

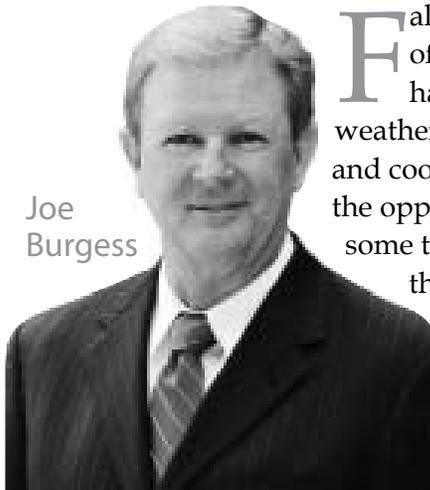
Festival City USA This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Joe Burgess

Fall is my favorite time of year. Cedar City has such beautiful fall weather, with warm days and cool nights. I have had the opportunity to spend some time on the mountain these past few weeks and the leaves are beautiful. I hope all of you take the opportunity to drive up and see the fall colors. Having all this beautiful

scenery so close is such a blessing to us here. The only downside to fall is that winter is around the corner.

Thanks to improvements we have made on our water infrastructure, we didn't have one time this summer when we had insufficient water for our residents. We appreciate everyone's willingness to comply with watering in the evening, night and early morning hours. This saves the city a considerable amount of water each year.

We have had two employees retire who have left some holes that need to be filled. Bob Tate, who has been in charge of the Leisure Services Department for many years has retired, and we will be looking for a replacement for him. Bob has been an icon here for quite some time and will be missed. Another recent retiree is Dave Nyman, who has been taking good care of the Heritage Center for the past seven years. His job is going to be split between Byron Linford and Jason Clark. We wish both Bob and Dave the best with their retirements. The City Council will start looking for Bob's replacement by the end of the month.

We also lost a police officer to Parowan City. Ken

Carpenter has been hired as Parowan's Police Chief. Officer Carpenter has been the resource officer at Canyon View High School since 2008, and has been with the city for seven years. We wish him the best in his new position. Receptionist Mary Koistinen, who has worked for the city for four years, has also given notice. Her smiling face will be greatly missed at the front counter of the city office.

A week or so ago a group of us from the city were extended an invitation to tour the iron mines west of town and receive an update on what is happening there. I am pleased to tell you that the mines are shipping 80 rail cars of iron, three times a week, to the coast where it is shipped to China. So far this year they have shipped over 3000 train cars full. There is a concentrator plant being built that will come on line this next year that will improve the iron ore content from 54% to 63%. This project will also create about 40 more jobs, which will be a great asset to our community. It is exciting to see the mines up and running again, as they have been such an important part of Cedar City's history and economy.

Finally, I want to say congratulations to the SUU football team who are doing a great job. Keep up the good work! I also had the opportunity to tour the new science building at the University, and it is a beautiful facility. There are some display items on the first floor that would interest many of you in the community. If you have a few minutes, stop in and look around. It is located on the corner of 300 West and 200 South. Southern Utah University is another blessing that we enjoy here in Cedar City, and it's great that they are continuing to expand.

Between 1870 and 1900, while women were dairying, Iron County's men turned to freighting, farming and running sawmills. The

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Craig Elliot is recognized

Craig Elliott has been selected as this month's Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Council. Craig, who has worked for Cedar City since 2008, began his employment with the City as a CATS driver. In June, 2010, he began working as a solid waste operator.

In nominating Craig, his supervisor, Street Superintendent Jeff Hunter wrote, "Craig is a joy to be around. He has increased the efficiency of our Solid Waste team and continues to do a great job in getting things done every single day. Craig's attitude and demeanor is always extremely pleasant and upbeat. He never leaves the office without making someone smile and often goes



out of his way to ensure that citizens of Cedar City are happy and satisfied. Craig can be counted on to take care of normal garbage pick up, garbage can repairs and anything

else asked of him. His work ethic is very well appreciated by his coworkers and supervisors."

Craig was born in Torrance, CA and moved to Cedar City in 2003. Prior to coming to work for the City, he worked as an equipment operator at Quaker Oats in CA and also worked four years at Smead.

Craig has been married for 14 years to Donna, and they are the proud parents of five children and grandparents of six. His hobbies include fishing and four wheeling.

According to Craig, the best things about his job are the atmosphere at work and the great people he gets to meet on the job.

Congratulations, Craig!

Award nominations needed

The Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 61st annual Awards and Installation Banquet at the Hunter Conference Center on Jan. 12, 2012 at 7 p.m. The evening will begin with a prime rib dinner, followed by the awards presentation, and installation of the 2012 Chamber Board.

The Chamber requests your help by nominating outstanding individuals and businesses in Cedar City that deserve to be recognized because they make a difference in our community. All of us are fortunate to know people or businesses we respect and admire for a variety of reasons. This is a great opportunity to show appreciation to those who distinguish themselves through their contributions and continually meet challenges, exceed expectations, and inspire others to do the same. Recognition of this kind is the highest form of respect and honor, and this is the chance to nominate that special person or business you feel should be recognized.

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 30, 2011. Nomination forms can be found on the Chamber website at www.cedarcitychamber.com or the City website at www.cedarcity.org. Printed forms are in the *Iron County Today* and *The Daily News*. Thirteen recognition categories have been identified including Woman and Man of the Year; Small Business of the Year; Outstanding Customer Service; Outstanding Green Business; as well as Senior Citizen and Outstanding Youth of the Year and several others. The application can be faxed to 586-4310, or mailed or dropped off to the Chamber office at 77 N. Main Street. The Chamber feels that community participation in the nomination process is the best way to identify those who deserve be recognized.

CML Metals will once again be the event sponsor along with the award sponsors, Allegiance Premium Finance, Andy Springer with American Family Insurance, Kolob Regional, State Bank of Southern Utah, Wells Fargo Bank, Mike Haight and Mark Nelson with Allstate Insurance, The Little Brick House and Brick House Café, Zion's Bank, Rocky Mountain Power, Suzette Cardon and Sherrie Hansen with State Farm Insurance, Cedar City/Brian Head Tourism and Visitor Center and The Yellowbook. Other sponsors include Chartwell's Food Services, SUU's Conference Services, media sponsors, *The Daily News*, *Iron County Today* and Cherry Creek Radio.

Tickets can be purchased for \$30.00 per person through the Chamber Office. Table sponsorships are also available for \$225.00, which buys a table for eight guests.

There are a lot of good things that happen in our community, and this is a great way to help the Chamber recognize the amazing things that people and businesses do that make Cedar City a wonderful place to live.

Be sure and turn in your nominations today!



Health fair offers free screenings

Preventative health screenings can be crucial in assessing your overall health. If you are interested in lowering your cholesterol, receiving a flu shot, or just being healthier, then plan to attend the Community Health Fair at Valley View Medical Center on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More than 25 health-related screenings, tests and educational booths will be available at the health fair. This event brings together a wide spectrum of health-related services and offers most of them free to the public.

The health fair is a great opportunity for all members of the community who want to improve their personal wellness. It is available not only to promote good health, but also to encourage local residents to utilize local healthcare resources within their own communities.

Free screenings and educational booths at the fair this year include: blood glucose testing, blood pressure checks, flu preparedness, quick-draw total cholesterol testing, foot and ankle screenings, glaucoma checks, breathing screenings, pulse oximetries, skin cancer screenings, and more. This year, flu shots will be \$18, or \$20 for the flu mist, and will be available while supplies last. They are also free with certain insurances.

Health screenings are not only for adults. People of all ages can benefit from the services at the health fair. With the prevalence of high blood pressure and obesity at all ages, it is important to educate both parents and children to live a healthy lifestyle.

Sheep parade is coming

It's time again for the Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival which will take place this year from Oct. 28 through Oct. 30. The Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival is an exciting celebration of the agricultural industry's contribution to our community, yesterday and today, and of the annual trailing of the sheep from mountain pastures to the valleys. It's a perfect event for families and friends to gather and celebrate Cedar City's heritage, and almost all the events are free.

This year's event will feature historic sheep wagons, People's Choice Dutch Oven Contest; antique tractor pull; Draft horse pull & show; cowboy poetry; vintage car display; quilt show; Dave Stamey headliner concert and the Sheep Parade, where one thousand head of sheep parade down Cedar City's Main Street! For more information, go to www.cedarlivestockfest.com.

Safety Coalition awarded funding

The Director of National Drug Control Policy recently announced that the Safety Solutions Coalition from Cedar City will receive \$100,000 in federal grant funds to involve and engage the local community to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. The funds will be used to address youth alcohol and drug abuse by educating in the schools and implementing programs in Iron County. The Coalition is administered through the Cedar City Police Department.

Public Works

GARBAGE PICK-UP:

Hazardous household materials are not permitted at the landfill and cannot be picked up by our Solid Waste Operators. Listed below are proper disposal methods for these materials:

OIL: Recycle at a used oil collection center (anyone who changes oil). Visit www.usedoil.utah.gov/ for additional information.

BATTERIES: Recycle at a location that sells them, such as Walmart, Tinks, Autozone, etc.

E-WASTE (ELECTRONICS): Visit www.deq.utah.gov/Pollution_Prevention/electronics.htm for more information.

PAINT: Put kitty-litter into the paint, leave the lid off for a few days, then throw in the trash.

FLUORESCENT BULBS:

Recycle at Home Depot or Hurst Ace Hardware in Cedar City. Visit http://www.deq.utah.gov/Pollution_Prevention/CFLs.htm#cc for more information.

PESTICIDES: Take them to IFA in Cedar City. Visit <http://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/factsheet/Pesticides> for more information.

ANTIFREEZE: Visit <http://www.hazardouswaste.utah.gov/SWBranch/Adobe/P2Factsheets> for more information.

RECYCLING: Thanks for recycling. Glass and cardboard are accepted at SURE Recycling at 1342 W. Industrial Road. We appreciate any comments or observations on any Public Works operations. Please call us at 586-2912.



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bustling mining communities of Silver Reef and Lincoln County, Nevada, were ready markets for freighted goods: cheese, butter, shingles and timber.

William R. Palmer wrote about the freighters, their prize horses, and the inevitable competitions which followed the boasting when the men got together. He wrote:

“Freighting was a hard and grinding life. There was work, hard work, loading and unloading at each end of the trip, and there was the never ending exposure to sun, wind, snow, rain, mud, cold, and the hard bed on the ground, wet or dry, at the end of each strenuous day. Yet withal, it was a care free life and freighting had an interest and a fascination that held men to it.

“Freighters were horsemen. They had to be horsemen or they soon went broke. Feeding and watering and currying and harnessing and unharnessing ten or twelve horses three times a day was a big job in itself, and only men who loved horses could give the animals the proper attention...

“On the freight road there were only two kinds of horses -- horses that could pull and horses that could lug. Perhaps to you it's the same thing, but in freighter's parlance pulling and lugging were different operations. There were horses that would toe down to a dead load and hang and claw and yank until they started it rolling. They were the pullers. The luggers kept the load rolling after it was started...Every horse was taught to balance his last ounce of strength on the single tree against his teammate, and horses that were paired together for a long time learned to start together and step

together like soldiers on parade.

“Naturally, to men who followed the freight road, pulling horses was the theme of greatest interest, and to own the best pulling horse, or the best pulling team was the ambition and the pride of every man. The fame of good work horses spread through the two states, and matches among the best of them drew great crowds. Men bet their money as recklessly on the outcome of their pulling matches as one would ever see on the race track.

“Out of the traditions of the old freight road, there stands out the unquestioned fame of one horse as the best that ever looked through a freighter collar. The name of that horse was ‘Fox.’

“Fox was bred and owned by Thomas Thorley of Cedar City. He was sired by ‘Chief,’ an imported horse whose descendants were famous pullers almost to the last colt. At two years of age Fox was stolen from the range and taken out into Nevada where he was sold. He finally turned up on the freight road in the outfit of Oscar Rose, who had bought him at one of the mining camps. . .

“Fox was a bright bay horse, with heavy quarters, low and heavy in the withers and slightly sway backed. He was built low and weighed around 1200 pounds. He would get down and dig one time or a dozen, alone or in the team, hitched to a tree, a cross-locked wagon or a load of freight. They were all the same to that horse and when Rose said ‘Go,’ Fox literally dropped into his collar and hung and nudged until something gave way.

“Rose pulled Fox against horses 200 pounds his superior, but Fox

always dropped into a position so quick that he took the doubletree and the contender could never get it back...Then he had a strange knack of throwing in by sheer power of will another hundred pound nudge after his last ounce of strength was already in the collar. The great muscles in his powerful hips and shoulders seemed to recoil and spring again as if controlled with a button. When that happened something always gave way. It might be a singletree, or a tug, or a hame strap, but usually it was the other horse.

“In his days on the road, Fox was pulled in scores of matches and under all sorts of handicaps...but he was beaten only once. Strangely enough, that opponent was his full brother, a horse owned by the Nelsons of Cedar City. The Nelson horse was a great puller and a worthy opponent for the old war dog, but in truth, Fox was the better horse. Oscar Rose was not there and the old veteran of the pulling ring was not properly driven.

“Among Southern Utah freighters, the name Fox stands for all that is noble and great in a pulling horse.” [Palmer Collection, Sherratt Library Special Collections]

In memory of Fox, and to celebrate our heritage, draft horse shows and horse pulling contests have been added to the Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival. On Friday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 7 pm, draft horses will be shown, and on Saturday, Oct. 29, the inaugural Horse Pulling Contest will begin outdoors at 12 noon. See you there!

...Keith and Janet Seegmiller