

# The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

August 1, 2009

**Celebrating Richmond's Birth:** In 1859, John Bair and several friends came to northern Cache Valley to establish a community with the encouragement of Brigham Young. After moving northward through the valley, they finally settled next to a creek with a nearby spring (these came to be known as City Creek and Brower Spring) with only a few short weeks to prepare for winter. By October, 14 families were constructing dugouts for their homes. That winter was a harsh one: snow to a depth of 30 inches; freezing temperatures for days on end. Sustenance was boiled wheat and flour with the occasional deer or fish. They made it through, and by March more families began arriving. Join us at the **Richmond City Party on August 28 at 6 pm in the park** as we honor these hardy settlers. The City Council will prepare and serve a delicious meal; there'll be entertainment from local musicians and displays from the Cache Sheriff's Department as well as our own Fire & Rescue Department. Those very popular with the kids "air rides" will be back, too. We'll have a special ceremony for the City to officially receive the memorial marker installed by the Richmond Lions Club on the southwest corner of the park.

PS. You can read more about Richmond's founding in the book *Richmond: A History in Black and White*, available at the library or for purchase (\$20) at the City Office or Harvest Market.

**Elections:** The window for declaring candidacy came and went (July 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>). We have three seats up for election, the Mayor and two Council members. Declared candidates are Mike Hall and Allen Lundgreen for Mayor, Brad Jensen and Keith Ward for Council.

Remember that election day is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lost and Found Department:** A nice portable chair was left behind in the park recently. It was brought in, and is currently residing at, the City Office. If this orphan belongs to you, please come and claim it.

**Bear River Area Agency on Aging notes:** Maintain Your Brain Workshop will be held Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Logan Recreation Center, 198 S. 100 W., Logan. Learn about lifestyle choices that can help lower your risk of dementia and maintain or improve your cognitive abilities. The workshop is followed by a Brain Builders Activity Group from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring your photos and we will be doing Scrappin' for Memories. Whether you do scrap booking or just need to gather, organize and label your photos, we will be learning some techniques that will encourage memory recall. Brain Healthy refreshments will be served. For more information contact Allison Richman at 435-713-1468.

**Library News and Views:** Make new and interesting friends - read a book!

A BIG Thanks to all the volunteers who presented our Summer Reading Program for the little children and the teens. It was a very successful and fun program and the community certainly benefitted from the many hours of volunteer service. Thanks go to Jessica Tonnies, Cheryl Peck, Adrienne Larson, Missy Flint, Amber Blaylock, Marlyne & Jeana Natali, Carol & Andrea Tonnies, Anika Jeppson, Kelly Blau, Rachel Gantz, and even Miranda Clement from Arizona.

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The library also thanks **Rebound Unlimited** for the equipment they donated for our Summer Reading Program fun day. What an amazing way to support a community activity. Many children enjoyed a full day of fun in the sun. Thanks Rockie and Angie.

Remember that the library is closed the first week of August. Thanks for your patience during this closed time. If there is an emergency, please feel free to call. If we are there, we may be able to help you.

School begins August 20<sup>th</sup> - so come in and find some great helps in brushing up for the new school year, or just get all the fun reading crammed in before the summer break ends.

Some of the LSTA grant money that we have received has gone towards the replacement of two old patron computers. Those old computers are up for bid until the end of August. Other bid items are a scanner, 2000 World Book Encyclopedia set, and a 1996 United States set. Please place your bids at the library before September 1, 2009.

**New Children Books:**

*Judy Moody Gets Famous* by Megan McDonald

*Count Karlstein* by Philip Pullman

*The Ghost of Cutler Creek* by Cynthia DeFelice

*The Lightning Key (Wednesday Tales bk 3)* by Jon Berkeley

*The Library Doors* by Toni Buzzeo

**New Teen Books:**

*The Mother-Daughter Book Club* by Heather Bogel Frederick

*Heroes of the Valley* by Jonathan Stroud

*Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover* by Ally Carter

*Gate of Days (Book Of Time 2)* by Guillaume Prevost

*Necropolis (The Gatekeepers)* by Anthony Horowitz

**New Adult Books:**

*Eyes Like Mine* by Julie Wright

*The Ties That Bind* by Kirsten McKendry

*Rewriting Monday* by Jodi Thomas

*Barefoot Heart* by Trevino Hart - Trevino will be guest speaker at U.S.U. Common Literature Experience Presentation on August 22, 2009 at 9:30 AM (Free to public)

**Just a Thinkin':** First, thanks to all of our citizens for their water conservation efforts. Mother Nature's heat is really on now, which naturally increases the demand on our culinary water. In spite of having to periodically turn on the well (hence those annoying white marks on your dishes and silverware), your conservation has kept this to a minimum thus far. **Please continue to conserve.**

Having just entered Council member Wierenga's article on "our birthday" celebration, I couldn't help but reflect on the change which has taken place since the "fort days" of old. Today we ask you to conserve turning on the tap which is carrying clean, clear, chlorinated (required by law) water directly into your house. Then it was a matter of carrying buckets (or other containers) of water from Brower Spring or City Creek. The improvement of old was the diverting of water from High Creek, Cherry Creek, and City Creek into roadside ditches. From those ditches you would irrigate your garden, water your livestock, and obtain your drinking water, often in that order. Today we carefully check the purity of the water three times a week in three different locations. Then you drank what you drank, perhaps pouring the water through a piece of cheesecloth if too many "floaties" were present. "Wastewater" today goes into a brand-new treatment plant that produces water so clean that it can be reused on a public park while children are playing. Then it was a matter of a trip to the privy, outhouse, or necessary - depending on your location and background. All meant the same thing. Should you have dug a well, that well might be within a matter of feet from the privy...not a pleasant thought knowing what we know today, is it? It's an absolute miracle that those early people didn't have an even higher fatality rate than they experienced. Yup, I do appreciate the heritage but am sure happy to be in Richmond today instead of then.

**REMEMBER - CITY PARTY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, CITY PARK AT 6:00 P.M.**