



North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

THANKSGIVING —THE FOURTH THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER —SET APART FROM ALL OTHERS IN AMERICA FOR RECALLING THE GOODNESS OF GOD IN BLESSING THE PILGRIMS WITH THEIR FIRST GOOD HARVEST—AND THANKING OUR LORD FOR ALL HIS BOUNTY.
(Webster)

A couple of years ago Lucy and I visited Plymouth Rock, walked aboard the Mayflower and visited Plymouth settlement. We learned of some of the story of that great adventure and came away touched and humbled.

Thomas Weston, a London Merchant and “about seventy-some gentlemen adventurers” planned an emigration scheme. Weston’s proposition in the town of Leyden was to fund and organize a voyage to Virginia, the terms of which were that a seven year partnership would be set up between the “adventurers” and the “planters”. The adventurers would supply the money in ten pound shares; each “planter” (Pilgrim) not less than sixteen years of age was to have one share. Every child over ten, was to be rated at one-half share. Every settler in the colony would be supported and work without any wage. At the end of seven years, everything, lands, houses, and household goods would be divided among the stockholders proportional to the number of shares held. What this meant is that the pilgrims would be bond-servants, and in the end would receive the same share of the total as the man who invested ten pounds while living comfortably in London. The terms were hard for the pilgrims who wanted civil and religious freedom.

The Mayflower was a 180 ton ship chartered by the adventurers. She would receive her load at Southampton. A second ship, Speedwell was just 60 tons, and not very sea-worthy. The Speedwell was to carry the advance party manifested with the young and strong to make landing before the Mayflower, start setting up the colony, then stay on in the service of the colony to be used for transport and fishing.

On the fifth of August 1620, the two ships with their 120 passengers sailed from Southampton. After just eight days at sea, the Speedwell started taking on water so the two ships sailed together back to Dartmouth. Ten days later, with the leaks patched, they put to sea again. The captain of the Speedwell, who wasn’t eager to make the voyage, feigned another leak, and again the ships turned back; it was here that the Speedwell was given up and those who wanted to call it quits, went back to Plymouth, England. Only 20 passengers decided to return, so the Mayflower re-adjusted the cargo and passenger list and departed for “New Plymouth” with 100 souls. The voyage took nine weeks. Remarkably only one person died, while one was born.

On the 10th of November (or 20th with the corrected calendar), the Mayflower entered Cape Cod Bay. But this wasn’t the destination outlined in the Pilgrim’s Patent. It was for Virginia further south. The ship turned south, but it was soon obvious that it would be futile to press on. The Mayflower returned, putting in at what is now Provincetown Harbor. Although close to land, most of the passengers would remain aboard the Mayflower. Cape Cod didn’t show any promise for a permanent settlement. When it was explored nothing much was found other than some maize seed left by the Indians, which they took for planting. It was getting late in the year, and very cold. A suitable place needed to be found, and soon.

The change in destination was good fortune for the pilgrims because it voided the contract and in its place they formed what is known as the Mayflower Compact. It is often referred to as the first written constitution in the world. In the cabin of the Mayflower men of good sense and the English idea of municipal self government and exposure to the republican notions of Holland, developed a simple document to make a state much like they had done earlier to form a church. They expressed specific rights on the basis of equal laws enacted by the people for the good of all.

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(cont. from pg 1) On the sixth of December a group led by Miles Standish searched for a suitable place to settle, and on the twenty second of December, now called "Forefathers Day" they made a final landing at Plymouth with some perhaps stepping on Plymouth Rock.

The settlement was named New Plymouth and in just a couple of weeks a common house was finished on what is now Leyden Street. Home lots were assigned and houses were slowly built between storms.

Although all but one survived the voyage, people began to die in numbers. In December one drowned and five others passed away. In January, eight more died, in February seventeen were buried, and thirteen in March. Before reinforcements came, fifty had died.

The summer and fall of 1621 produced an abundant harvest. The Squanto Indians who inhabited the area received the pilgrims and taught them how to plant and cultivate maize. Without their help, the settlers would have probably starved. Instead, the first autumnal feast was celebrated. We call it Thanksgiving.

The story of those brave people who suffered great hardship to come and settle here in America is a testament to all those who come here now looking for freedom and a better life. We are blessed by living in the greatest nation on earth. We must not take our freedom and the opportunities we have for granted. As we gather together with our family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, say a prayer of thanks to all those who have gone before us and sacrificed so that we can live free. Say a prayer for all the brave men and women who are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan to rid our world of terrorism and bring freedom to others and ask for God to comfort those who suffer or have no one there on Thanksgiving Day.

Please email me at d.carywatkins@gmail.com or call my direct line at 760-4615 if you want to discuss any issue.

Sincerely, Cary Watkins



In September, North Logan City was presented with **The Healthy Community Award, Bronze Level**, by the State of Utah during the Utah League of Cities and Town's Annual Luncheon for outstanding achievements of a city implementing health-related policies and ensuring healthy community environments. This award acknowledges efforts to encourage residents and employees to make healthy choices. North Logan City Councilmember Elaine Nelson, acting as project director, submitted the project to the state. As part of the application it was shown that North Logan City has increased the mileage of designated

walking/biking trails, enforcement of a policy prohibiting smoking in parks, and a Master Plan promoting active lifestyles.

Congratulations to North Logan residents and employees. May we continue to make positive health choices now and in the future. Elaine Nelson

Election Corner

The election is here. To avoid long lines at the polls here is your election tip of the month:

Vote when others do not vote. (The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

This may seem obvious but to avoid long lines plan to go to the polls during those times when the voting is not as heavy. You will find longer waiting times first thing in the morning when the polls open up, again around lunch time, and after 5 p.m. until the polls close. Try to pick a time mid-morning or mid-afternoon for the shortest lines. If you have not voted with the new voting machines before, ask for help if you need it. Read the sample ballots beforehand and know how you are going to vote before you get to the machines. This will help move things along and make shorter lines for all voters. If you really don't want to use the machines, you can ask the poll workers for a paper ballot.

If you have moved from the place where you are registered to vote and have not changed your registration to your new address, do not think you will not be allowed to vote. You will need to vote where you actually live. When you go to vote at the district where you live, take evidence of your new address with you (a utility bill with your name on it is a good example) and you will be provided with a "Provisional Ballot". Completing the provisional ballot will not only allow you to vote such that your vote with count, but it will also serve to register you for the next election at your new address.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER



GROWTH CORNER

- 2 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 - **ELECTION DAY**
- 5 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 6 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - Senior Citizens Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
- 11 - **VETERANS DAY - City Office is closed**
- 12 - Jr. Jazz Basketball Sign-ups 5 - 7 p.m.*
- 15 - Jr. Jazz Basketball Sign-ups 9 - 11 a.m.*
- 19 - City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 20 - Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 & 28 - **THANKSGIVING DAY - City Office is closed**
- *See insert

Commercial Building Permits

Home Businesses
BNC Construction

Commercial Businesses
None

Permit Type	2008 to date	2007 to date
Single Family Residence	25	50
Multi-Family (Apt)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	3	11
Office	1	10
Remodel (Existing Comm)	0	0
Industrial	1	3

REMINDER-THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON NOV 13TH & 28TH (FRIDAY)

Greetings from the Utility Billing Department . . .

It is that time of year to shut down your sprinkler systems and blow out your lines. PLEASE make sure that your stop and waste valve is totally off. If left on, even a little, you will waste thousands of gallons through the winter. A precious resource wasted away and you will end up paying for the waste. This is something we unfortunately see every spring.

October billing will be the last actual water meter reading for many of our residential customers until next April. There are some residents that have been put on our new radio system, where meter readings will be taken monthly year round. The entire city will be put on this system in the next couple of years. From October until April you are billed on an estimated water usage. When the April reading is taken, the billing will reflect any difference in the amount of gallons you have been billed for previously. The amount of water that is used during the six-month period will also be used to set your sewer rate for the following year.

As a reminder - If you are looking for an easier way to pay your city bill, direct payment is available. It will save you the cost of a check, stamp and the time to process the payment. Please come into our office and sign-up if you are interested. All you need to bring is a void check, fill out a quick form and your ready to go.

If you have any questions about any of these items, please call Peggy at 752-1310 extension 11.

There is a new “drop box” for utility payments at the northwest corner of our parking lot, next to the City Office sign. We hope this will make it more convenient for you to stay in your car and leave your payment envelope in the outside box.

No Nighttime Parking on Streets after November 15th!

It's the time of year to remember it snows in Cache Valley! We would like to remind everyone that starting **November 15th** the winter parking ordinance (11-604) will go into effect. This means vehicles cannot be parked on city street curbs and shoulders between **1:00 am - 5:00 am** on any day. Please let your **family and friends** know as citations will be issued during these hours. During other hours, if it is snowing, or beginning to snow, we'd appreciate you not parking on the streets so that our snow plows can keep your roads clean and safe for you and your family. Thanks from the Streets Dept.



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON



The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **November 10th** at the Golden Corral at 2044 North Main in North Logan. The cost is \$3.50 per person and all senior citizens are invited to attend. Please **RSVP** to Savannah Baker - 753-0287, Lila Eddington - 753-0203, Eva Fay Anderson - 753-0340, Eileen Stocking - 752-1217 or Alva Johnson - 753-3070 by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th**.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Holiday Closures:

The library will be closed: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 to celebrate Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday November 27 – 28, 2008 to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Library Book Club:

At November's book club Marilyn Israelsen will be hosting our discussion about ***Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher**. *In a story both deceptively simple and effortlessly complex, Rosamunde Pilcher brings together five very different people, ranging in age from mid-sixties to teenagers, each of whom must confront very different challenges or losses...But somehow the group proves to be greater than the sum of its ill-suited parts, and as the solstice passes and Christmas approaches, the healing power of love on even the most troubled human spirit begins to work its magic. (from Book Description)*

The library's book group will discuss this book on Thursday, November 13th at 9:00 am in the library. Copies are available at the circulation desk and all are welcome!

If you have a book club and would like the library to provide books for your group, tell us the title at least a month ahead of time and we will either purchase or borrow copies. Come check out the book club kits we already own.

Storytime:

Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:10 for Toddler Time (2 years and under) and at 11:00 for Story Time (3-5 year olds).

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH LOGAN CITY LIBRARY

The Friends of the North Logan City Library, "The Friends" would like to thank all those who donated their old books for our fall book sale and those that came to purchase the books. As you may know, all the funds from our membership dues and the fund raising projects go directly to the library to buy new books, over and above what the city budgets every year. Through our efforts, the library purchases \$8,000 to \$10,000 of new books each year. That is why we have the BEST library in the valley.

Over an eight year period, we have been receiving extra donations for the "Flights of Learning Statue" which is now being made and will be placed by the bench on the South walkway. During our meeting on December 16th, at 6:30 pm in the Library conference room, we are having the sculptor, Bryce Pettit, come and give a presentation on how sculptors process their work from a small model into a large bronze statue. The public is invited to attend this presentation.

The Friends are looking for people that would like to be on the Board for next year. If you have an interest in serving with The Friends Organization or know someone who would, please contact Holly Gunther at 787-4544 or Keith Jones at 753-7671. Elections for new officers and chairpersons will be held at the January 14th meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library conference room. The public is invited to attend. Our featured speaker at this year's annual meeting will be Matthew Buckley, author of "Chickens in the Headlights" and "Bullies in the Headlights". Matthew (Kerry Blair) Buckley grew up in Riverside, Utah and now lives in Cache Valley. "Chickens in the Headlight" is the perfect book to read, re-read, and then read out loud to the kids over summer vacation. We invite everyone to come and hear his presentation and how he became an author of books.

GARBAGE PICK-UP AND LITTER

We all have a responsibility in helping minimize the litter we as residents see from time to time in Cache Valley. Most, if not all, litter can be prevented. Here are a few ways that you can help your garbage truck driver eliminate litter as they are collecting garbage from your home. First, do not overfill your garbage can. Overfilling can cause spilling to occur. Second, make sure your cans are a least four feet apart to help the drivers avoid knocking over adjacent containers. Third, please bag lightweight materials such as shredded paper, loose paper, packing peanuts, and plastic retail shopping bags. The garbage trucks do have a screen door that helps trap waste in the truck once it is dumped. However, lightweight materials have been known to escape through the cracks around the edges. Also the ONLY time a plastic bag should be found in the recycling can is if it is filled with shredded paper, ink-jet cartridges or cell phones. We appreciate being able to help in that effort by collecting your garbage.

Thank you for keeping Cache County clean. From the LOGAN ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

North Logan



JR. JAZZ BASKETBALL 2009

A Program of the Utah Jazz & North Logan Recreation

Leagues Offered

3rd & 4th Grades

5th & 6th Grades

7th & 8th Grades

Each Participant will receive

Paid Officials

Certificate of Participation

Jazz Player Clinic (in general area)

Jazz Team Picture

Chance to participate in the Fun Shot Competition

Graduated Rules and Competitive Levels by Division

Join the JAZZ League at:

North Logan City Library

Address: 475 East 2500 North – North Logan

Sign-Up Dates

Wednesday, November 12th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$35.00 (Residents) \$40.00 (Non-Residents)

Jersey Fee \$7.00 (if needed, same jersey as used last year)

Shorts are also available for \$7.00 (if wanted)