

Heber City News

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MAYOR MCDONALD'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Heber's 125th anniversary celebration of the founding of our beautiful city. After looking around Heber Valley, I'm sure you will agree that our City has come a long way since our founding fathers came into this valley over 125 years ago. Throughout the years that I have lived here, I have seen our city evolve and develop into what it is today.

On the stand today we have an honored guest from our city; a gentleman that has lived in this valley for 100 years, and is therefore the oldest known living citizen of Heber City. I would like to welcome and introduce to you Mr. Don Hicken. Mr. Hicken's family has put together a short tribute about Mr. Hicken's life in Heber City that I would like to share with you.

Don Leroy Hicken, was born January 10, 1914 in Heber City, Utah, to Joseph Claudius Hicken and Verna May Mahoney. He had one brother, Cyril Hicken and three sisters; Venice Watson, Nelda Rawlinson and Yvonne Horner. He married Mima Broadbent in June of 1936. They had two sons, Lynn Hicken and Dee Hicken. Don worked with his father and family in the poultry business. They had 16 chicken coops with 300 chickens per coop. He remembers gathering eggs twice a day. He and his Dad started Heber Truck Line, the first trucking company in Heber. He made the daily trip to Provo for years. He drove from the time he was a young teenager until he was 99 years old. He worked with his family in the Hicken Feed and Produce Company until he was called on an LDS mission. Don left his wife and two young boys to serve a mission in the Eastern States. Mima started teaching school to support the family and Don's mission. When Don returned home he continued to operate Heber Truck Line and also started the Heber Valley Floral Company. Don served as a Bishop in the LDS Church. He and Mima also served a mission together in Fiji. Don has been an important part of Heber and its history.

I would like to present Mr. Hicken with the Key to Heber City. The key to the City is the highest form of

honor a citizen can receive from the city. The key is an expression of our gratitude for Don's outstanding service to the City during his 100 years in this valley. It is a symbol of respect, honor and trust.

It is wonderful to see so many people come out to celebrate this historical event. This celebration is certainly a moment that we should all cherish and savor. Today is about reflecting on those who have gone before us, enjoying the present, and looking forward to what we can do for our city tomorrow and into the future.

During my time as a city councilman and a mayor of Heber, I have seen many acts of love and service that demonstrate the character of our wonderful community. These acts of kindness are much more than just services provided by the city. I would like to recognize the many acts of service that have been provided by both our 125th Anniversary Committee, and those volunteers that have contributed in planning out this special event. The committee members are Laurie Turnblom and Ann Moulton, Committee Chairpersons; Bob Brandt, Food Services; Michelle Kellogg, Heber City Recorder; Shauna Bennett, Historical Presentations; Diane Carlile, Visual Arts Exhibition; Heather Murdock, Entertainment; Carrie King, Community Relations; Morgan Murdock, Site Management; Craig Chambers, City/County Booths; Heidi Franco, Heber City Council.

All those who have served in the Armed Forces would you please stand and let us honor you by recognizing you for your service and sacrifice to our country and city. I'd like to thank everyone who has ever offered their service to the city. I'm proud of the individuals that serve their neighbors and make our city a great place to live. Our community is strengthened by your selfless service. In Heber City, we welcome acts of kindness that sow seeds of love, compassion, and understanding to each person we encounter. We pay it forward by encouraging others to do something for someone else. I believe this spirit of friendship breaks down the perceived barriers that separate us socially and economically. We need to support each other in our endeavors to make a positive impact on our community. The City of Heber is not just another city. It is our city.



Our city's future is promising, but that promise is only as good as our resolve. Over the next few months let's show others (and ourselves) that we care about our community and fellow residents. Let's take pride in having clean neighborhoods, parks and streets. Let's take care of the elderly. Let's get more involved in the education of our children. Let's care for our own personal health and wellbeing in mind, body and spirit.

In addition to being a special place to live, work, and visit, Heber City is an American city. Nearly 13,000 people call Heber home and are following their American dream here. Being an American city means that all those who live here may have the hope of a brighter future for themselves and for their families, and that all have the liberty to make it happen. Many others throughout the world may envy our fortunate position, and so let's demonstrate our gratitude to our forefathers by doing our part. Let us ensure that we preserve the characteristics and values of our community that make it possible for individuals to live their dream. By so doing, our children's children will also learn to love this place we call home, Heber City. What must we do? We must innovate. We must seek to serve and we must assume the responsibility that is inherent with our stewardship. If we adhere to this path, we will see the fulfillment of our goals the realization of our dreams, and a prosperous and healthy future for our children. That's what will make Heber City the standard of all American cities. We will never have this moment again. This opportunity rests solely on our shoulders. How we write this chapter in our history will determine the fate of our community. Who we are seen to be is not determined by what we have done in our past, but by our present course. It is determined by our passion and drive to move towards the fulfillment of our aspirations. And with the realizations of those dreams, we will kindle hope in a bright future. Who will be a champion for Heber? Who will lend to the collective genius of our great city? As mayor, I am often asked by residents how they can be involved, what they can do to help the city, and where are they most needed. If you want to see your city become a better place, please just don't complain. Be positive and be proactive. Get out and be involved in positive ways that make you and your city better and help build a true community together.

Thank you for coming and please enjoy this day of celebration. I wish the best for you and your families. May God bless our beautiful Heber City.



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DANIELS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE HIGHWAY 189 TO 2200 SOUTH

The Daniels Road reconstruction project, which began on September 2nd, will fully reconstruct the existing roadway from Highway 189 to 2200 South. Reconstruction of the road will include new asphalt, road widening, the addition of drainage and drainage systems, new signs and striping, widened shoulders and new curb, gutter and sidewalks in some areas. The entire area will be under construction and as many as three construction crews can be working simultaneously.

Please be cautious in this area! Expect delays – traffic will only be allowed one-way through the construction area with flaggers directing the traffic. Construction work will generally take place 6 days a week, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The project is expected to shut down for the winter at the beginning of November, and then crews will return for final paving in the spring of 2015.

For more information, please call the Public Involvement team at (888) 342-1555, or e-mail them at danielsroadwork@gmail.com.

