. The average daily culinary and irrigation use per person was 241 gallons (compared to 265 in 2006 and 260 in 2007). The City's culinary water system served 7,984 connections and delivered 2,203,498,528 gallons. The City's pressurized irrigation system delivered 241,647,500 gallons of water (742 acre feet) for irrigating the City Golf Course, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School and Middle School, Bicentennial Park and soccer fields, and the cemetery. July was the peak culinary month with 324,189,740 gallons and July 2 was the peak usage day in the year with 13,055,000 gallons. March 19 was 2008's minimum culinary usage day with 871,100 gallons. The water system's storage is composed of 11 storage tanks with a capacity of 18,070,000 gallons for culinary water, the Leigh Hill Reservoir with a capacity of 32,246,000 gallons for irrigation water, and one pond at the golf course with a capacity of 1 million gallons for irrigation water. The water system has a total of 233.39 miles of pipeline.