My Dear Fellow Residents,

It is a pleasure to write to you this month. The month of December holds such rich memories and feelings at this time of the year. It is a time of celebration, a time of light, a time of joyful moments and enduring love in our hearts for family, friends, and faith. It is a time of celebration, a time for sweet contemplation, a time for dinners, festivities, gifts, and wonderment. Truly, this a wonderful time of the year.

I am reminded of a story, written anonymously, that I would like to share with you that I believe captures the essence of the Christmas season:

During the waning years of the depression in a small southeastern Idaho community, I used to stop by Mr. Miller’s roadside stand for farm-fresh produce as the season made it available. Food and money were still extremely scarce, and barter was used extensively. On one particular day, as Mr. Miller was bagging some early potatoes for me, I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas.

Upon paying for my potatoes I moved to leave, but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn’t help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller and the ragged boy next to me.

“Hello, Barry, how are you today?”

“Hello, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus’ admirin’ them peas; sure look good.”

“They are good, Barry. How’s your Ma?”

“Fine. Gittin’ stronger alla’ time.”

“Good. Anything I can help you with?”

“No sir, jus’ admirin’ them peas.”

“Would you like to take some home?”

“No sir, got nuthin’ to pay for ’em with.”

“Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?”

“All I got is my prize marble—best one around here.”

“Is that right? Let me see it.”

“Here it is. She’s a dandy.”

“I can see that. Hmmm, only thing is, this one is blue. I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?”

“Not ‘zackley—but almost.”

“Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you, and next trip this way let me look at that red one.”

“Sure will. Thanks, Mr. Miller.”

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a sly smile, she said,

“There are two other boys like him in our
The Ephraim City Council and Staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rural Beauty Spa
We have just opened up the only spa in Sanpete and we are ecstatic to be up and running! We strive to customize every treatment not only to treat your physical self, but to also nourish the soul. We offer a variety of services here at the spa.

They include:
- Facials
- Chemical Peels
- Teeth Whitening
- Massages
- Lash Enhancements
- Reiki
- Card Readings
- Yoga and Group Meditation Classes
- Licensed Therapy/Counseling Sessions

- Botox/Fillers
- Nails
- Pedicures
- Spray Tanning
- Event Makeup
- Body and Facial Waxing
- Permanent Makeup Services
- Ear Piercing
- Brow Laminations

We also can host events/parties in the back part of the spa. Bring some treats and pamper yourself and your friends!

Host a little wedding party with all your bridesmaids with perks like discounted services. Book the space for baby showers or bridal showers!

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SENIOR CENTER DECEMBER ACTIVITY

ALL CENTER RENTAL RESERVATION INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MELISA TINOCO: (435) 813-8961 OR (435) 283-6310.

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 7TH. LOCAL LICENSED INSURANCE REP LEE ISRAELESEN CAN EXPLAIN MEDICARE AND HELP YOU WITH OPTIONS. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE. CALL FOR APPOINTMENT: (435) 754-6047.

VETERAN HELP AVAILABLE: FREE SERVICE AVAILABLE TO HELP VETERANS, WIDOWS, AND DEPENDENTS. TO UNDERSTAND AND APPLY FOR VA BENEFITS. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES: (435) 835-0771.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION VOUCHER SYSTEM: CONTACT SIX COUNTY AT 435-893-0726 FOR INFORMATION.

HIGH FITNESS CLUB: A NEW FITNESS CLUB MEETS AT THE SENIOR CENTER WEDNESDAYS AT 8 AM AND THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 8:30 PM. TO JOIN, CALL JAMIE NIELSON: (801) 367-3708.

SCHEDULED:
- ATHENIAN ACADEMY 12/02, 09, & 16
- STITCHIN’ SISTERS 12/08/2021
- DUP 12/13/2021
- HIGH FITNESS 12/1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16
- HIGH FITNESS 12/22, 23, 29, 30
The Nativity Display is back!

Hundreds of beautiful nativities from around the world will be on display at the Ephraim Co-op Social Hall this December. This is a free event, and a perfect way to kick off the 2021 Christmas Season.

The Christmas Nativity Display will be open during the following times:

Saturday, December 4th, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, December 5th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday, December 6th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you would like to share your own nativity at the display, please contact Michelle Smail at 970-250-2539.

Granary Arts will be closed for the winter holidays December 24, 2021 through January 1, 2022.

Workshop Wednesday
Join us Wednesdays at 3:30 pm upstairs in the Ephraim Co-op for a free kids’ art activity. Subscribe to our mailing list to get the monthly workshop schedule straight to your inbox GranaryArts.org/Subscribe.

We have free kids’ art kits corresponding with our current exhibition, Over Look Under Foot. Pick up your kit at Granary Arts, available on a first come-first served basis. Our collection of virtual art tutorials are still accessible on our website at GranaryArts.org/Education-Workshops.

Workshop Wednesday Schedule 3:30 pm
12/01: Printmaking with Janice
12/08: Pinch Pots with Bryn
12/15: Scrape, Collage + Stamp Design with Janice
12/22: No Workshop Wednesday, Happy Holidays!
12/29: No Workshop Wednesday, Happy Holidays!

Exhibitions
Utah Arts and Museums / The New Beehive

Katie Hargrave + Meredith Laura Lynn / Over Look /

Under Foot
The Family Trade / Bird’s Eye Chisel album + Tintypes by Holly Hooper
David Lindsay / Our Valley Speaks: A Sanpete Experience (virtual exhibition)

To see recent video interviews with our artists, visit our Vimeo channel, Vimeo.com/GranaryArts.

Visit Us
86 North Main, Ephraim / W-S 11am - 5pm / 435.283.3456 / Parking behind Ephraim Co-op
A Message from Our Council
Lloyd Stevens

Hello Ephraim residents!
As the newest member of the Ephraim City Council, I would like to share some thoughts with you.
The diversity of people on the Ephraim City Council makes the decision making process very interesting. We have people from many walks of life, which provides us with many different perspectives for making decisions for the City. Sometimes votes on a particular motion are unanimous and sometimes they are not. The democratic process works.
Sanpete and Ephraim have been discovered by the Wasatch Front. Ephraim is growing. People and businesses have their eyes on us and many want to move here. Growth cannot be stopped, and the best we can do is try and shape that growth to fit our Sanpete lifestyle.

As we reflect over the past year, there is much to think about. There has been COVID, drought, fires, unemployment, and now—not enough workers. There have been so many things going on in our lives that it would be hard to list them all. In spite of the challenges facing all of us, there is much to be happy about.
We can celebrate our freedom. We live in the country with the most individual rights. In spite of the challenges we face, I believe we have a bright future. As a resident of Ephraim, I believe we live in one of the best places on earth. Protected by the mountains around us, we live in a clean town, we have clean water to drink, we have good roads to drive on, we have a sewer system that works well, we have the least expensive power in the state, we have great police and fire departments, and we have a great college in our town. The list of good things in Ephraim is long—I have a list I keep of the good things in my life, just to remind me that not all things are bad.
Ephraim City has been active in applying for and receiving many grants that will make life better for all of us. A list of the grants awarded to Ephraim include:
• 1.5 million UDOT grant for curb, gutter, sidewalk and road surface on Canyon Road.
• 7.9 million Army Corp of Engineers grant for water and well improvements.
• 7.0 million for water and roads. (Earmark Pending)
• 1.0 million various grants for parks and airport improvements.
These improvements will be completed over the next few years.
Christmas time is a special time of the year. For many, it is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. For some it means something totally different. No matter our outlook, we all have much to celebrate and to be thankful for at this time of the year.
I look forward to serving you on the Ephraim City Council for the next four years. I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Lloyd Stevens

Mayor’s Corner (Continued)
community—all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever. When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn’t like red after all, and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble, or orange, perhaps.”
I left the stand, smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Utah, but never forgot the story of this man and the boys—and their bartering.
Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and, while there, learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his viewing that evening, and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them.
Upon our arrival at the mortuary, we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased, and to offer whatever words of comfort we could. Ahead of us in the line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore short haircuts, dark suits, and white shirts. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing smiling and composed by her husband’s casket. Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty, light blue eyes followed them as, one by one, each young man stopped briefly, placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket, and left the mortuary awkwardly wiping his eyes.
As our turn came to meet Sister Miller, I told her who I was, and mentioned the story she had told me about the marbles. Eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.
“This is an amazing coincidence,” she said. “Those three boys that just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim ‘traded’ them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size, they came to pay their debt. We’ve never had a great deal of the wealth of this world,” she confided, “but right now Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho.”
With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three magnificent, shiny red marbles.”
I’d like to think that each of us is a Mr. or Mrs. Miller. Our effect on our families, friends and neighbors, has an impact for good that is incalculable. At this Christmas season may we love deeply, invest in kindness more wholly, and look for ways to serve other people earnestly.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
John Scott
Mayor, Ephraim City

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