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#### **APRIL 2023**



#### To the good citizens of Eureka,

I apologize for the letter being slightly late and long, my goal was to address the town every January and this one is a few months tardy. But a lot has developed in that last couple of months that I wish to address in this letter. The timing is really fortuitous in a strange way.

First and foremost; I would first like to thank immensely those amazing people who have volunteered to help the City and their neighbors during this record snowfall. There have been many good folks who have given their time and efforts to help the City in a time of need, it's these members of our community and their contributing attitudes are what makes Eureka a wonderful and amazing place. I am not going to list everyone by name for the fear I would miss someone. But for those who I know and those I don't know of their act's I thank you, and those who have received of your goodness from the bottom of our hearts.

I do need to thank by name the State of Utah roads crew, the Juab County Commissioners and their fire, fuels and road crews for their efforts in helping us to dig out. THANK YOU.

<u>City employees</u>: I want to thank Lynn and Drew for their years of service to our town. I wish each of them the best of luck in their future endeavors. I would also like to thank Joe Carpenter and Darrin Carlson for applying and accepting employment with our town. When you see these good men don't hesitate to say hello.

<u>The Snow:</u> I know we are all about over it. We all know the difficult struggles we have had this winter dealing with the white stuff. It's interesting to talk with others from the Valley about what we are dealing with, they have no clue of the hardships and pain it has brought until you show them pictures, or they visit, then the magnitude becomes clear.

With that in mind, lessons have been learned, and changes are in the winds in how we will deal with snow in the future. There will be more information forthcoming about garbage, cars and trucks in the roads, priority plowing areas, sanding, salting and future preparedness. Obviously, climate change (global warming) isn't' working too well, and we live at 6,500' elevation, on the side of a mountain and have very strong winds. This type of snow event has happened many times in the past and will happen again. It's not that it will happen again, it's when. In the future; as city leadership we are going to be much better prepared (not perfect) going forward. Lesson learned.

**Flooding:** I hope as you read this letter, we have averted flooding. With the record snowfall and the unique geography of our town, there is a very high chance we could see damaging water. The City has purchased sand bags and loads of sand. The bags are located at the City Office, there is a limit of 16 bags per citizen. The sand (and gravel) is located at the City shops. The bags and sand have been paid for by Governor Cox. Currently citizens will need to fill their own sandbags, we don't have any prefilled bags at this time.

Note: please be very careful how you divert possible flood water if you face the challenge. Your diversion might possibly impact others downhill and create a liability. The City cannot dictate what happens on private property, but we have the obligation to protect the City's assets. If you are unsure of what action needs to take place, please contact the City office for further direction.

**Animal control:** this has historically been a very hot topic in our community and will continue in the future. Major efforts have started to take traction in the City's response to deal with the animal control issue. Mark my words; if you are a pet owner you need to take physical and financial responsibility for your pets. The City ordinances are very clear in what your obligations are. Your pets are your pets, they are not the neighbors or the community's responsibility. Your pets, their odor, their feces, and their barks need to stay on your property.

If you are walking on City streets or are recreating on City property and are approached by a hostile animal(s), you have every right to neutralize the threat. If a stray animal is harassing, bantering, or killing your pets or animals on your property you have the right to neutralize the threat. If you do neutralize the threat, please call the City office or County Sherriff office to investigate. Those negligent pet owners may be cited criminally for their pet's actions. The "City" can't do everything nor can the "City" guarantee safety from hostile animals. The responsibility falls on each of us individually to do our best to maintain a safe community. There have been members of our community which have offered solutions, donations, and resources to help with the stray and feral pet problem. I hope your comments and offerings are sincere. When the City starts to enforce the ordinance's, I hope your efforts follow your words.

Every year the City of Eureka offers a clinic to vaccinate and register pets. The date will be announced very soon. This is a chance which is very affordable to come into compliance with the City ordinance. Know that registering your pet(s) is no different than registering your car, it's important for the community, you, and your pet (s). Please take advantage of this upcoming service. There will be forthcoming announcements and advertising, please..please come and register your animal(s). (This includes cats)

**The City water and sewer system:** civilizations of scale require clean drinking water and sanitary sewer, without these luxuries, life as we know it would become very tough. With that said, luxury equates to cash. Pumps, filters, variable frequency pump drives and chlorine are not free nor are they cheap. Our water and sewer systems are very new and modern, but the mechanical equipment is to the point where upgrades and changes have to be made. You can see the problem and where this paragraph is headed.

Because the City has very little sales tax revenue, we must rely on billing our users for the services. Currently I (and the City Council) are in a study of what our maintenance costs are for our system and how much more our sewer and water bills are going to be. I know as you read the last line uneasiness is starting, just know that the city does not make a profit on culinary water, we want to just break even, it's a service. But we also have the obligation to have the money in our account when a \$14,048.00 pump fails (that's a cheap one) and we are looking at \$1,880.00 for labor to install it (we have this problem as we speak, two pumps down). Keep in mind also that our sewer and water bills are high because we are paying off the debt we incurred for the original system upgrade, there has not been an inflation adjustment or mechanical equipment price adjustment since the project closed years ago. Sorry, but be prepared.

There also has been a rumor about the water quality which is unfounded and baseless. If you have any concern about the safety of our culinary water the latest test results are available at the City office.

City leadership: There has been some discussion of my worthiness to be Mayor as in the definition of "citizen". In the letter last year, I disclosed that I work out of town, this is no new revelation. To be completely transparent I am the Facility Director for Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs Wyoming full time. I have a second house in Green River Wyoming. The commute is 3.5 hours from Eureka to Rock Springs. But my mail comes to box 223 in Eureka, I have two business registered in Eureka, I own property in Eureka, I am a Sunday school teacher in Eureka, all my licenses and taxes are paid and registered in Utah. My wife is here in Eureka 75-80% of the time, my family lives in Eureka, my heart is in Eureka and Christina's dog is registered in Eureka, if the dog was registered in Green River Wyoming, then we may have a problem.

Other than the name Wyoming there really is no difference than working in Logan, Vernal or St George. It's the same distance. I just don't commute back every day, it's no different than a long-haul truck driver, pilot or other folks who work in other communities. I just sleep in a house not in a hotel or the sleeper of my truck.

I hope this letter clarifies some questions and helps you have an idea where the City is headed. I also hope that I gave some ammunition for Facebook and all the extremely important factual conversations which take place on social media.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or want to actually hear the truth just call me at 801-380-7700 or email me at chris@eurekautah.org. I do ask if you come with complaints, please also offer a meaningful solution.

Eureka is headed in a great direction; awesome things are on the horizon. We have an amazing City Council who loves this community and are dedicated to their assignments. May God bless you, your families, and the great town of Eureka.

Mayor Dever

## EUREKA HEROS

EUREKA RECREATION COMMITTEE IS SEEKING VETERANS TO HIGHLIGHT ON THE LIGHT POLE SERVICE BANNER FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING THOSE WHO WERE HONORABLY DISCHARGED SERVICE MEMBERS WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION OR HAVE PASSED AWAY. THESE SERVICE BANNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON MAIN STREET IN EUREKA CITY FROM MAY TO AUGUST.

PLEASE INCLUDE: 1. A HIGH QUALITY RESOLUTION PHOTO OF YOUR SERVICE MEMBER IN UNIFORM. 2. NAME OF SERVICE MEMBER 3. BRANCH OF SERVICE 4. RANK OF SERVICE MEMBER 5. WAR PARTICIPATED IN (IF APPLICABLE) 6. YEAR SERVED (1901-1902) 7. YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 27, 2023. COST OF THE BANNER IS \$34.00.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SERVICE MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT A SERVICE MEMBER OF A DECEASED VETERAN CONTACT EUREKA CITY.

ALL INFORMATION FOR OUR LIGHT POLE SERVICE BANNER PROJECT PLEASE EMAIL EUREKACITYVENDORS@GMAIL.COM

\*NOTICE, LIVING VETERANS WILL HAVE THEIR BANNERS DISPLAYED IN NOVEMBER IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

Remember &

Honor



#### **2023** Eureka Mobile Pantry 70 Main St, Eureka, UT 84628, USA

March 1<sup>st</sup> March 29<sup>th</sup> April 26<sup>th</sup> May 24<sup>th</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> July 26<sup>th</sup> August 30<sup>th</sup> September 27<sup>th</sup> October 25<sup>th</sup> November 29<sup>th</sup> December 27<sup>th</sup>

1:00 - 2:00 PM



"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are." ~ Mason Cooley

Who: Anyone and Everyone!!

<u>What:</u> Books for young children, school-aged children, young adults, and adults.

How: The library is filled with books and checked often. Feel free to take a book or share a book.

Where: Old Eureka City Building (on top of the porch) 255 Main Street Eureka, UT

#### ADVERTISE

Advertise your business in the Eureka Review. The Eureka Review is also online on the City website: www.eurekautah.org

1/8 page\$3.001/4 page\$6.001/2 page\$12.00Full page\$24.00

Contact the Eureka City Office at (435) 433-6915 or email at eureka15@cut.net Deadline is on the 25th of each month

Use the books and enjoy!!

### **New Hours Starting 04/06/23**



**Monday–Thursday** 

7 am – 9 pm

Friday & Saturday 8 am – 9 pm

Sunday 9 am-6 pm

**Thank You for your Business!** 





#### Eureka Recreation Committee

Presents

# Hoppy Easter

<u>Deadline for</u> <u>turning in</u> <u>coloring pages is</u> <u>April 26th.</u> When finished, take your coloring page to the Eureka city Hall to be hung up. Be sure to have your full name and age on paper. Winners will receive a prize and their coloring pages will be featured in the Eureka peview in the following month.

AGES: 1-4 VRS AGES: 5-8 VRS AGES: 9-12 VRS



#### **OBITUARIES**



#### Joseph Tanner Prince January 13, 1997 ~ March 7, 2023 (age 26)

Joseph Tanner Prince, Tanner, 26 finished his work here on earth and was called home on March 7, 2023. He was welcomed into the loving arms of his Dad and Grandparents. Though Tanner's time here was short he learned life's lessons faster than most. He persevered through many struggles and was always more concerned with protecting others less fortunate.

Tanner loved to hunt, fish, camp, hike, snowboard, go boating, and longboard. He was happiest outdoors, surrounded by family and friends. He also loved to lift and go to the gym with his friends and brother.

Tanner had a kind heart and always chose to see the best in others. He was wise beyond his 26 years. He loved unconditionally and fiercely protected those closest to his heart. Tanner loved his siblings and

cousins, he would often be found in the middle of them all at family gatherings.

Tanner is survived by his mother Tammy (Ryan) Allred, siblings; Bryce, Jordan, Bridger, Avery, and Owen, grandmother, Cheryl Wahlberg.

Tanner was preceded in death by his father Shawn Prince, grandparents Joe and Joan Wahlberg.

Even during his darkest moments Tanner had ambitious dreams and aspirations. He was excited to start nursing school in May and begin a new chapter in his life.

We love you Tanner and know we are blessed to have had you in our lives, even for a short time.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 17, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Sunset LDS Stake Center, 1560 South 1100 West in Provo with a viewing held that morning from 9:30-10:30 am at the church prior to the services.



#### *Lois Love Wright* 1928 ~ 2023

Millcreek, Utah-Lois Love Wright passed away at the age of 94 on March 17, 2023 in her Millcreek, Utah home of 62 years. She was born on May 3, 1928 in Salt Lake City to Eugene Riley Love and Clara Meyer Love.

Raised in the Forest Dale area, Lois graduated from South High School. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Texas-Louisiana area, spending time in Dallas and San Antonio. Upon her return, she married Rex Owen Wright. Together they had one child and shortly thereafter were divorced. She then earned a B.S. in elementary education from the University of Utah. A committed educator, Lois taught at several elementary and junior high schools in the Salt Lake City School District where she retired after 33 years.

Lois was a life-long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, always reading, studying, teaching, and interested in learning more about the gospel. She participated in a family-home study group for decades, hosting it in her home for many years.

Music of all genres was a very important part of Lois' life. From a very young age, she could be heard singing at countless church and social events and sang with a local women's choir for many years. She loved the outdoors, the mountains, and beautiful sunsets; but above all, was devoted to her family.

Lois is survived by her son Douglas Paul Wright and his wife D.Ann Cleeton Wright; two grandchildren, Katy Love Wright Holton and her husband Avery Holton, Ian Eugene Wright and his wife Tyra Simmons Wright; and three great-grandchildren, Conrad and Brecken Wright, and Luna Love Holton. She was very fond of her nieces and nephew, their families, and the many cousins and relatives that she worked very hard to maintain relationships with over the years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Donald Eugene Love and his wife Bette Magleby Love, and grandson Eric Paul Wright.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Wilford Ward, 3080 So. Kenwood Street, Millcreek, Utah 84106 to be preceded by a viewing from 10:00 - 10:45 AM at the same location. An evening viewing will be held Friday night March 24, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, also at the Wilford Ward. Burial will follow the funeral at the Wasatch Lawns Memorial Park, 3401 Highland Drive, Millcreek, UT 84106.

Contributions may be made to the Eric Wright Scholarship Fund through the Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah. Photos of Lois' life and other information are available at the <u>wasatchlawn.com</u>



