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The response to our first issue has been overwhelming, and we are ecstatic about the comments we have received. With this issue, we are growing modestly to a full thirty-two pages which will give us even more room to bring more local and positive content to you. We hope you look forward to each new issue as much as we enjoy bringing it to you!

In this issue, we are proud to introduce two new features – a humor column about Box Elder kind of things to lighten your day, as well as a new series of articles highlighting what we like to call “Living the Ideal.” These are valued individuals and entities who’s iron will and character improve the community in which we live. They exceed the call for greatness while reflecting positively into the rest of the world. They are rare and colorful characters that we know and love.

In this issue, we honor those who have combined to bring a presence and strong economy to our county via the famous Fruitway on Highway 89. These farmers share their crops with the world and have established a strong annual tradition for families all over our great Country.

We hope you enjoy as we take you along both a nostalgic and current trip through Box Elder County. As always, we value your comments and suggestions. We’d love to hear from you.

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Peach Days 1984:
Rockette dunking booth luring participants with targets of Coach Mike Madeo, teacher Chris Larson, Mayor Pete Knudson, and Principal Jay Stuart.

* Throughout the magazine, these items represent actual articles from the Box Elder News Journal were plucked from that archive with the help of former News Journal Editor Lori Hunsaker.
August 11  Willard Bay "Fire on the Bay"
August 13  Movie in the Park "Greatest Showman" sponsored by Gillies Funeral Chapel, 9:00 p.m. Pioneer Park Ball Diamond Brigham City)
August 15  Brigham City's Family Fun Center: $1 Wednesdays for Bowling, Shoe Rentals, Mini Golf
August 17  3rd Friday Live, Downtown Brigham City
August 18  Farmers Market Brigham City 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bill of Rights Plaza (20 N. Main St.)
August 18  All American Tour Concert, 6:00 p.m. BE County Arena in Tremonton
August 20  Willard Bay North Marina showing movie: SING!

August 22-25 Box Elder County Fair
August 22  5 P.M. Parade in Tremonton! Watch out for flying Taffy. Lots of dancers, treats, horses, fun, popsicles
- Fair opens after parade.
August 22-25 PRCA Bronc Riding Classic at 8 P.M. at the rodeo grounds.
August 23  Family Night Golden Spike PRCA Rodeo at 8 P.M. Bandstand has great entertainment!
August 24  "Crazy for You" opens at Heritage Theater in Perry 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. $12 tickets
August 25  Farmers Market Brigham City 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bill of Rights Plaza (20 N. Main St.)
August 27  Box Elder School District’s First Day of School
August 27-Sept 6 Discount Peach Days Carnival Tickets for Sale at Chamber Office

September 1  Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bill of Rights Plaza (20 North Main Street) Historic Downtown Brigham City Event
September 3  Labor Day
September 5  Peach Days Begin 10 A.M. Book Sale at the Brigham City Library Wed.-Sat.  6:30 P.M. Junior Peach Queen Pageant at the Box Elder Middle School
September 6  Chairs may be set in place for parades at 3 P.M.  6 P.M. Miss Brigham City Pageant at the Box Elder High School Auditorium

September 7-8 Peach Days
- SCUBA burgers, Arts/Crafts/Food vendors, begin 10 A.M.-10 P.M. Main Street and Community Center.
- Junior Peach Days Parade 6 P.M. 200 South to 300 North Main Street Brigham City.
- The City of Fun Carnival Opens on Forest Street.
- Softball Tournament at Pioneer Park 6 P.M.- 10 P.M.
- Classic Car Fun Run 6:30 P.M. Hanson Motors Lip Sync Battle on the Main Stage 7 P.M.
- Play Unplugged End of Year Drawings 7:30 P.M. Mainstage
- Free Activities for Children 6:30-8 P.M. on Main
- Melodrama at Fine Arts Center 58 S 100 W, 8 P.M.
- Entertainment on the Main Stage 8:30 P.M.

September 8 Peach Days 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- All day: SCUBA burgers, activities, raffles, Art/Crafts/food vendors Main Street & Community Center
- Fireman's Association Breakfast at fire station 500 West Forest Street 7 A.M.-10 A.M.
- Softball Tournament at Pioneer Park 8 A.M.- 10 P.M. (6.2 miles) Road Race starts at City Center Plaza 58 North Main 8 A.M.
- 1 mile Road Race for children 6th, 7th, & 8th grades City Center Plaza 8:30 A.M.
- Peach Days Parade (300 South-600 North Main Street) 10 A.M.
- Car Show at Watkins and Pioneer Parks 10 - 4 P.M.
- Motorcycle Show on Main Street 1 P.M.-5 P.M.
- Variety of Entertainment on Main Street Stage 1 P.M.-7 P.M.
- Melodrama at Fine Arts Center 2 P.M., 4 P.M., 6 P.M.
- Party Rock Project Concert on Main Street Stage-Free 7:30 P.M.
- Kerry Sharp Hypnotist Show on Main Street Stage-Free 9 P.M.

September 11  911 Remembrance Day.
September 12  National Chocolate Milkshake Day! National Video Game Day. Party!
September 21  3rd Friday Live. World Gratitude Day!
September 30  Remember the Acts 6 Soup Kitchen is open to everyone to eat or help 5-7 PM every Thurs. at 1000 North Main in Eagles building.

October 18-19  Box Elder School District Fall Break
**Peach BBQ Little Smokies**

*Ingredients:*
- 28 ounces little smokies (2 14-ounce packages)
- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 12 ounces peach preserves
- 12 ounces chili sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

*Preparation:*
Add all ingredients to a slow cooker and stir together and cook on high for 2 hour or low heat for 3 to 4 hours. Keep warm while serving and refrigerate leftovers.

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**Dr. Pepper Baked Beans**

*Ingredients:*
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion diced
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 15 oz. cans cannellini beans drained and rinsed
- 1 cup Dr Pepper divided
- 1/3 cup molasses
- 2 teaspoons ground mustard
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 table spoons ketchup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

*Preparation:*
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
Add oil to a large pot and heat on medium heat, add in diced onions and garlic powder. Cook until soft, about 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Add in beans and 1/2 cup Dr Pepper, stir and simmer for about 6 to 7 minutes.
Add in remaining ingredients and simmer for another 8 to 10 minutes.
Transfer beans to an oven safe dish and bake for 20 minutes.
Box Elder County is a fantastic place to live and do business! There is a lot happening and many opportunities to explore. According to the Department of Workforce Services, in May of 2018, Box Elder County went over 25,000 jobs (25,019) with a workforce (labor force) of 25,749. This means our unemployment rate is down to 2.8% (730/25,749). These numbers are seasonally adjusted and is lower when you take off the adjustment (2.5%). While these numbers show the county in a great economic situation, it doesn’t tell the whole story. Average annual wages are around $37,000. Average annual wages were up around $40,000 before the recession (those numbers do take into consideration cost of living increases). Seasonally adjusted total wages in Box Elder County hit over $203 million (3rd quarter 2017) which is about the same as the 4th quarter 2006 ($204 million) and we are expecting that number to rise through 2018 and 2019 like it did in 2007 and 2008 (when it hit $233 million 3rd quarter 2008). Self-employment has been on the rise since 2014 and total employment hasn’t been this high since the Great Recession. We expect to see more growth coming from Manufacturing (619 new jobs $49,946 avg wage), Retail Trade (286 new jobs $26,722 avg wage), Accommodation and Food Services (258 new jobs $13,468 avg wage), Health Care and Social Assistance (211 new jobs $31,448 avg wage), Transportation and Warehousing (211 new jobs $42,099 avg wage), and Construction (181 new jobs $45,830 avg wage) among many other industries. The highest average wages by industry in Box Elder County are in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services industry at $52,961 (Data from JobsEQ.com).

With all the positive growth comes some challenges. For instance, we are constantly trying to figure out how to help our labor force become the next generation of employees who bring in new technology and services which will continue our growth pattern. Also, we are looking at the cost of housing and retail options that will make this county an even better place to live and be enjoyed. We owe a great debt to all our businesses who create the wonderful jobs we enjoy.

I love this county, its people, businesses, and leadership. Box Elder County sure isn’t perfect but it’s darn close!

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The tasty lunch is indeed magic! Not only is the food delicious it comes with an enthusiastic smile, and genuine laughter, which gives you the feeling that you are a part of a very special family!

Who is this family? A group of differently skilled friends & students who are there to help you have a great lunch experience! The Bistro is a unique cafe open from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Monday through Friday throughout the summer and during the school year. There are many options on their menu. The staff are students from Dale Young Community High, ILSC Post High, and mentors from the community.

You will find this gem at 960 South Main (Next to district office), Brigham City, Utah. As a bonus, Post High has a wonderful and unique gift shop in the same building open 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Thursday. The students help make lots of the fun items found in the store along with their duties in running the Bistro! (phone (435) 734-2989.

The Bistro operates with funds provided through the Box Elder School District, Workforce Services, and Vocational Rehab. Recently, the Bistro won a JDP award of excellence! These students are learning much more than sandwich making. Food preparation, food safety, customer service, running a cash register, marketing, social interaction, counting back change.

And then there is the MAGIC!: creating an attractive presentation on a plate or to-go. There is a visible pride in the artistry as pick-up orders, in a ribbon tied box complete with mint, a sticker, and napkins--perfect for home or to take to a family or friend who might need a pick me up.

For under $10 this is letting students, many with special needs, learn and succeed. Their mentor the day we enjoyed this lunch, Lucinda Nelson, even let us witness the musical song that the oven makes when the sandwich is ready. (So, lunch and entertainment!)

Magic happens at the Bistro! The Magic of learning, happiness, growing skills, and serving one another. An ongoing rotation of students will get this opportunity to learn and develop skills as we support this venture by eating at The Bistro! (Students working on the day we stopped by were Andrew Nelson, Ryan Boatwright, Eva Siston, Kyla Mitchell.)

By Valerie Odenthal
Box Elder County has long been a leading agricultural center in Utah, and the Fruit Way is a true community gem providing cherries, peaches, berries, melons and the like for better than one hundred years. It is no secret that Utah’s Famous Fruit Way provides some of the most delicious and refreshing fruits and vegetables in the country. This little strip of land at the southern tip of Box Elder County nestled quietly in the gently sloping bench of Perry and Willard has created a tradition in homes and families all across our great land. Travelers, as well as locals, routinely plan a pilgrimage in July and the later summer months to gather the very best once the cherries come on. Then, dependent upon your particular favorite crop, forays to the stands, which remain family-run businesses, are dutifully marked upon calendars. These Fruit Way aficionados are indeed a loyal customer base returning year after year to enjoy the harvest.

My roots are in such a family. Our pilgrimages occurred almost every summer. Having a Mother who had spent many formative years in Utah and then raised her family in California, she made it a point always to time the visits so that we could hand-pick the produce we craved that year. On the return trip, with four young boys in the back of the station wagon and a rigorous fruit inspection at the Golden State’s border, all evidence of sweet deliciousness was missing, replaced by the sly grins of young Fruit Way aficionados in training. We enjoyed.

But the Fruit Way did not magically appear. In fact, in 1900 many a farmer had ideas and even dreams for the rocky ground that eventually would become bountiful orchards, but few landowners had the rights to enough water to make those dreams come true. The land held promise, but even more so, held rocks. Boulders from the beautiful and majestic mountains above the bench littered the acreage, and once cleared away the ground replenished that supply as families and workers toiled to till the soil. In those early years, Perry and Willard’s farming was a thankless job. Still, there was something sweet and pure to the fruit that did come forth. Perhaps, it had something to do with the elevation of the land along the bench in this location, but word of the good harvests spread and Box Elder-grown fruit and vegetables began to be sought after.

Still, the water situation was a problem. Although Perry Irrigation Co. managed their canals as best they could, water resources were scarce making expansion a hard thing to accomplish. Then, in 1934 access was provided to the Pineview irrigation waters originating in Weber County. With shares of that plentiful source now available to the farmers the bench came alive with orchards and families turning a profit in a good year. With the water and back-breaking work, rocky acreage began to bring forth wonderful harvests, and surplus produce made its way to the family fruit stands that sprung up in front of the farms that lined the roadside.

Word of these surpluses and fruit stands began to spread around the state and people began to make a trip north to investigate and even sample the crops. No one went away with a sour taste in their mouth—unless that was their intent. (Cherry lovers even buy up the tart pie cherries.) In addition to the sudden Utah popularity, the Fruit Way was now becoming a hit with tourists who were off to discover the beauty of our nation’s first National Park. Perry and Willard were conveniently located right along the road that provided the shortest route to Yellowstone. Whether

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**Starting this edition, Box Elder Magazine is proud to accentuate our citizens who are "Living The Ideal". We honor those special people and groups for their efforts in making this County a place that we love and cherish. As with all gems once found they emit a special glow that stands the test of time. In their unique way, these friends and neighbors contribute to the good of all. This month we are pleased to select the hardy farmers of the Famous Fruit Way of Perry and Willard, whose tireless efforts and sacrifices made the land bloom and an economy thrive.**

**Starting in the early 1900’s and especially in the 1930’s and 1940’s when Pineview water first began to supplemented the existing irrigation ditches, these hard-working families made enormous sacrifices to bring fresh fruit to a hungry nation while becoming a destination stop, complete with customers fiercely loyal. We salute those families who had the vision and perseverance to see the fresh, local produce available in the rocky acres they worked as well as the employment opportunities that benefitted the County in those early days.**

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you were coming from the western or southern or even the eastern states the shortest and safest automobile route took you through Utah’s Famous Fruit Way. That road would eventually become part of the famous Highway 89, and between the billboard advertising for that route as well as the Yellowstone billboards even now on the interstates, Utah’s Famous Fruit Way came into its own.

Through the forties and fifties, the fruit stands and produce could provide a family with a livelihood; it was always a precarious one. Unseasonal freezing, overheated temperatures, wind, rain and short water years could still play havoc with anyone’s comfort. Nothing was a sure thing then or even now. A year’s success could hang in the balance. Change and non-standard conditions usually brought hardship. There would be no change in the routine of sweat and toil for these families and their workers, but luckily the Fruit Way farmers enjoyed more bumper years than bad ones. But one tradition that holds true even today is that these families show their customers their best face at all times. Shopping and talking with these farmers is a treat each time at each stop along the road.

Take the scenic drive down Highway 89 and experience Utah’s Famous Fruit Way while we still have it to enjoy. Take a moment to remember the toil and perseverance that each roadside stand disguises. That peach you hold and place in a bushel to take to your family, started out right here, perhaps not one hundred feet away from where you’re standing. Taste it. It is Utah Sweet. Someone toiled long hours to raise this crop to maturity so that you could enjoy it--someone who cares now as their grandpa did then when the family started this rocky, dusty business.

Enjoy this special place while it is still here. The projections are that these valued bench lands will soon be orchard-free and that within 30 years the Utah Fruit Way will be a pleasant memory. Second and third generation families won’t be able to sustain the effort, and the lands, with their beautiful vista views, will provide too much of a temptation to sell for a profit. But before they go, let’s take a minute to salute those families that truly made the desert bloom. I am sure that we will miss a few, so let us know, but here is to Fruit Way farmers then and now with names like: Valcarce, Neilsen, Sumida, Pettingill, Tagge, Gray, Grammy, Perry, Matthews, Braeggar, Woodyatt, Henry, Cragun, Young, Day, Christensen, Manning to name just a few.

Peach Days 1905:
A persistent downpour did not stop the band contest. Festivities continued with dancing, peach eating, ball game, band parade, dances at the Academy, lunches, and Woodland Glen performing at the Opera House.

Peach Days 1988:
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I once was a stranger to Brigham City and Box Elder County, and the tale of my journey here and my survival/adaptation after that is quite a tale to tell. I ask readers to keep in mind that my story exceeds the confines of this article, but the reading thereof will give you a glimpse of just who, how, and why one might choose Brigham City and Box Elder County as their destination and whether or not they choose to stay.

Nearly forty years ago I moved to Northern Utah from the Northwest Florida Gulf Coast. A question I’ve often heard since is, “Why in the world would you do that?” I’ll admit, I was a beach girl and I would never consider taking my feet away from the Florida Ocean except for a mighty powerful reason—an employment opportunity for my husband. His job began on the Monday following his Friday interview. The abruptness of this change left one month of packing and moving to me, and five days of driving two thousand miles across the country with the assistance of only two little boys ages four and one-half years old and six years old. Often during that modern-day trek, I uttered, “Oh dear, this is going to be an adjustment.” But it wasn’t until after arriving in Brigham City that I realized the depth of the transformation that was before me.

As I drove into Brigham City, my boys and I saw beautiful mountains and the rural nature of the community on the east side of the interstate and the contrasting recreational water area of Willard Bay to the West. Seeing that there was a bit of a beach at the Willard Bay gave me a sense of relief that I had not entirely moved away from my beloved seaside. However, I was snapped into reality when my oldest son exclaimed, “Look Mom! Horses!” All I could say was, “Wow!” You see, he was looking at a group of about fifty cows. Yep, this was going to be an adjustment.

“Why are their letters on the mountains? One says ‘B,’ and another one says ‘I.’ Where are the other letters?” I thought those were reasonable and logical questions that anyone might ask, even if they were from two little boys. “We’ll have to ask your Dad,” is all I could reply at that point; you see, I was still stunned about the horses that were cows. Seeing the alphabet on the mountains was something that puzzled even me.

We reunited with my husband at his place of employment, and then we went to the grocery store to get some supplies before going to our rental home. I asked the grocery cashier where I could find a copy of the daily newspaper. “Oh, it won’t come out for five more days,” she replied. Seeing that I was dazed and frozen by her comment, she explained that Brigham City had a weekly newspaper. My internal alarm was sounding, and I could hear the warning…yep, this is going to be an adjustment.

En route to our rental home, my husband drove out of Brigham City and explained that he had rented a home in nearby Bear River City. “Oh, you and the boys will love it. It’s on a dairy farm, and there are cows all over the place, and the neighbors have a lot of kids. It’ll be great fun for the boys.” The boys were cheering, and I was cautiously optimistic. We drove past a huge cornfield, and as I looked out the window, I saw a wild animal jumping in the rows of corn. “I think I just saw a kangaroo,” I told my husband. That immediately got the attention of the boys, and they strained their necks to see where I was pointing. “I don’t know what you saw, but
there are no kangaroos in Utah,” my husband replied. “Well, it jumps like a kangaroo. What else could it be?” I asked. He had no solid answers. At this point, I was not too confident about living in a house in Bear River City. My husband made introductions to which the man simply nodded at me and told my husband that he had put one of his cats in our basement and that should get rid of “the problem.” I wasn’t so sure I wanted to enter our home. I didn’t like cats, but more importantly, I didn’t like mice. Though I had never seen one before, I was sure I didn’t want to live with any. My little boys’ eyes were as big as saucers, and they couldn’t look away from the dead mice hanging from the man’s hand. Yep, this was going to be an adjustment.

After unloading the station wagon of luggage and groceries, my husband announced that he had to go back into town for a rehearsal with his students in the school musical, and he would be back in a couple of hours. I put the boys to bed and sat down for a rest from that tiring day; shortly after that, was when I saw it—a mouse darted across the living room floor and crouched in the corner. I jumped on top of a dining room chair and grabbed a nearby umbrella as a potential defense weapon. I sat perched on the chair, and the mouse stayed in his corner until my husband returned two hours later. After he killed the mouse by smashing it with a laundry hamper, my husband surrendered my broken umbrella as a casualty from his first attempt. My first night in Utah, and we had killed a wild animal in our home. Yep, this was going to be an adjustment.

Our boys were sound asleep, and as soon as I drifted to sleep, I abruptly sat up when I heard loud animal noises outside our bedroom window. “I think there’s a moose at our window,” I whispered to my husband who seemed to sleep through the disturbance. I looked out the curtain and was faced with a large cow staring back at me. I gasped, but I didn’t scream or faint—I was proud of that fact. My husband stirred a bit and said, “It’s just a cow. Come back to bed.” It was obvious that he had no concerns about living in the wilderness. But I wasn’t confident the adjustment was going to be as easy or as sure as he implied it would be. I had only been here one day, my boys thought cows were horses, the mountains had letters of the alphabet on them, there was only a weekly newspaper, kangaroos were in the cornfield, mice and a cat were in our basement, we killed a mouse in the living room, and stray dairy cows were at my bedroom window. I could wait no longer. I had to ask. “Are there any bears out here in Bear River City?”

It’s been nearly 40 years since my arrival in Brigham City, and I can honestly say that my husband and I love living here. We’ve worked long careers in education and healthcare, raised our family, and have very fond admiration for our first Utah friends in Bear River City. I look forward to the weekly newspaper, smile every time I see the B or the I on the nearby mountains as I recall learning their meaning. We’ve witnessed weddings, births of babies, and funerals of dear friends. We’ve seen community growth, witnessed a few squabbles over water and irrigation issues, campaigned for elected officials, volunteered, attended county fairs and rodeos, and participated in Peach Days and Promontory’s Golden Spike Reenactment. I’ve discovered that deer sometimes jump like a kangaroo. I’ve learned how to quilt, bottle fruit, make bread, and do a bit of domestic gardening. We’ve worshiped here, laughed, and shed tears. Our home is here. I still miss the ocean, but whenever I take a trip to visit our relatives along the Northwest Florida seashore, I have never felt so “at home” as when I come back to Brigham City, the mountains that surround it, and our Box Elder County.

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We are a lucky group here in Box Elder County. We still have a great County Fair, complete with parade and rodeo—and admission to the fairgrounds is still FREE to boot. (See what I did there? County Fair, boot—yeah, it’s not going to get better.) Each year in August, families gather together in their swim goggles or other fashionable protective eye-ware (did I mention the flying taffy?) for the official opening parade on Tremont street. Each family member starts visiting and swapping stories (both real and imagined) about their country roots, as a lineup including the Sheriff’s mounted posse, flatbeds, dance-groups, bands, vendors, sports teams and local politicians do their best to distract a good storyteller from his tale. I’m rarely distracted, and most years I’m able to remind my descendants of how as a ten-year-old, I inadvertently lay the groundwork for what has become modern-day bull-fighting, so entertainingly on display at the rodeo every night.

Admittedly, I did not set out to invent a new sport, and I have never since displayed any knack for things acrobatic. But that particular morning, in Ricky Schadd’s barn—a structure of leaning timber and termites, with the rain pounding down from above, we boys were running amuck in the hayloft. The game was simple, leap as far as you could across the haystack landing as close as possible to, without actually toppling into Big Red’s pen.

I lost. Luckily, I landed on my feet, so I was able to look eye-to-bloodshot-eye with Big Red. He was not much larger than most freight trains, and always displayed the temperament of someone who badly needed their morning coffee. In fairness, he could be helpful at times; I had seen him on more than one occasion hook and flip a wayward hay bale back up into the loft with a quick toss of his bulky neck.

With the rain and the muck I stood calve-deep in, I wasn’t going anywhere quickly, and Big Red seemed pretty set in his footing. Instinctively, I grabbed hold of two horns like they were the handlebars of my sting-ray bike parked outside. Again, pretty sure he hadn’t had his coffee yet; Big Red bellowed loudly and with a flick of his head sent me on my way to rejoin my friends. Suddenly, I was back in the hayloft with my buddies. We all decided we would come back for my boots in a couple of weeks.

I am sure you have your own country stories. Look for us at the parade—we’ll be the ones in swim goggles, and swap a tale or two. But mostly, enjoy the feel of a real County Fair.
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1945 Laura Clifford
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1994 Marlene Reeder
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2001 Nicole Willes (Johnson)
2002 Emily Ream (Kawa)
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2005 Bridgette Reeder (Braegger)
2006 Lisa Christensen (Lamb)
2007 Celeste Wouden
2008 Kassie Sharp (Davis)
2009 Anna Lisa Lundberg (Moncur)
2010 Caroline Liston (Peterson)
2011 Andrea DeFriez (Bennett)
2012 Madison Brooks (Dockendorf)
2013 Marissa Barton
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2015 Anna Elizabeth Snyder
2016 Shawntae Marie Lund
2017 Markee Brooks
2018
Continuing a long line of royalty, current Peach Queen MarKee Brooks will relinquish her crown to the winner of the 2018 Peach Queen Pageant on September 6th, 2018 at the Box Elder High School Auditorium at 6:00 PM. Traditionally, there have not been many skirmishes or pitched battles in the days before this scholarship pageant and transitions are calm and even regal. The evening presents entertainment and a chance to get to know those who have applied for the Peach Queen title. Tickets go on sale August 13, 2018, for $10.00 and are usually gone in a hurry as this is a very popular event.

Since the very first Peach Days in 1904, when the reigning Strawberry Festival Queen (Lizzie Sherman) was asked to perform double-duty, there has always been a Peach Queen except 1942 and 1943. During those war years, the nation selected War Bond girls in every community. The selection committee resumed the pageant the following year, and 1944’s Peach Queen Gene Munns began her reign.

In its earliest years a group of “disinterested” judges, which we take to mean un-related and therefore unbiased rather than truly disinterested individuals, made the selection of Peach Day Royalty. Awards of merchandise and produce were often the prize until the early fifties when opportunities and scholarships became the prize at stake. Soon the Pageant came under the direction of the chamber of commerce as it is today. We can place the pedigree of the Peach Queen from their records reliably all the way back to 1928 when Vaudis Borgeron reigned.

The Peach Queen Scholarship Pageant is one of the oldest in the state of Utah and has a rich history of applicants using the grants to further their careers. In our interviews, we only found positive thoughts on the opportunities the Pageant offered.

Former 2010 Queen Caroline Liston (Peterson) had this to say about the experience:

“I honestly wouldn’t be where I am today without the peach queen pageant. Absolutely it helped my life! Receiving a scholarship is what paid for my first semester of college. I was responsible for making my own money and paying for school, and so without that money, I believe I probably would have never gone to college, never would have graduated, and I certainly wouldn’t have the career/life I have today. My favorite experience as a peach queen was serving the community. It is true what Mahatma Gandhi said: “the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” My year of service is what helped me discover who I was and what kind of person I wanted to be. Being peach queen gave me much more than a crown and a title. It gave the confidence I lacked, it gave me the knowledge I needed to face the challenges ahead in my life, and it gave me the ability to know I can always accomplish my dreams and desires if I set my mind to it.”

Pageants today are often placed under a glaring magnifying glass; our Peach Days Pageant seems to be a pleasant memory for all involved with many former contestants taking major roles in the tradition, including current Chamber President, Monica Ford (Holdaway).

Nicole Ream
Melissa Frandsen
Marlene Reeder
1st Attend. 1st Attend. 2nd Attend.

By Steve & Valerie Odenthal

Peach Days 1909:

Forest Street “resembled Broadway, New York” due to the large numbers of attendees arriving by train. Merry-go-round was the hit of the day! Gift boxes of peaches were given to all who held a ticket, which caused a mad dash for that booth. “High diving Professor Bowen was thrilling!” He climbed to top of a pole advertised to be 100 feet high. Then hanging by heels on a bar, arms extended, shouted, “Look out below!” went like a shot into a four-foot tank of water with a tremendous splash. This was performed twice. Then the diver got mixed up in an altercation with one of the special police and thrown into jail. Public intoxication was claimed. Not more dives occurred once he was released.
There is a saying around the bull-riding crowd that says you should be “looking for eight when they pull that gate” because that’s when the fun begins and that’s exactly how our family does the Fair. For those of you un-rodeo’ed, let me explain. Taking the family to the Fair is a little like riding a bull where no matter how good you look on-board, if you can’t withstand those first 8 seconds of bucking dynamite, you aren’t going to get a score. It doesn’t matter if that Stetson fits you perfectly and those Levis are tight and right. We’ve found that our family can get ALL the Box Elder County Fair experience under our belt if we slice it into 8 second pieces—and we’d like to share some of those 8 second adventures with you in this article.

A lot can happen in 8 seconds when you’re at the Fair--especially, a Fair as old and established as our own. Did you know that we have one of the longest running County Fair’s in the West? And admission is FREE! Our County Fair, tucked away in Tremonton, is one of the few remaining FREE fairs in America. That is quite something in itself, but did you know that the Box Elder County Fair hosts the oldest Professional Rodeo in Utah? Now that doesn’t mean that the broncs and bulls are tame, geriatric versions of the local stock used in 1939 when the farmers and ranchers circled their cars to form the arena they competed against each other in. No, the stock is provided by the Bar T Rodeo Company, a company who has spent the last 50 years providing PRCA rodeos with world classic stock. You might see a clone or descendent of a world champion bull or bronc. Every turn or twist in their ride will let you and the riders know that they are in with a quality opponent for those defining 8 seconds.

And 8 seconds away from the Rodeo grounds can be exciting as well. With Vendors, Food, Carnival Rides, 4-H Projects and Awards, Livestock Exhibits and Awards, Grandstand Bands and Acts, and of course, Socializing, there is never a dull moment. Here is a listing of just some of the 8 second attractions and distractions that we have used to drive away even those teen-aged “I’m bored” complaints. See what you can add to this list.

**Box Elder County Fair 8 Second Adventures**

- **Bull riding/ bronco busting** – Experience the real thing from a safe distance, or ride the mechanical version in the well-padded vendor area.
- **Parade popsicle brain freeze** – At the parade challenge your children to a popsicle eating contest as the vendor throws them out. 8 seconds will be about all it takes to freeze that grey matter.
- **Fall in love with a fluffy bunny in small animals building** – this needs no further comment—it’s a bunny after all.
- **Eat a funnel cake with all the toppings**—Don’t make the mistake of having anyone share with their younger brother—it won’t take a younger brother 8 seconds to eat the whole thing. Just don’t.
- **Dash to find your ribbon on your 4-H project** – Make sure you say “find” otherwise you will spend valuable time replacing the ribbons that your youngest kids “collect” and since they don’t read yet, this may take a while.

**To the top of the Ferris Wheel** – From a standing stop this might not seem too fast but when they stop atop the view will be magnificent. You’ll look up and ask yourself, “Wait, is that the Jones kid sitting up there with my teenaged daughter?” Maybe not so magnificent…

**Dancing to the music in the bandstand before stepping on partner’s toe** – I have been known to go more than 8 seconds, but not normally.

**Surveying best tomato slice to go on Farm Bureau burger** – This is truly an art and should never be rushed. Luckily, we have the best tomatoes around so the selection is easy.

**Before an untied balloon floats to the sky** – and a child’s heart is broken. It is a good time for the story about “if you love something, let it free”… or maybe get the kid another balloon—they are usually plentiful and free.

**Young Girls to find the cutest cowboy with big buckle, plaid shirt, boots, & cowboy hat** – Every Dad’s nightmare. Hey, is that the Jones kid again?

**To stare at remarkable handlebar mustaches** – Everyone seems to be sporting stylized country facial hair. I’m growing mine now.

**Moments of “awe” upon gazing at quilts, wooden projects, crafts, photography, paintings, florals, lego creations, bottles of fabulous food, and more** – Yeah, there is all that, but I guarantee that I will be doing more than gazing upon fabulous food—especially if it is deep-fat fried and on a stick.

**Panic when you realize that the...**
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Peach Days 1918:
“Hot air balloon took off before fully inflated because not enough people holding it down. Artist dangling as it shot straight up was compelled to cut and came straight down, dropping several hundred feet before parachute opened, just before the ground. He landed in front of the grandstand. Many thought he had been killed. A huge black canvas was falling right where the parachute and injured man lay. By quick work, they dragged him to a place of safety. No bones were broken.”

Later an airshow, illuminated flying circus, and fireworks were evening’s entertainment.

“lost child” at the fair office is yours – 8 seconds at least here.

Calm when you realize that same “lost child” is being cared for by Joanie Hammer in the fair office – Yup, we are in pretty good hands with our friends and neighbors. But do Joanie a favor and watch your kids. (Although, if you see that Jones kid—he could use a time-out.)

Of fresh air before entering the barn with the cows – contributed by our eldest daughter and unanimously approved for the 8 second list.

Carnival games to win a stuffed animal – 8 seconds? Your mileage may vary.

Filling out entry blanks at commercial booths for prizes – How did this wind up on the list?

Racing through livestock pens playing “the floor is lava” with water puddles from cleaning up the livestock – This one is fun and the whole family can play. No one has made it out safe, here. Just sayin…

To find a FREE parking spot and always FREE fair admission – FREE. I like that word.

At end of fair to begin dreaming of returning to BE County Fair next year – You can never get enough Funnel Cake. It’s not just for breakfast anymore.

August 18th at 7:00 PM the Box Elder County Fair opens up with its annual pre-concert benefiting our Veterans and the Honor Flight, this year starring Keith Anderson and also Chance McKinney, the show promises to be a good one. Wednesday, August 21 things really take off with the public opening of the fair just after the parade down Tremont Street in Tremonton at 5 PM. The floodgates to the activities and events are non-stop after the parade, we can tell you. And they come at you hard and fast you should take the opportunity to enjoy all the 8 second slices of fun you can. We do. See you there.

By Steve & Valerie Odenthal

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I have lived my whole 17 years on my family's farm north west of Brigham City that raises mostly cash crops; wheat, corn, onions, alfalfa, and a few head of cattle. Ever since I can remember, being a cattle woman has been my dream. I always thought that I had to marry into it. False. I joined the FFA in the middle of my sophomore year, and it has taught me that I can build that dream myself, and I can start right now.

So I built a fence system for intensive rotational grazing in one of our grass-alfalfa mix fields. I have taken classes to learn about cattle and soil. I have also been doing my own research. I started with 17 head of cattle, and now have 26 head (excluding calves).

I find myself loving agriculture more everyday and intend on being involved for the rest of my life.

Founded in 1928, the Future Farmers of America brought together students, teachers and agribusiness to solidify support for agricultural education. In Kansas City's Baltimore Hotel, 33 young farm boys charted a course for the future. They could not have foreseen how the organization would grow and thrive.

Since 1928, millions of agriculture students - no one knows exactly how many - have donned the official FFA jacket and championed the FFA creed. FFA has opened its doors and its arms to minorities and women, ensuring that all students could reap the benefits of agricultural education.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Now, the organization is expanding the nation's view of "traditional" agriculture and finding new ways to infuse agriculture into the classroom.

In 1930 the Box Elder FFA Chapter was chartered and has continued to grow and provide opportunities for students to reach their potential through premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Each year over 1,000 students enroll in agricultural education course in Box Elder School District with nearly half of them participating in one of the Nation’s largest youth leadership organization, the FFA.

This organization has provided opportunities for students to travel to dozens of locations across the United States from California to Washington DC.

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How to Work Yourself Out of a Job

Wendy English, USU Business

I follow Richard Branson on Instagram. His feed documents his travels around the world, shows how he plays every chance he gets, and displays the quality time he has for friends and family. Mr. Branson is a prime example of a hardworking man that has mastered how to work yourself out of a job.

By working ourselves out of a job, it gives us the opportunity to create a new one or to follow a passion while still getting a paycheck. You may be thinking you could never do this, but after working with business owners the last several years, I have seen the most successful and healthiest entrepreneurs do exactly this.

Here is a list of several things you can do to free up your time and ultimately make more money:

**Build Up Your Team**

Robert Greiner states the following, “In order to do this you must invest greatly in your team. You must push and inspire them to grow and improve their skill set. You must keep them from becoming demotivated and complacent.” The Cheesecake factory invests about $2,000 a year in training per employee and earns $1,000 in sales per square foot as a result. When we look at our employees we should be thinking, “How can I unlock this person’s potential?”

**Train Your Trainers**

Becoming better trainers requires entrepreneurs to improve their own listening and feedback abilities, and to put these skills into practice when interacting with employees. This provides them with an example of how to help clients in a similar fashion.

**Utilize IT**

Are there processes that could be done by a computer program instead of a person? If so, implement them. This doesn’t mean letting someone go, it means putting their talents to better use. With so many programs available online now, many of the processes that required staff can now be done by a great program. As you weigh the expense, you may see that utilizing your staff in other ways still means you come out ahead.

**Develop a Loyal Customer Base**

Helping clients become better versions of themselves creates trusted partners who are enthusiastic about their own abilities to grow. In turn, they are confident in their endorsements of your company. You cannot buy that kind of publicity! An example of this would be my esthetician. She does sell me product, but she has trained me to find good products on the market without going through her. She has educated me on the importance of diet, sleep, and the chemicals in cosmetics that would do more harm than good. I am not reliant on her- she has taught me so much I could buy my products somewhere else. But because of that very thing, I am loyal to her and her recommendations. If you asked me about skin care, I would sing her praises!

At the core of it, “working yourself out of a job” is about encouraging the development of your team, customers, and processes. Create an environment where your team feels free to succeed in their own space and feels so secure in your trust in them that they really don’t need or want hand-holding from you. As your team grows and becomes more competent, you will be needed less and less, and that is exactly where you want to be!
Gunsight Peak
(aka Plymouth Peak)

A great day hike with a great view. Ok, so it’s also fun to camp at the base and hike up the next day. There are no lakes or streams at the top, so take plenty of water and energy bars for the journey.

Gunsight peak is the highest elevation in the Malad Range, so named for the proximity to Malad Id. A.K.A the Clarkston Mountains as the range straddles both Box Elder and Cache Counties. The summit is in Box Elder. Water Canyon is located to the south below the ridge.

The hike begins slowly and quickly turns to gaining altitude with each stride, as you approach from the west side. There are some trail markers identifying several points from the trail head. Following the trail up is easy until you approach the summit, which requires finding your way around some over grown vegetation and a few rocks. The trail is steep at points and will provide you with an ample cardio work out. There are plenty of trees along the way up to take a shady break under, (not so much shade from the south) The view from the top is stunning as you look out onto two states and can wave to small aircraft cruising at nearly the same altitude.

Getting to it, there are several accesses from different sides of the peak. Drive on Interstate 15 and take exit 379 toward Pocatello. Then continue driving this road until you get to exit 392 toward Plymouth. Turn right at the Sinclair Gas Station. Drive east on this paved road until you get to a four-way intersection and stop sign. Continue going straight (east) on a gravel road. Drive on this road which starts climbing up toward a saddle on the ridge. At the top of the pass is small parking spot where the trailhead is located. On the map this is labeled as Short Divide. Park here. There is a radio tower located to the south.

The south ridge is a long and rugged ridge hike. The west face is easy to get to but is located on private property with no trespassing signs posted everywhere. Use the frontage road to access from the west crossing back under the freeway from the first underpass. You will need to open and close a few cow pasture gates along the way.

Spring and Fall are the best times to climb Gunsight Peak. (due to heat or heavy snow)

Note: Gunsight Peak is surrounded by private property.
She said...

Fair time means food on a stick or hamburgers hot off the Farm Bureau grill! It includes funnel cakes piled high with strawberries, whipped cream, and decorated with a bit of chocolate syrup. Laughter, handshakes, slaps on the back, music & dancing in the bandstands, commercial exhibits, old friends reuniting over a livestock pen, and the carnival lights & sounds. It’s the rodeo with the posse bringing in the flag, barrel racing, bulls, clowns, beautiful rodeo queens, ropes, spurs, hats, boots, and plaid shirts. 4-H exhibits are one of the things I love the most! It brings me back to my days in 4-H as a kid in this county. Browsing the photography and paintings or the quilts and florals, lets me know that creativity is valued! One of the unique events is the costuming of goats. We have witnessed U.F.O.s, celebrity look-a-likes, and kids trying to get their goat in or out of a handmade costume! All of this is FREE! Family friendly fun. Did I mention that you might get the opportunity to pet a live rabbit? In the small-animal building are chickens, rabbits, and all manner of amazing creatures! I love it as much as the kids do!
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Suddenly everyone has a ball cap or a Stetson. You get a whole new perspective on Marv from Accounting. It’s always fun when the grandkids goad me into either a mechanical bull ride or a snow cone—so far, the treat has always won out. Catching up with friends around the County and watching the new generation showing their FFA and rodeo skills are always worth the trip out to Tremonton and our county fair. And then there is always the packed dance floor at the grandstand. Old Cowboys and new are packed in there so tight you couldn’t fit another couple on the floor. At least that is the excuse I use with my wife. Good Times at the fair!
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