

Town of Springdale News

July – August 2013

Citizens of the Season Spring 2013

Becky Barker

Becky Barker has been chosen for Citizen of the Season for Spring, 2013. Chief Kurt Wright nominated her, saying “Becky’s long-term dedication to the youth of Zion has been fantastic.” For 30 years, she has directed and choreographed ‘Zion Canyon Kids’, a children’s choir. (Kids of the original Kids are singing with her now.) The ‘Kids’ perform regularly at the 4th of July celebration and other civic events as well as many special events like the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Town Hall and the new Zion Visitor Center as well as the Town’s 50th Birthday Party. “The 4th of July program last year was remarkable,” said Chief Wright.

Since 1995, Becky has written, choreographed and produced Springdale Elementary School’s Christmas programs and end of school programs. “Sometimes I write music for them, too.” As if that was no big deal. Since she was 15 years old she has taught piano lessons, guitar lessons, vocal lessons, English, algebra. Then, of course, there are kindergarten/1st Grade and music classes at the Springdale elementary school.

Becky’s first call to be an educator came early. Just a teenager, she was an aide at the School for the Handicapped in American Fork. In Springdale, she was hired in 1984 at the elementary school as ‘kindergarten aide’, which turned out to mean ‘kindergarten teacher.’ She had complete responsibility for the classroom. She soon realized how vital it was to complete her education. She went back to college in 1991 and had a Masters of Education five years later.

“It’s fun to see how the people I tutor realize how education will make a difference in their lives. It doesn’t matter what age or nationality. I have realized this is what I’m here for – to teach. When you have that thing in you – teaching – you can’t do anything else.

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Zion Animal Lovers

Imagine eleven puppies walking up SR-9 one early summer morning. The puppies had been dumped in town and were making their way up the road. Several concerned people gathered the puppies and took them to John and Winnie Lee's garage (which is now Oscar's). This was the beginning of Zion Animal Lovers (ZAL).

ZAL is an organization that began twenty years ago to address the problem of dogs and cats that were often dumped in Springdale and Rockville. Back in the day, it was quite a common event, as many of the generous people who provided homes can attest to. We had a fundraiser as our kickoff event to raise enough money to be able to spay, neuter and vaccinate the dropped animals. Our first fundraiser generated almost \$4,000, thanks in part to Bob and Naomi Weyer's generous donation of his fishing boat and all the volunteers who labored over that first garage sale. Over the years we continued with yard sales and other fundraising events. Our last event was a dessert and wine night catered by Barbara Ellard. David Pettit kindly donated a photo as a raffle prize.

The kennels at the town yard were built from a portion of the proceeds to provide a safe, secure place for the abandoned animals, and are still in use. Six years ago ZAL applied for, and was granted its 501(c)(3) status, making all your donations completely tax deductible.

Through the years we have had many dedicated volunteers who have cared for and loved the animals in our care. Filomena Diaz-Johnson's support and advice helped to keep ZAL going. Kurt Wright's quick response, no-kill philosophy and ongoing interest is a key factor in the care and placement of animals. Christine Wolken has consistently shown exemplary service to the animals, and continues to do so, with her daily hands-on dedication to their wellbeing. She also fosters dogs, but expresses the desperate need for more families that are willing to foster when the need arises.

Upon the arrival of an animal, city workers incorporate the dogs into their schedules to feed, water, and clean the cages.

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Al Bench's Story

By Adrienne Gates

Whether you're a native Springdalian or not, you might possess a memory or two of Al Bench, especially if you've spent time hiking in Zion over the years. Infamous for running up the Angel's Landing trail, as well as for his incredible southwest-themed art, in his later years my dad touched many lives as a paramedic in the canyon. Because of his tendency to be a relatively private person, many locals likely thought he moved here as a stranger to town in the early eighties, but his roots* go back to the town's earliest beginnings as our legacy in Springdale stems directly from several of the early pioneer families that were called upon by Brigham Young to cultivate Utah's "Dixie." These early settlers subsequently raised their families in Shunesburg, Rockville and Springdale.

Born in St. George, every summer as a kid my dad and his brothers came 'up river' to work for my great grandfather at his motel. Allred's Cafe was built next to the family home where my grandma Verdon was born in a tiny cabin under majestic cottonwoods. Verdon Allred was known for her climbing ability, and was the first female to scale more than one peak in the canyon. She was also known for her ability to outpace the boys as a teenager, receiving awards in distance running while attending Hurricane High. My dad mirrored this love, literally following in his mom's footsteps as he traversed the region, always in search of elusive locations via slot canyons and scant deer trails. He was often seen heading for the hills on some new adventure with like-minded friends or family members. He was a great tour guide granted you could keep up with him.

During his years living in Springdale, my dad was dedicated to his neighbors much in the same tradition that several of his earlier predecessors had been.

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Outstanding Brenda Young

Brenda Young likes shoes. She likes wearing them and she likes painting them. Her portrait of a shiny bright-red spiked heel stepping on a tube of paint is stunning. You see the force of the 'stomp'. The paint cap is some distance from the tube and red paint has been pushed out in a stream. It's a winner. So is Brenda.

Every year, hundreds of Utah high school students are nominated by their teachers for the chance to participate in the Utah All-State High School Art Show at the Springville Museum of Art. In 2013, 88 teachers submitted 916 works of art. Brenda Young's oil painting 'Obsessions' was not only awarded a spot in the exhibition, it received one of the ten 'Excellent' awards. It was also awarded the front cover of the Springville Museum of Art's catalogue of the show. Best of all, Brenda was chosen as the Outstanding Art Student 2013!

As the Outstanding Art Student in Utah, Brenda was recognized at the State Capital and met with the Governor and the Legislature. Her painting hung in the Springville Museum in February and March. A full-page article in the Museum catalog recognized her award and featured a beautiful picture of her.

Brenda is the daughter of Lyle and Chris Young and has lived in Springdale all her life, which she says has given her the opportunity to meet people of different cultures and nationalities. She is surrounded by the beauty of the earth and the great artists that reside in or visit Springdale. She believes her perceptions have been correspondingly broadened. She is the president of the Art Club at Hurricane High and carries a 3.9 GPA. She plans to attend Snow College. Becky was selected as the Zion Canyon Scholarship recipient from the Town of Springdale this year.



Obsessions by Brenda Young

Al Bench's Story, Cont.

Similar to his great grandmother Rebecca Dennett who was remembered as a local pioneer nurse, and akin to his great-great grandfather John Jones Allred, who lived in nearby Shunesburg serving as the local doctor for many years, my dad was someone the folks in Zion canyon could count on in an emergency. At nearby Dixie State College, he passed on his knowledge to many students in the field of emergency medicine before he ultimately endured a fatal heart event in 2009. He wouldn't have changed a single day of his life and he especially loved every moment spent in Zion.

Al Bench will be forever remembered as having saved the lives of several people, which is a beautiful thing in and of itself. . . . and yet for many of us, his love of nature will be the thing that endures. Still further, to countless tourists who never even came to know his name, he will simply be remembered as the quasi-legendary figure who even in his sixties, could literally run up the park's steepest trails, even flying past those half his age.

It wasn't until I started my own family and lost my dad that I understood what it means to really come home in a generational sense, which I now realize is the reason we moved here when I was a child. As such, I'd like my own children to grow up here, like so many generations before them, in a small town that's nowhere near off the beaten path.

Adrienne Gates

**For a more detailed family history please see the short essay by Curt Bench, on the Coming Home page of the Town website:
www.springdaletown.com/welcoming-you-home/coming-home/*

Coming Home to Springdale **An Invitation to Share your Story**

Springdale has been welcoming people home for over 150 years. We invite you to submit an essay about how you or someone you know found a welcome here and 'came home' to Springdale - whether for the first time, the last time, or some other time or in some other way completely. We appreciate that 'coming home' isn't strictly a physical experience.

You don't have to leave to have a profound "I'm home" experience. We hope you'll share your stories with us. We would love to get so many we have to find a publisher! Until then, we'll print them in the newsletter.

Please limit your submission to approximately 500 words. Send to: Fay Cope, Springdale Town Clerk, POB 187, Springdale UT 84767 or email to springdale@infowest.com. If you have a story but can't write it down, call Fay at 772-3434.

ZCMF Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Zion Canyon Music Festival. The Festival will be Friday September 27th and Saturday September 28th from 4 to 11 pm (2 hour volunteer shifts) at the town ball field.

Help is needed at:

Information booth
Silent Auction Table
Water Stations
Set-up & Clean-up
Kids Zone

Contact Julie Hancock to sign-up sheet or get more information at 772-3434 ext. 312 or by email at: ccc@infowest.com. www.ZionCanyonMusicFestival.com

Zion Animal Lovers, Cont.

Many others too numerous to name here have all donated time, money, expertise, and love. Thank you to all.

So, know that ZAL is alive and well, although we are not often in the news. Fortunately, our kennels stand empty most of the time, but when a dog comes in the need is urgent and usually great. Our funds have become depleted with the long stay of the two hounds last summer and fall (now residing at Best Friends).

Please consider making a donation as we enter into what has historically been the "busy" season, so that we can continue to support our animal friends. Make checks payable to Zion Animal Lovers. PO BOX 214. Springdale, Utah 84767. No amount is too small. Just as importantly, if you are interested in fostering an animal, please call Christine Wolken at (435) 669-4469.

Becky Barker, Cont.

I like working with young students because I have the ability and patience to teach 'foundations'; those elements of education that make it possible to learn everything else'. She also loves teaching music, which accesses both sides of the brain. "I'm teaching people to be whole-brained," she says. In 1998, she was awarded 'ARTS Music Teacher of the Year', not just for Washington County, but for the entire State of Utah.

As if her life wasn't busy enough, she has been driving the shuttle for the past ten years. She loves going into Zion Canyon every day. "I go to the Temple of Kinesava, look up at the mountains and feel absolutely blessed." Becky was married to George Barker, who died in 2003. She still misses him: "He made my life possible - he supported me in everything. My sons have taken over that support system, bless them. I really learned, after George died, how important and strong our community family is here. Everyone supports you in a crisis."

From our Military Liaison

From the desk of Bob Kelly - ARMY 1958 - 1962 *
Phone 435-635-5507

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VETERANS Hour of Operation: The Utah Department of Veterans Affairs office hours are: Mon /Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Their SLC phone numbers are 800-894-9497 / 801-326-2372.

Utah Veterans Legal Clinic Talk to an attorney at no cost...2nd Thursday of each month, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm At the VA Medical Center, Bldg 8, Multipurpose Center...CALL AT VA Medical Center 1-800-613-4012

The **Utah Veterans Voice Newspaper** is a UTAH VA quarterly newspaper focusing on issues that affect Veterans. It is free and available for subscription.

Sponsor a Room in our New Nursing Homes. The New Veterans Nursing Homes at Ivins and Payson are looking to improve the quality of the furnishings in the individual rooms. You can sponsor a room in either Payson or Ivins, to assist in that effort, Call 1-800-894-9497 for details.

Videos for Sale: The Department has two training videos titled: "The Walking Wounded" and "Transmission on Transition". These are excellent for training purposes. They are \$10.00 each. Call for details.

Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)
VRAP offers 12 months of training assistance to Veterans who are between 35 to 60 years old. Eligible participants will receive up to 12 months of training. Currently, for full time the amount is \$1,473 a month

Veterans Service Organizations Help You File Your VA Claims For FREE!!! Do not pay for this service when VA Accredited Organizations will do this for FREE!!!

Suicide Prevention: If you are, or know, a Veteran who wants to hurt himself, please call the VA Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).
IN THE ST. GEORGE AREA CALL 435-673-4494

NAM / NAVY VETS INFORMATION
BLUE WATER /BROWN WATER
The VA Posts Online the List of Ships Associated with "Presumptive " Agent Orange Exposure. Go to www.va.gov for details.

Veteran's Service Organizations

- American Legion (AL)
801-326-2380
Service Officer: Ken Parker
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
801-326-2375
Service Officers: Don Reed, Gerry Propst, Lou Estrada
- Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
801-326-2471
Service Officer: Erin Hamlin
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
(801)-326-2385
Service Officer: Scott Nelson

No Open Fires or Fireworks

Upon the advice of the Fire District, the Town Council has passed an ordinance prohibiting open fires and fireworks in Springdale for the 2103 fire season of June through October.

The Fire Chief has approved the following to fires during the fire season:

- The use of LPG gas/natural gas and charcoal briquettes in approved fire pits;
- A fire in an approved fire pit at a private residence; or
- A fire in an approved fire pit at an improved campground.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please help keep the community safe during this fire season. A copy of the ordinance is available on the town website.

Post Office Bulletin Board

The Town's bulletin board outside the post office will be undergoing some changes in the near future. A member of the community has volunteered to help manage the board, keep it cleaned up and keep postings up to date.

The street side of the board will be reserved for festivals, events and promoting activities in Zion Canyon. The Post Office side of the board will continue to be used for "community classifieds"; the help wanted, for rent, lost cat and roommate wanted postings that have been posted there since the board was installed.

A few simple posting rules will be on the board soon. Please watch for them and be courteous to the others that also use the board.

July 2013 Menu and Activities

| TUESDAY | | THURSDAY | |
|---|--|--|--|
| July 2 | | July 4 | |
| Fish Garlic Potatoes Carrots Salad Rolls Fruit Cocktail | BINGO | Center Closed |  |
| July 9 | | July 11 | |
| Chicken Haystacks Rice Green Beans Coleslaw Rolls Apricots | BIRTHDAY | Turkey Potatoes & Gravy Stuffing California Veggies Roll Fruit Cocktail | GAMES |
| July 16 | | July 18 | |
| Taco Salad Spanish Rice Corn Fruit Cocktail Cookies | Speaker CLIFF | Roast Beef Potatoes & Gravy Capri Veggies Salad Wheat Roll Peaches | GAMES |
| July 23 | | July 25 | |
| Orange Chicken Ham Fried Rice Oriental Veggies Salad Egg Rolls Peaches | BINGO | Center Closed |  |
| July 30 | | | |
| Chefs Salad Pasta Salad 3 Bean Salad Crackers Oranges | | | Suggested Donation: \$3.00 for 60 and over \$7.00 for all others Kitchen may substitute |
| Information & Reservations Call: Hurricane Senior Center 635-2089 | | | |
|  | | JULY BIRTHDAYS | |
| Sharon Kirkpatrick 7/1 Dan MCGuire 7/2 Venece Clark 7/7 Carryn Topham 7/9 | Robert Warren 7/13 Gina Hupka 7/20 Liz Totten 7/26 | Joy Baker 7/28 Susan Rovira 7/30 | |

Zion Canyon Community Events Calendar

| < 2012 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul 2013 | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | 2014 > |
|-----------|---|---|---|--|--|---------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | |
| | 1 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 2 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC • 2:00 pm -4:00 pm : Library Summer Reading Program @ CCC • 5:00 pm -8:00 pm : Planning Commission Work Meeting @ Town Hall | 3 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 4 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 7:30 am -10:30 am : 4th of July Celebration | 5 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC | 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 8 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 2:45 pm -4:00 pm : YAZ @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 9 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC • 2:00 pm -4:00 pm : Library Summer Reading Program @ CCC | 10 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 5:00 pm -8:00 pm : Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 11 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC | 12 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 2:00 pm -4:00 pm : Library Summer Movies for kids @ CCC | 13 | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 15 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 16 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC • 2:00 pm -4:00 pm : Library Summer Reading Program @ CCC • 5:00 pm -8:00 pm : Planning Commission Meeting @ Town Hall | 17 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 5:00 pm -8:00 pm : Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 18 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC • 7:30 pm -9:30 pm : ZCFI Lecture with Robert Young @ CCC • 7:30 pm -9:30 pm : ZCFI Lecture @ CCC | 19 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 2:00 pm -4:00 pm : Library Summer Movies for kids @ CCC | 20 | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 22 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 2:45 pm -4:00 pm : YAZ @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 23 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC • 2:00 pm -4:00 pm : Library Summer Reading Program @ CCC | 24 • 24th of July Celebration • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 25 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC | 26 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC | 27 | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 29 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC | 30 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 12:00 pm -2:00 pm : Senior Lunch and Activities @ CCC | 31 • 7:00 am -7:45 am : Group Fitness @ CCC • 3:30 pm -5:30 pm : YAZ @ CCC • 6:40 pm -7:40 pm : Zumba @ CCC • 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Library Book Club @ CCC/Library | | | | | | | | | | |