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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



STATISTICS: Gross retail sales in 2007 in Cedar City totaled \$577,463,584...35 building permits were issued in May and June with a total value of \$3,219,900 including nine new single family homes...Enplanements (paid departures) at the Cedar City Regional Airport in May totaled 450 compared to 731 in May of 2008...The number of new business licenses issued by Cedar City totaled 159 during the first six months of 2009...The number of City water connections in Cedar City is 7,536...The Utah Department of Workforce Services reports that from 2000 to 2009 Cedar City's population increased from 20,527 to 28,553, an increase of 39 percent.

ECLIPSE UPDATE: The eclipse event scheduled for Cedar City on May 21, 2012, will go through various stages beginning with a partial eclipse, then an annular eclipse, followed by the maximum eclipse. After the maximum eclipse there will be the end of the annular eclipse, and then the end of the partial eclipse. The entire event will eventually take about two hours and 15 minutes with the total darkness of the maximum eclipse lasting but three to four minutes. Nevertheless, for most of us it will be a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence and should attract a host of visitors to see the extremely rare celestial event.

MEMORIAL GROVE: Trees in the

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Festival City summer continues in July

From the Renaissance Faire to the Simon Festival, there's lots to do

July is one of Cedar City's busiest months with four festivals running and bringing visitors to town, following the month-opening American Family Fest, which concluded July 4. Of course, the Pioneer Day celebration will also take place this month.

The granddaddy of all Cedar fests remains the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival, which runs all month and through October. The Cedar Breaks Wildflower Festival is also on now through July 19. The Neil Simon Festival, now in its seventh season, takes the Heritage Center stage from July 15 through Aug. 14. The 27th anniversary of the Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire, at Main Street Park, runs July 8-11 and promises much mirth, games and merchants. And, on July 11, the July Jamboree turns Cedar City's historic downtown into one big block party with cars of all kinds on display. On Friday night, July 10, the street will also be filled with cars from 5 to 9 p.m. for the monthly Cruisin' Main, in conjunction this year with the Jamboree.

The Neil Simon Festival, the world's only annual festival celebrating the life's works of America's renowned comedic playwright, this year includes two of Simon's best and a third, well-loved play.

Simon's *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* tells the story of Barney Cashman who, at the age of 47, wants to join the sexual revolution before it's too late, but Barney Cashman is a gentle sober soul with a true blue wife of 23 years and absolutely no experience in adultery, so he fails in each of three seductions.

Harvey by Mary Chase is a widely-loved play. When Elwood P. Dowd starts to introduce his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, to guests at a society party, his sister, Veta, has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment. Problems arise, however, when Veta herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the verge of lunacy when she explains to doctors that years of living with Elwood's hallucination have caused her to see Harvey also!

Simon's *Biloxi Blues* won the 1985 Tony Award for best play. This is the second installment in the continuing saga of Eugene Morris Jerome, alter ego of the youthful Neil Simon. When we last met Eugene, he was coping with adolescence in the 1930s in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. Here, he is a young army recruit during the Second World War, in Biloxi, Miss.

Regular ticket prices are \$20 with special discounts for families and for college students. Also, Iron County residents are eligible for half price tickets to certain select performances. Ticket information can be found on the website at www.simonfest.org or by calling 327-8673.

The Tink's Superior Auto Parts July Jamboree, now in its 12th year and to be held on July 10 and 11, has become one of the City's prime

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Jason Fuson is recognized

Cedar City Engineering Inspector Jason Fuson is the July recipient of the Employee Advisory Council Employee of the Month award.

Jason began with the Cedar City Street Division in October, 2006, and moved over to his present position with Engineering in May, 2007.

City Engineer Kit Wareham said, "Jason has the ideal attitude for an inspector who has the responsibility to ensure that the contractors who are installing City infrastructure improvements are doing it correctly. He is not willing



to accept something less than the standard required and understands that in doing his job

correctly he may not be winning friends, but he is gaining respect and, most of all, is protecting the taxpayer's dollars."

Jason moved to Cedar City in 2003 from Las Vegas, Nev., because, he said, "It's a great place to raise a family."

He and his wife Crystal have two daughters and he says much of his life away from the job revolves around his family.

"I enjoy playing with the kids and we like camping and other outdoor activities," he said, "and I spend a bit of time learning how to play the guitar, as well."

A native of San Diego, Calif., before moving to Las Vegas and on to Cedar City, Jason previously worked for Precision Pipe here in town.

celebrations and is Utah's premier automotive event. Each year, more than 15,000 festivalgoers flock to Historic Downtown to take in the sight of beautiful hot rods, street rods and classic cars on display, and to sample food, beverage and goods from dozens of vendors. The Saturday event, sponsored by Tink's and the Rotary Club of Cedar City, runs from 3 until 11 p.m. and includes live music and dancing. Friday night's Cruisin' Main program is from 5 to 9. To learn more, phone 586-3121 or check julyjamboree.com.

The Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire is another of Cedar City's grand traditions and takes place at Main Street Park July 8-11. There's no admission charge and on hand will be a variety of entertainment acts, Martin Tyner and Birds of Prey, Costume Contest, The Royal Processional, vendors demonstrating and selling their wares, festive food and fun games. Wednesday through Friday hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, phone 586-3711, 586-6757 or check in at www.umrf.net.

The Wildflower Festival of Cedar Breaks National Monument, in its fourth year, runs through July 19.

"During this spectacular display, visitors to the Monument will be able to see paintbrush and primrose, lupine and larkspur, and a spectrum of other flowers in the meadows, woods and marshes," said Park Superintendent Paul Roelandt. "We have put together a series of special events and will have park rangers, volunteers, and other resources available for visitors to learn about and photograph the incredible variety of wildflowers to be discovered at Cedar Breaks."

Wildflower specialists and volunteers will be available beginning at 10 a.m. daily. Festival highlights include guided walks, photography workshops, Junior Ranger scavenger hunts and Zion Canyon Field Institute (ZCFI) classes on photography and journaling (for more information on these, phone 435-772-3264). Guided hikes will begin at the Visitor Center at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Kids' activities include a Junior Ranger Wildflower Scavenger Hunt at 3 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. On July 11 a free photography workshop is at 10 a.m.

"Wildflower Photography for Beginners" is open to amateur photographers of all ages and ability levels.

Cedar Breaks National Monument is located 23 miles east of Cedar City, along Highway 148 between Highway 14 and Brian Head. The park entrance fee is \$4 per person ages 16 and older. Those traveling to the Festival should come prepared for cool weather at 10,000 feet. See the Cedar Breaks National Monument website: www.nps.gov/cebr. Schedules and events are also available at the Visitor Center and at the Monument's administrative office in Cedar City at 2390 W. Highway 56 Suite 11. Call 586-0787 or 586-9451 for more information.

Pioneer Day: Cedar City will, as always, join in the statewide holiday and celebration on Friday, July 24, marking the day that a group of Mormon pioneers, led by Brigham Young, came into the Salt Lake Valley and began to settle the state after a long and arduous journey to escape religious persecution.

"Pioneers Among Us" is the theme for Cedar City's annual celebration, a collaboration between the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and local stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. July 24 at the Rock Church located at 75 East University Blvd. (Center Street) where there is plentiful parking in the City Parking Terrace.

The "town meeting" will feature presentations including remarks by featured speaker Charles Blackburn. Then, a gala parade will be mounted beginning at 10 a.m. from 100 East at 400 South up Main Street to Main Street Park, with Clemont Adams as grand marshal and a great variety of colorful floats and other entries.

The festival at Main Street Park, which immediately follows the parade and goes until 4 p.m., is likewise expected to be great fun, with a bevy of games, activities, food and beverage, booths and entertainment of all kinds.

There are still opportunities to join in the parade and park events, with entry forms available at the main desk of the City Offices. Information on the parade may be obtained by phoning Stephen Ashworth at 586-8433. For vendor spots open at the park, phone Steve Brown at 586-7122.



Now you can follow Cedar City on Twitter

Twitter is a service for people all over the world to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple rhetorical question: What are you doing?

And, now, Cedarians and others can “ask” that question of City Manager Ron Chandler, who provides free information on all manner of Cedar City topics.

Answers can be sent via mobile texting, instant message, or the web. On the receiving end, Twitter is ambient; updates float to your phone, IM, or web site and you are only expected to pay as much or as little attention to them as you see fit.

Mayor, Council election process in progress

Citizens who may be interested in running for one of two open seats on the City Council or for mayor now have the opportunity to participate in the process. Declarations of candidacy forms may be filled out in room 106 of the City Offices 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

You are not expected to respond to any updates unless you want to. This means you can step in and out of the flow of information as it suits you and it never queues up with increasing demand of your attention. Additionally, users are very much in control of whose updates they receive, when they receive them, and on what device.

In fact, one does not even have to join Twitter to get information. Simply navigate to twitter.com/cedarcityutah. You may join there to receive messages if you like or simply read what Ron has “tweeted” at your own choice and pace.

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.

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.

until the annual Spring Cleanup. There are certain items that will not be picked up, such as metal or plastic pipe. As a reminder, be sure to put your cans away from the curb and at least six feet away from any vehicles.

WATER: The Water Division would like to remind you it is recommended that lawn watering for July occur every three days, with approximately 1/2" of water each time. The City has established year-round watering times: after 6 p.m. and before 8 a.m. No watering during the day. Please check for leaks and avoid sending water down the gutter by adjusting sprinklers to water landscaping, not sidewalks. A friendly reminder: Grass at the schools are watered by non-potable water, which comes out of ditches. Please be cautious if your children are playing in this water.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS: Work within the road right-of-way requires an encroachment permit. Forms can be obtained at 716 N. Airport Rd.

Public Works Report

STREET: Annual street maintenance begins in July. The area to be chip sealed includes between the Cove and 900 West, and from approximately 200 S. to 400 N. The area also includes Aviation Way and Airport Road and roads in between, and the Gemini Meadows subdivision. Fliers will be distributed to property owners in advance of the work. Please be aware of traffic control efforts to avoid asphalt oil on your vehicle.

Weekly garbage collection: The purpose of the City’s garbage service is to haul household waste to the landfill. Some yard waste is acceptable (grass clippings and smaller limbs). Everything should fit easily into the can without possibly spilling out due to overfilling. Larger limbs and branches create problems with the trucks, as do rocks and gravel. These items should be taken to the landfill by the owner or saved

Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

◆ The Neil Simon Festival schedule:

Thursday, July 16: *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers* 7:30p.m. **Friday, July 17:** *Harvey* 7:30p.m. **Saturday, July 18:** *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Thursday, July 23: *Harvey* 2p.m., *Red Hot Lovers* 7:30p.m. **Friday, July 24:** *Biloxi Blues* 2p.m., *Harvey* 7:30p.m. **Saturday, July 25:** *Red Hot Lovers* 2p.m., *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Tuesday, July 28: *Harvey* 7:30p.m.

Wednesday, July 29: *Red Hot Lovers* 2p.m., *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Thursday, July 30: *Harvey* 2p.m., *Red Hot Lovers* 7:30p.m. **Friday,**

July 31: *Biloxi Blues* 2p.m., *Harvey* 7:30p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 1:** *Red Hot Lovers* 2p.m., *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 4: *Harvey* 7:30p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: *Red Hot Lovers* 2p.m., *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 6: *Harvey* 2p.m., *Red Hot Lovers* 7:30p.m. **Friday,**

Aug. 7: *Biloxi Blues* 2p.m., *Harvey* 7:30p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 8:** *Red Hot Lovers* 2p.m., *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 11: *Harvey* 7:30p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 12: *Red Hot Lovers* 2p.m., *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13: *Harvey* 2p.m., *Red Hot Lovers* 7:30p.m. **Friday,**

Aug. 14: *Biloxi Blues* 2p.m., *Harvey* 7:30p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 15:** *Red Hot Lovers* 2p.m., *Biloxi Blues* 7:30p.m.

Tickets are \$20. *Selected shows are half-price sale for Iron County residents. See simonfest.org or phone 327-8673.*

The 2009 Economic Summit

is Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Festival Hall. Speakers Include: Lt. Gov. Gary Herbert, SUU President Michael Benson, Dane Leavitt, CEO of the Leavitt Group, and Brennan Wood, Cedar City/Iron County Director of Economic Development.

Cost: Table sponsorship with 10 tickets \$250 or \$25 per ticket. Phone the Chamber of Commerce at 586-4484 for tickets or information.



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planned Memorial Grove adjacent to the Coal Creek Parkway have been purchased in memory of Herb Nakken (donated by Janet Nakken), Mildred Macfarlane Nelson (donated by the family of Mildred M. Nelson), Vander Clark Nelson (donated by the family of Vander Clark Nelson), Doris H. Williams and Robert E. Williams (both donated by Bill and Bobbie Gossweiler of Eagle River, Ark.), Willard Hunter Lunt and Inez Hunter Lunt (both donated by Steve and Sherrill Lunt), Peggy Lunt Fratto (donated by Joseph Fratto and Ann, Carolyn and Lauren), Kevin Lee Hunter (donated by Richard and Toni Hunter), Dick Emil Nowers (donated by Milt's and Rusty's employees), and Paul Middleton (donated by Ken and Garfae Middleton). A total of 72 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).

REMEMBERING: With plans moving forward for a more imposing World War I monument in the Rotary Centennial Veterans Park, we are reminded that the entire population of Cedar City was involved in the war effort. On June 5, 1917, an evening meeting was held in the Cedar City Tabernacle to congratulate the young men of the community "on their opportunity of entering the service of their country." As a result, 557 men registered, all the males between the ages of 21 and 30. In July, the first 46 were called. Liberty Loan drives were held and Iron County farmers devised ways of redistributing water to allow the planting of 3,000 more acres of wheat to help meet the nation's food supply, with boys above the age of 16 released from school to work on the farms. Women met in schools and

churches to sew bed sheets, napkins, towels, handkerchiefs, and bandages. Iron County's men served in every theater of the war (one was sent to Siberia to battle the Bolsheviks) and four were killed in action. Three others died from influenza.

OAK TREES: Former Cedar City resident Bruce H. Jensen has arranged for some 200 one- to five-year-old hybrid oak trees seedlings to be made available to Cedar City residents (only one out of 10,000 acorns ever make it to this stage, so the gift is actually quite rare). The trees can grow to a height of 100 feet with a canopy spreading from 85 to 135 feet. They can live to be more than 200 years old (there is an oak tree in Louisiana that is estimated at being more than 1,000 years old). The trees are slow growing and don't get a full production of acorns for 50 years, which means you should plant them this afternoon. If you are 20 now, they would thus be full grown (and magnificent trees!) by the time your great-grandchildren start to arrive on the planet. Imagine a half-century from now 200 of these splendid trees gracing the Cedar City landscape. If you'd like a family oak tree (or trees), you can reserve them by notifying me at mayor@cedarcity.org

DID YOU KNOW? That the Trinity Lutheran Church (435 East 1935 North) recently unveiled two new stained glass windows for its Sanctuary. One of the beautiful windows depicts Coal Creek flowing down out of the red rock mountains through aspen and evergreen forests... That some of the Cedar High School Class of 1949 (which has its 60th reunion on the 17th of this month) was featured in the Independence Day parade in a 1949 Chevrolet truck... That trapping of prairie dogs on the Cedar City's Cedar Ridge Golf Course resumes July 6th... That (gasp!) the Chippendale dancers once appeared before a capacity crowd at the then Holiday Inn (now Crystal Inn)... That the Volunteer Council of the League of American Orchestras has announced that the Orchestra of Southern Utah has won a Special Award of Excellence

in the annual Gold Book Online competition. Its project, entitled "Africa," is the third national award in five years for the Orchestra of Southern Utah... That the lights on the Little League ballfield at 200 North and 200 East will be completed by July 11.

QUESTIONS: What Cedar City citizen has won the most medals at the Utah Summer Games? Answer: Unknown. A contender: City Councilman Steve Wood, who has won 55 of them... When will the next Main Street statue be unveiled? Answer: August 1... What is the anticipated completion date for the new Cedar City Aquatic Center? Answer: May 24, 2010... Where will the Memorial Grove be located? Answer: On the north side of Coal Creek where the new 300 West bridge is located... Are there any new festivals planned for this year? Answer: Yes, an international festival featuring South Korea (with participants and dancers coming from the South Korean Consulate in Los Angeles) on Sept. 28, and a World of Dance Festival to be held Nov. 13, 14, and 16.

IMPORTANT DATES: Some important dates in Cedar City's history are Nov. 11, 1851 (the day the pioneers arrived on the banks of Coal Creek); Feb. 10, 1852 (Cedar City is chartered by the Utah Territorial Legislature); Feb. 18, 1868 (the day Cedar City was incorporated); March 11, 1897 (the day the Legislature authorized the Branch Normal School, now Southern Utah University); Oct. 28, 1898 (Old Main at SUU is dedicated); June 14, 1923 (first work train arrives in Cedar City); June 22, 1923 (President Warren G. Harding arrives in Cedar City by train); March 29, 1924 (first social function held in new El Escalante Hotel); July 1, 1962 (Utah Shakespearean Festival presents its first performance); April 3, 1980 (the Paiute Tribe Restoration Act is passed); May 9, 1986 (Centrum arena at SUU is dedicated); July 2, 1986 (Utah Summer Games' first opening ceremonies); May 7, 1997 (Southern Utah University officially observes its 100th anniversary); Nov. 11, 2001 (Cedar City observes its 150th anniversary).