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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



ECLIPSE: Cedar City will experience a three-hour total eclipse of the sun on Sunday, May 20, 2012. This once-in-a-lifetime event (or rather several lifetimes) will undoubtedly attract people from throughout the world to come to Cedar City to witness the event that will be only a partial eclipse in Asia and the northwest area of the United States. The full eclipse will be seen in Cedar City. The eclipse also coincides with the end of the Mayan Calendar a week earlier. Expect the event to receive national and international attention and a huge influx of tourists to see the exceptionally rare celestial phenomenon.

DID YOU KNOW? That SkyWest Airlines is planning a special senior rate of \$75 to travel to Salt Lake City... That new sidewalks are being poured on South Main to replace the long damaged portion that runs from the corner of Big O Tires to 800 South past the Wells Fargo Bank building... That the new reservoir on Leigh Hill is now providing irrigation water for Cedar High School and for Southern Utah University from 800 West to the freeway... That the City's streets division will be starting its annual summer maintenance which includes chip sealing for the streets in the Cove area north to 3000 North and from the I-15 west to the Lund Highway... That 129 new business licenses have been issued in Cedar City since January... That plans are afoot to move the World War I monument to the east end of the

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Summer festivals begin here this month

American Family Fest will join with Lions Club 4th of July festivities

June in Festival City USA offers a wide variety of events to suit many tastes, and early in July, the second annual American Family Fest featuring the Hughes Brothers and their large family show, begins another month of fun.

THE UTAH SUMMER GAMES will bring thousands of sports enthusiasts and their families here this month for the 24th annual Games. Registration is now on for most of the 50 different sports being offered. The events run from June 3-21 with the Opening Ceremonies June 11. This year's ceremonies will include a performance by Beatles tribute band Imagine and of course a gigantic fireworks display. It begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Eccles Coliseum. Tickets start at just \$8 and are on sale through Smith's Tix at any outlet, by phoning 1-800-888-TIXX or by visiting www.smithstix.com

For more information, visit utahsummergames.org or call the USG office at 865-8421.

THE 29TH ANNUAL PAIUTE RESTORATION GATHERING will take place June 26 and 27 at 440 N. Paiute Dr. and will include the always colorful and majestic Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Friday and at 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, a parade on Main Street at 10 a.m. Saturday, a softball tourney at Bicentennial Park both days

and a Feast Saturday at 5 p.m. as well as other events. For more information, phone Connie Jake at (435) 868-9151.

Also on June 26 and 27 is the **SUMMER JAM MUSIC FESTIVAL** in Main Street Park, featuring local musicians, vendors and other businesses.

For more information call 865-7977.

The 2009 summer season of **THE UTAH SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL**

begins with preview performances on June 29 and opens on July 6. It features *The Comedy of Errors, Foxfire, Private Lives, The Secret Garden, As You Like It* and *Henry V*. Iron County residents may obtain tickets at half-price, as available, for Monday through Wednesdays on the day of performance, by showing proof of residency during regular box office hours.

The fall season, beginning Sept. 18, will feature *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), Tuesdays with Morrie* and *Woman in Black*.

Tickets may be ordered by phone at 586-7878 or on the internet at www.bard.org.

THE AMERICAN FAMILY FEST celebrates Independence Day on July 2, 3 and 4. Main Street Park and the Heritage Center Theater will explode with patriotism and families as each day,



The Hughes Brothers' American Family Fest is July 2-4.

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Randall McUne is recognized

Cedar City's assistant city attorney is the June recipient of the Employee Advisory Council Employee of the Month award.

Randall McUne, a native of Idaho Falls, Idaho, graduated from Ricks College and Idaho State University in political science with a minor in Spanish before earning his law degree at BYU. He served a Spanish-speaking LDS mission in Rochester, N.Y. Prior to becoming assistant city attorney here in September, 2006, he served as a law clerk for Provo City while studying for the bar exam.



"Randall loves his job and it shows," said Barbara Barrick, executive secretary for the City Administration,

who adds that Randall has a strong sense of justice in dealing with those who have violated the law.

His Spanish-speaking skills come in handy at the City Offices and, additionally, his computer knowledge is in high demand in the offices as he is always happy to aid co-workers. He has shepherded a new software system into Administration which will digitize all documents for easy access.

He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children with another on the way and he says that he enjoys volleyball and "all things computer-related." He says he enjoys the small-town feel of Cedar ("like the Idaho Falls of my youth") and that the most enjoyable aspect of his position is "the freedom to do what I think is just."

starting at 10 a.m., there are loads of exciting family activities planned.

"The American Family Fest, a true Independence Day celebration, is about fun, patriotism, inspiration, and entertainment," said Lena Hughes, mother of the Hughes Brothers. "We love Cedar City because of its breathtaking beauty, its love of cultural excellence, and it is definitely a town full of nice people."

The Hughes Brothers have partnered with George Wythe University, TJE Online

and the Lions Club to create three days of Family Fun for Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Dad and all the kids. The biggest 4th of July celebration in the region, it features concerts by the Hughes Brothers and the World's Largest Performing Family, a 4th of July parade, a carnival, games, booths, a Family Feud, a Shakespeare Showcase, a Freedom Bowl, Liberty Girls & Knights of Freedom activities, a country dance, a National Family Talent Search, adult seminars facilitated by Face to Face with Greatness, Inc., and for the grand finale, a spectacular fireworks show!

Mayor, Council election process to begin

Citizens who may be interested in running for one of three seats on the City Council will have the opportunity to begin the process next month. Declarations of candidacy forms may be filled out in room 106 of the City Offices beginning Wednesday, July 1, through Wednesday, July 15. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Friday, July 3, when the City Offices are closed.

To be eligible, one must be a United States citizen at the time of filing, be a registered Cedar City voter and be a resident of Cedar City for 12 consecutive

months immediately preceding the date of the election.

If more than two eligible candidates for mayor or more than four eligible candidates for the council seats file, a primary election will be held Tuesday, Sept. 15. The general election will be Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The Council seats to be contested are now filled by Nina Barnes and Jolene Goff.

Voters must adhere to new regulations this year which require presentation of an I.D. card (driver's license, for example) or document with photo and name as well as correct address.

Coming Up...

At the Heritage Theater:

◆ **The Cedar City Master Singers Father's Day Concert** is Sunday, June 21, at 7 p.m. Free admission.

◆ **Mark Evans' Mad World of Magic** fund-raiser for the Cedar City Fire Dept. to help with community programs, is Saturday, June 27 at 6 p.m. \$3 per person.

◆ **The Hughes Brothers Family Show**, July 3 & 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for students 12-18 and \$8 for children 3-11. A family pass for seven is \$50.

Phone 865-2882 for the Heritage Theater Box Office.

At the Cross Hollow Event Center, the Wendy Wood Memorial Rodeo, closing ceremonies for the Utah Summer Games, is June 19-20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per

person, with children under five free. The PRCA event will feature some of the top cowboys in the country as well as stock from the Diamond G. Also on hand will be Cedar City's famed Diamond Z's English Shire horses and fireworks will cap the event on Saturday evening.

Library in the Park's Utah Shakespearean Festival free book talk on *The Secret Garden* is June 16, 7 p.m., and will feature Fred C. Adams.

The Iron Mission State Park Museum invites kids ages 8-12 to join the Hands-On-History program each Wednesday, June 17-Aug. 19, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., dealing with pioneering, cabin building, rope making, candle making, Indian life, Pony Express, gold panning, and many other aspects of western history. A 10-week pass for \$15, a five-week pass for \$10, and a one-day, pass is \$3. You can purchase summer passes at the museum, 635 N. Main, or call 586-9290 for more information.



City urges wise use of water resources

Water conservation benefits everyone. Besides saving on your monthly water bill, it postpones costly water development projects. Most important, it helps us to be better stewards of this limited resource.

GENERAL LAWN MAINTENANCE:

Did you know that most lawn problems are a direct result of over watering? Maintaining your lawn properly will help you save time, money and water!

MOWING: Is your lawn shorter than your carpet? Mowing your lawn at such a short length hurts the grass, wastes water and produces more green waste. By raising your lawn mower height another

1/2 to one inch, you are promoting the conservation of water in grass. Grass will shade itself as it grows longer, reducing its water need. This, in turn, reduces the growth rate of the grass meaning less frequent mowing. Experts recommend cutting grass to a total length of three inches, and removing no more than one-third of the leaf blade per mowing.

STRESSING: Ever heard the expression “What doesn’t kill you only makes you stronger”? In order to make your grass heartier, try stressing it out. By going an extra day without water here and there, you are promoting deeper root growth. The deeper the roots are allowed to penetrate the soil, the better overall health of your lawn. Roots will grow only as far as they need to in order to get water. If you are always giving them water up near the surface of the lawn, the plants have no incentive to grow deeper. Try waiting as long as possible in the spring before watering your grass. The longer you wait, the healthier your lawn will be in the summer months. The lawn may turn brown in areas, but it is just the plant going dormant, not dying. Handwatering will make that spot spring back to life! Watering the whole

lawn to green-up just a few brown spots is an inefficient use of water.

PROPER LAWN WATERING:

Water your lawn deeply and infrequently to encourage deeper root growth. Typically, your lawn needs to be watered for about 20 minutes every three days during the months of June, July & August.

AUTOMATED SPRINKLER SYSTEMS:

An automated sprinkler system can help you water efficiently if the timer is used properly. Make sure you use your timer wisely by doing the following:

- Adjust your watering schedule to the season.

»Are there any observable leaks or breaks in the pipe?

CYCLE & SOAK: On soils with high clay content, or areas with slopes, you may need to cycle. Cycling breaks up the required run time into short durations that allow the water to penetrate deeper into the soil, improving root depth and overall plant health.

To determine if you need to cycle, turn on your system and time how long it takes for water to start running off. This is the maximum amount of time you can water in one cycle. Divide the recommended minutes by this to give you the number of cycles to run.

For example, if water begins to run off after seven minutes, divide the suggested number of minutes (21) by seven. This gives three cycles, with one hour between each.

INSIDE TIPS:

1. Never let water go down the drain unnecessarily. Instead of

- waiting for it to get hot, capture it in a container and use it to water plants.
2. Turn the water off when you brush your teeth, wash your face, shave, or lather up during a shower.
3. Check your home for leaks. Repair faucets that drip or toilet handles that let water run constantly. Install low-volume toilets.
4. Take shorter showers. A 10-minute shower uses 30 gallons of water.

A NOTE ABOUT MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL WATERING:

People often ask why City parks and Iron County schools and SUU are sprinkling during the no-water times. These facilities are being watered from a non-culinary source and are exempt from the restrictions. Water from those non-culinary sources is used around the clock and thus, to water all areas, must be used during the day and night in a rotation at the various sites.



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- Don’t water during or after a rainstorm. Historically, Mother Nature has provided about 30-40 percent of the moisture your lawn needs to remain healthy.

- Program your timer to cycle watering events. Clay type soils and areas with mild or steep slopes usually cannot absorb water fast enough to prevent it from running off. If such conditions exist in your landscape, program your timer to water for several shorter periods, with about an hour in-between, to let the water soak into the soil.

- Once a month, turn on each valve of your sprinkling system and perform an inspection. Check the following:
 - »Is any water being sprayed on the street or sidewalk?
 - »Are there obstructions preventing the water from reaching the desired areas?



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Rotary Centennial Veterans Park and make the monument larger to match the memorials that have been completed for the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and World War II. And, a reminder: Donations to Veterans Park are still being accepted and pavers for individual memorials may still be purchased. Phone Betty Jones at 865-7637 if interested.

REMEMBERING: With the current improvements being made on Cedar High School, we are reminded that the City's first school was located in the home of pioneer Joseph Chatterley, who owned a "double cabin" which served also as church meeting place. Located in the old Fort Cedar (now gone but located near where the current Valley View Medical Center is located; Main Street passes through the location), among its early teachers were Matthew Carruthers, who held a degree from Scotland's prestigious Edinburgh University; John M. Macfarlane, also educated in Scotland; George Bowring; and Joseph Chatterley. When the fort was abandoned and the City was moved to a new site (often referred to as "Plat B"), teaching resumed in a one-room adobe school house.

MEMORIAL GROVE: Trees in the planned Memorial Grove adjacent to the Coal Creek Parkway have been purchased in memory of Elton Cornelius Stratton (donated by Monty and Carla Stratton), John Edward Homer (donated by Gene and Shirley Homer), Kevin Wayne Rhodes (donated by Mary Lou Mackelprang), Carol Jean Van-Horn Decker (donated by Hal and Marianne Caudill), Kimberly Ann Blackner (donated by David and Lori Ann Blackner), Mary E. Pearson and Herman T. Pearson (both donated by Frances and Gerald Scholl and Lawrence Pearson), R. Smoot Seaman (donated by R. Smoot Seaman family), H. Grant Seaman (donated by H. Grant Seaman family), Jo Velasco (donated by Bridgette Garcia), and Thomas David Little and Thirza Watson Little (both donated by Gary

and Carolyn Little). A total of 61 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 a photograph and the date of birth and death of the person to be honored and the name and address of the person making the gift).

STATISTICS: After two months of job growth in February and March totaling 131, jobs in Iron County dropped by 143 in April, more than wiping out the gains of the two previous months. Jobs in Iron County in April totaled 16,404 compared to 17,043 in April of 2008, or 639 fewer jobs... In the first four months of 2009, 81 building permits have been issued with a total valuation of \$6,927,100... Reflecting what is happening nationally regarding air travel, enplanements at the Cedar Regional Airport have dropped to a 10-year low with a total of 438 passengers departing the airport in April... The Leisure Services Department reports that over the past year, 801 of our City's youth participated in basketball and 435 in softball/baseball. There were 55 teams in adult softball, 10 teams in women's volleyball, 15 teams in adult basketball, and 20 teams in women's volleyball... Sales tax revenues for the month of March totaled \$393,291 or 19 percent less from the same month a year ago.

AIRPORT ALERT: Cedar City will be closing both of the Cedar Regional Airport's runways on August 6, 2009 at 7 a.m. in order to grind off one inch of the existing asphalt, crack seal and level the surface, place down a fabric overlay and put a three-inch layer of new asphalt to create a vastly improved runway surface. The runways will reopen on August 27. Obviously, the City hopes that the closure can be shortened depending on how the work progresses. If you have questions, please contact the airport manager, Steve Farmer (233-0072). The cost of the project is \$4.5 million with funding coming from the federal stimulus.

NEWLYWEDS: A Cedar City couple, SUU students Jed and Sarin Hinkins, were selected to participate in the second season of TV's "Here Come the

Newlyweds" (ABC, Mondays at 9 p.m.). One couple is voted off each week and the Hinkins survived the opening week, while another couple also from Utah didn't. The Hinkins have shown great class as contestants, answering inappropriate questions appropriately. Sarin works at Chili's Restaurant while Jed attends Southern Utah University. **QUESTION:** Has there ever been a person born and raised in Cedar City who has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize? Answer: Yes! Helen Foster Snow (born here in 1907) and regarded as a heroine in China for her efforts in being one of three founders of the system of industrial cooperatives (similar to those that existed in southern Utah in her youth) that spread throughout China and India and came to be known as Gung ho, a phrase that translates as "work together," and ultimately became part of the English language. The cooperatives are credited with saving many Chinese from starvation during the years China was occupied by Japan.

REMEMBERING: The recent completion of the City's first redundant fiber optic network (an event of titanic proportions for the future economic development of Cedar City) spurs remembering when telephone service first arrived here in 1903. While the number of private telephones in homes was very few, those who had them were able to make telephone calls as far north as Montana. Janet Seegmiller has written about when telephone service was extended to Enoch in 1905. She reports that Enoch resident William Grimshaw, wanting to avoid the cost of a telephone line, decided to connect his telephone via the wire fences that surrounded his fields. A telephone was hooked up to the fence and Grimshaw then rang up central and heard the voice of Arabella Jones, the operator. "Number, please. Who is this?" Jones asked. "This is William H. Grimshaw on Linger Longer Lane talking on the barbed wire fence," Grimshaw said. "You are?" Jones replied. "Oh, Mr. Grimshaw, it's coming in just as clear as if it was on smooth wire." Many other Valley families adopted Grimshaw's successful barbed wire method to access the telephone system.