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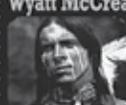
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St. George Transmission technician Chris Carter works on a vehicle at the new shop, in Cedar City, on Friday.

Transmission shop opens in Cedar City

BY MIKE HENLE

For Cedar City Neighborhoods

CEDAR CITY — Most everyone remembers the television commercial in which a service station attendant advises viewers “You can pay me now or pay me later.”

And never could that advice be more important than in the automotive transmission business where failure to provide proper service and an investment in \$100 maintenance can result in spending several thousand dollars in repairs.

Dave Jeppson, owner of St. George Transmission stores in St. George and Cedar City, recently opened his second store during what has been termed dismal economic times and you can bet he'll do just fine in both locations.

To Learn More

Information can be found at www.stgeroge-transmission.com or by calling the St. George store at 628-1669 or the Cedar City store at 865-1100.

With a dozen talented technicians ranging in age from 25 to 50, St. George Transmission, under the guidance of the 47-year-old Jeppson, is busy.

With trucks hauling trailers, boats and ATVs up state Route 14 headed for Duck Creek, not to mention the fact that owners typically abuse their vehicles on any

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Special chukar, pheasant hunts set up for Utah youth

For Cedar City Neighborhoods

CEDAR CITY — Hunters who are 15 years of age and younger can participate in special chukar and pheasant hunts this fall.

"Kids really enjoy these

hunts," said Dave Olsen, upland game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "They usually have plenty of birds to shoot at, and they don't have to compete with older hunters for a bird."

Participating in one of the

hunts is easy. If you've completed Utah's Hunter Education course, just go fill out an application at www.wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame.

To be considered for one of the youth chukar hunts, the DWR must receive your

application no later than Aug. 22. Applications for the youth pheasant hunts are due by Sept. 7.

The chukar hunts will be Sept. 5 on four state wildlife management areas and one walk-in access area.

The pheasant hunts will be Nov. 14 on four state WMAs and one walk-in access area.

"No matter where you live, you should be able to find a hunt within two hours of your home," Olsen said.

The WMAs and the walk-

in access areas will be closed to all other hunters on the day of the youth hunts.

For information about the hunts, call the nearest DWR office or see pages 22 and 23 of the 2009-10 Utah Upland Game Guidebook.

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road, the avid outdoors man or basic automobile owner might as well plan stopping by to see Jeppson and his staff sometime.

Possibly Jeppson's most admirable trait is that he doesn't just sit in the office. One day last week in the St. George location, he was completing repair on his second transmission of the day.

"I do a lot of the shop

repairs and wiring myself," he said. "When we built this shop, I set up my own hoists because I wanted to make sure they were right. I have been working on things since I started tinkering with my bike when I was a kid. I started working in a transmission shop in Logan when I was 18. I want things done right, so I do them myself."

Originally from Logan, Joe Mower, age 32, is the manager of the Cedar City location formerly known as Southern Performance before owner Bill Wilhelm died of

cancer. When the shop, at 1130 N. Main St., was closed following Wilhelm's death last spring, Jeppson leased the location and Mower returned to Cedar City in June from Austin, Texas, to run the store.

"I love being back in Utah," said Mower, who moved to Texas so his wife, Nicole, could attend graduate school at the University of Texas. "I originally moved to St. George in 1987. My mom (Gloria) was a teacher."

Like his boss, Mower advises vehicle owners to

maintain transmissions with continued service. He said service needs to be done every 20,000 miles, especially during the heat of the summer.

"No question about," said Mower, who built automatic transmissions from 1999-2004. "It's a whole lot cheaper to take care of your car than it is to repair it."

The St. George location is at 1349 W. Sunset Blvd. What started out in 1991 has been expanded several times into a sparkling 7,000-square-foot facility. From

St. George to Cedar City, the business sports a long list of happy customers.

The St. George location

offers general repair and the Cedar City store will also offer expanded service in the future.

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