

Washington County Historical Society



March 2005

Happy Easter



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DISCOVERING OUR HISTORY

Washington County Historical Society has chosen "Discovering Our History" as a working theme for the year 2005. Part of our history is reflected by the City working on the final stage of the Veteran's monument. Any person who was in the service and has lived or is living in Washington can submit their name, which will be placed on a brick in the walkway by the soldiers' statue. Submit the name of the veteran, their branch of service, their years of service and where they served to Kathy Staheli at 650 Staheli Drive, Washington UT 84780, or call the city office, 656-6300. No fee is necessary, but any contribution is welcomed.



Leeds and Silver Reef

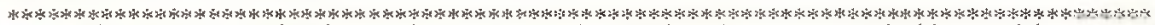
In the Leeds area there is a partnership with Leeds Town Council, The Bureau of Land Management, and the Silver Reef Monument Board to develop hiking/biking and other trails which will connect Harrisburg, Leeds, Silver Reef and the Old Babylon Mill. These areas are very interconnected in history and these trails will provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to explore those connections.

More on this will be presented in future editions of the Washington County Historical Society Newsletter.

Something is going on in Ivins!

The ribbon Cutting ceremony for UNITY PARK, the new 12-acre park was held in late 2004 during the Ivins City Heritage Days celebration. Two Red Mountain Elementary students, Dillon and GJ Hurt chose the name. The park includes areas for soccer, baseball, tennis, a little skate park and other playground areas.

The new Ivins City "WELCOME" sign on Snow Canyon Parkway has been completed. Late December brought the finishing touches to the endeavor.



The Santa Clara Historical Society was begun in 1990 in order to preserve the history of the community. One of the first orders of business was to save the Relief Society House and the Gubler Home from destruction. The properties were finally purchased, the buildings renovated and Heritage Square established. Historical markers have been placed there as well as throughout the town, buildings and homes have been put on the historical register and a special town celebration (Swiss Days) was created to bring revenue to pay for projects such as restoring these buildings. The Santa Clara Historical Society will continue to preserve our rich heritage, educate those who live here and visitors as well.

SANTA

CLARA



SUCH A PARTY!

Too Bad You Missed It!



Lyman Hafen, featured speaker of the evening



Barbara Watson, Bill and Emma Fife, and Barbara Barton Brooks having fun

CAN WE
PLAN ON YOU



Greg and Phyllis Lawton, joined by Winifred Scheib, with Christmas spirit.



Rachel and Ashlyn Prisbrey, two of the talented Prisbrey family.



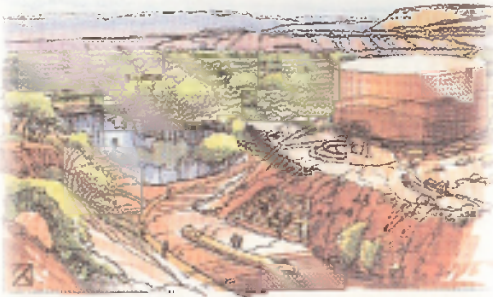
Ken and Lorri Puchlik, Party Planning?



Rachel and Ashlyn's proud and talented family! Applause, applause!

NEXT YEAR?
YOU WERE
MISSED!!!

Mayor Dan McArthur Notes.....



Brooks Pond - Headwaters for Historic Water Walk on Main

"This time of year cause me to reflect on the accomplishments of the past and to look to the possibilities of the future. In retrospect, I am amazed at the way those who have been involved in the planning processes and implementation of those plans were so

forward thinking. Planning for tomorrow goes back to Brigham Young and those first settlers who came into this valley and set up a city that would in time become as author and poet Charles Walker put it 'a place that everyone admires.'

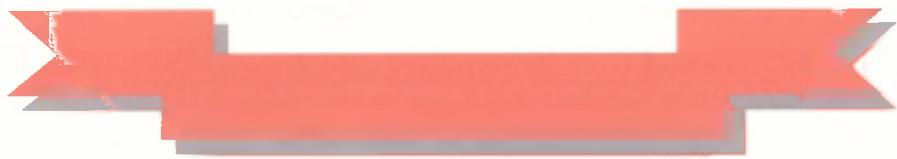
"We stand on the shoulders of giants and thank them for the vision they had in making St. George a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

"The many transportation projects either completed, underway or in the planning stages will improve our situation.....We are trying harder to communicate with the citizens of St. George through visual, verbal, and printed matter. The reconstruction of St. George Boulevard, emphasis on our downtown redevelopment construction of a central city plaza coupled with the new state-of-the-art county library, *and the Historic Water Walk on Main all make this an exciting time.* (Emphasis added)

I see a bright future for the City of St. George. With each of us being positive and energetic in our deliberations with one another concerning our future, we will continue on the path set by our pioneer ancestors. Enthusiasm is contagious, catch it."

(Courtesy of Mayor Dan McArthur, with thanks)

Lucia Christensen reports that Gary Esplin, City Manager, has indicated an interest in the possibility of a mural or series of murals to be painted on the water tower at the Brooks Pond end of the Historic Walk. Student artists from the various High Schools in the area could possibly serve as artists for this project. The actual concept has not yet been finalized. It is hoped that Eric Estrada, noted muralist, might consent to collaborating with the Washington County Historical Society in bringing this idea to fruition.



MCQUARRIE MEMORIAL
DAUGHTERS
OF UTAH PIONEERS
MUSEUM



145 NORTH 100 EAST
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A premier collection of artifacts belonging to settlers who came to tame the southwest desert of Utah. These items depict the tenor of life in Utah's "Dixie" from the time of the 1857 settlement beginning

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

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Fun souvenirs, books, honey candy, Utah made soap and hand made Dixie sunbonnets



The Daughters of Utah Pioneers was founded in 1901 as an international non-sectarian, non-political organization of female descendants of Utah Pioneers dedicated to preserving their heritage



Information courtesy of DUP Museum



**WASHINGTON COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
Preserving--Protecting--Restoring

OUR THANKS TO JAROD HYDE, DIXIE COLLEGE STUDENT, FOR OUR NEW LOGO. WE APPRECIATE HIS EFFORTS! And to a special friend who got it on the page for us!

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MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO
OUR MONTHLY MEETING, ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY, AT THE
OLD COURT HOUSE

ON ST. GEORGE BOULEVARD, 12 NOON

NO ADMISSION FEE!

JUST INTERESTING SPEAKERS AND FRIENDLY FOLKS!

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for you to join!