

# Mayor's Message: December 2009



**Mayor Russ Wall**

We have a lot of fantastic businesses in Taylorsville. One in particular, Leatherby's Family Creamery, located at 1872 West 5400 South, will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 27, 2009.

The owners/operators, Doug and Marianne Cooley, and their son, Chris Cooley, specialize in "old fashioned ice cream and lots of it" made in the store daily. Their 14% butterfat ice cream comes in 26 flavors. They also feature non-fat yogurt, no-sugar-added, and dairy-free sorbet. The popular ice cream parlor seats 220, so most any size group is welcome there. Leatherby's also caters weddings, as well as church and company functions.

Doug began his career in the restaurant business as a fry cook for KFC and Pete Harman during high school. He graduated from Utah State University in 1974. Doug managed for Pete Harman in Utah and California for 16 years, and then left Harman's as a district manager in 1984 to return home to open Leatherby's.

Chris began his career in the restaurant business at the age of eight. He graduated from the University of Utah in 2007.

More than 1,500 people have been employed by Leatherby's through the years, with 72 people presently employed. Most are part-time college and high school students. Dating has become a large part of what makes life fun at Leatherby's. Of the more than 1,000 teenagers who have been employed in the past 25 years, a select few have gained the title of "Legacy," which label is only earned by employees who meet and marry their spouses through Leatherby's. From 1984 to the present day, 29 couples have met at Leatherby's. After 25 years of matchmaking, Leatherby's Family Creamery is still a hot spot for daters, with its big dining room and juke box.

Owner and operator, Doug Cooley, said, "Although the world of dating has changed dramatically, one fad remains the same: Romance can always be found – not through texting or emailing, but through old-fashioned ice cream."

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!

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