2019 was the 60th anniversary of the star that shines on the mountain above Kaysville during the winter holiday season. Longtime residents of the city have a deep respect and understanding of the history of the star. Newcomers are embracing the tradition and almost everyone in the city and neighboring communities looks forward to the first glimpse of the symbol glowing from the mountain, signaling the coming of Christmas.

The idea of having a star was suggested by Joe Kment in 1959 during a meeting of Jaycees officers. Joe had seen a clearing on the mountain that would be ideal for the placement of a star. The spot was high enough on the mountain with just the right slant for light from the star to be seen for miles. Ideas began to formulate. The wiring and lights would be secured on poles and formed into the shape of a star, 50 feet from tip to tip.

Excitement built when Salt Lake City donated electrical supplies they were no longer using, making lights the only necessary purchase. Then the Jaycees’ request of Utah Power to supply power that far up the mountain was denied, due to the expense of such a project. But the group was undeterred and other options were soon formulated.

Kaysville Power had an old, non-functioning generator in their possession that could possibly be restored and used to provide the needed power. Dean Taylor, a member of the Jaycees and an excellent mechanic, got the generator in working order. It was dragged up to the site on an old dirt trail (now known as the Fire Break Road or Bonneville Shoreline Trail) and secured in place. Five gallons of gas was needed to run the generator throughout the night. Several businesses and four local service stations donated money and gas.

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No one likes getting a ticket. Tickets mean fines, points, and higher insurance costs. But if you have a clean driving record and get a ticket in Kaysville, you can avoid some of these consequences through a plea in abeyance.

A plea in abeyance for a traffic citation is an agreement between the driver and prosecutor that can result in the violation never going on driver’s record, no points being assessed by the Driver’s License Division, and no increased insurance costs. Usually the driver agrees to plead guilty, pay a fine, pay a small plea in abeyance fee, and have no violations of the law for one year. After a year, the court will review the case. If there are no violations of the law and all fines have been paid, the case will be dismissed. Otherwise, the court will enter the conviction.

Kaysville City prosecutors will grant a plea in abeyance on Kaysville traffic citations when: 1) the citation does not involve an accident and 2) the driver has a clean driving history for three years prior to the citation. The clerks at the Davis County Justice Court are authorized to extend a plea in abeyance to anyone who meets these criteria.

Please be aware that neighboring cities may have a different plea in abeyance policy and that the benefits of a plea in abeyance policy and that the benefits of a plea in abeyance do not extend to drivers with a commercial driver’s license; but for other drivers with a clean record, a plea in abeyance can take the sting out of getting a ticket.

KAYSVILLE CITY TRAFFIC PLEA IN ABEYANCE POLICY

- Citation did not involve an accident
- Driver has no other traffic violations in the last three years
- Driver requests a plea in abeyance at the Davis County Justice Court
- Driver pleads guilty, pays a fine, and has no violations of the law for one year
- Case is dismissed after one year

Some Kaysville residents are Benchland Water District users, and it is to those residents that this article is directed. If you are not sure whether or not this applies to you, the city website, public works page, has a link to an interactive map showing the boundaries. Please check at kaysvillecity.com>departments>public works>water>pressure irrigation>interactive irrigation boundaries map to confirm your water district.

The following message is from Benchland Water District to their users:

The Benchland Board of Trustees, after considering all costs for the coming water year, has found it necessary to increase rates for residential users by $82.00 for the year or $13.67 per month for the six months of water use. The increase will be reflected on the yearly statements being sent out next month. The increase is necessitated by many factors, including:

WATER COST

The spring and early summer source for water is mountain snowpack. Once that is gone (usually by early summer), the district buys water from the Weber Basin Irrigation District. For the 2020 water year our cost for purchasing water has increased by 47%.

INCREASED DEMAND FOR WATER

With the expected increase in housing and commercial development and the amount of water used by current customer base, the district is projecting a need to purchase an additional 500-acre feet of water.
The Jaycees were dissolved by 2001 and the Kaysville Civic Committee took over their activities. One of the first things begging attention was the star. Forty-plus years of being in the weather had made urgent the need for an overhaul. Jeff Dunford, co-chairman of the civic committee, took on that task, and the recent hosting of the Olympics by Salt Lake City gave him an idea. He put in a call to Frasier Bullock’s office to inquire about materials that had been used for the Olympic rings. Was it possible that any materials were left over? Miraculously, there were materials and they were donated to Kaysville City to refurbish the star.

Jeff found a young man, Josh Crookston, who was looking for an Eagle Project, and his father just happened to be an engineer with all the needed equipment to lay the star out properly. Jeff, Josh and Allen Crookston got things going, plotting and laying out the entire project, making sure every specification was met.

The Olympic supplies were first class. The lights were covered with a glass fixture and the fixtures were mounted on conduit and then placed into holes in the ground and filled with concrete, making the star much more secure. The star was enlarged to 30 feet from the middle to each point. Since the lights are protected with glass, they were able to use spiral bulbs, which draw less wattage. The number of lights was increased to 75, which made the star not only larger, but brighter, too.

2019 found the star needing some maintenance. Conduit posts were loose and wobbly. Justin Gamble, another young man looking for an Eagle Project, was thrilled to make the star his project. A total of 180 man hours were given as Justin organized youth groups, families and scouts to work on the star. Deeper holes were dug, even through rock, and more concrete helped solidify the posts. One of Kaysville’s fine citizens donated funds needed for a new, commercial-grade generator.

The star is now in great condition and should last for decades. Generous in time and means are the residents of this incredible place we call home. Endless hours have been given throughout the years to keep our star on the mountain alight.

Sincere thanks to Jeff and Willie Dunford and all members of the Kaysville Civic Committee for their interest and dedication in keeping the star and its spirit alive.

Information was supplied by Don Howard, a former president of the Kaysville Jaycees and participant in getting the original star on the mountain. Additional information was given by Jeff Dunford, who joined the Jaycees in 1980 and became a co-chair of Kaysville Civic Committee in 2001.
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What's happening in Kaysville

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Adult Spring Softball
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Mark your calendar now!
and watch the website for details

Kaysville Easter Egg Hunt
coming April 11th at 9:00 am

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Four members of the Kaysville City Council said their goodbyes at the last council meeting of the year on December 5, 2019. The council has been essential to many positive changes within the city throughout their time in office.

“I appreciate the service of outgoing council members and everything they brought to their positions.” – Mayor Witt

### SINCERE THANKS TO OUTGOING CITY COUNCILMEN

The end of an era. The beginning of something new.

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<td>Community Development Department (Building, Business License, Engineering, Planning, Zoning), Mayor Pro Tempore, Planning Commission Liaison, Utah League of Cities and Towns Representative (2 yrs)</td>
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In the future, Stroh will focus on his children and profession. He is taking the opportunity to travel to the Mediterranean and his home state of Michigan. Stroh will continue to be the chair of the Kaysville City 4th of July Parade.

Going forward, Jake will be focusing on his family, professional career, and church service opportunities. He is planning an exciting trip with his sons to climb Mount Kilimanjaro later this year.

Larry enjoyed serving the citizens of Kaysville and is now looking forward to spending more time with his wife and family. He has many commitments with his businesses and will work hard the next few years developing these responsibilities.
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