

MAYOR PRESENTING AWARD

Sharon Jackson, a seventh grader at Rocky Mountain Jr. High, won 2nd place in an essay contest, "Why I like My Community", held by the Utah League of Cities and Towns. The essay contest was open to all students in the 4th and 7th grades throughout the state of Utah. This year's winners represent a cross section of the state-public and private schools, urban and rural communities. Wherever they live, kids will always let us know how they feel about their home turf. Kids have a way of seeing the good in a community.

Just before the 2005-06 school year ended, Rocky Mountain Jr. High held an awards assembly. West Haven City's Mayor, Brian Melaney, was given the honor of announcing the 2nd Place winner and then awarding the winner a check from the Utah League of Cities and Towns in the amount of \$75.00 and Rocky Mountain Jr. High School a check in the amount of \$750.00.



Sharon's Essay:

WEST HAVEN

By Sharon Jackson

Birds chirping. Sun blazing. Trees growing. That is what life is like here in West Haven. There is plenty of space for kids to play, at least an acre or more for each child to have as a play world!

Everyday the streets are practically barren! That's a perfect condition for a child to get some bike riding or for a family to take a walk! West Haven is just the right place to live for a family! The neighborhood is only half of West Haven's natural beauty. The neighbors are the main part! People here are friendly and helpful. If a new person moves in, everyone goes to say hi. We also help our neighbors with their yard work and many other activities as well.

The one thing I like the most is the changing in color around here. In summer the sunrays make everything golden and warm. In fall all the trees change color to either rose colored red or golden crisp yellow. And even the evergreens have a nice tinge to their emerald color. It is so fun to be driving down the street and see many colors. All around us are many sun gold fields of old corn stalks and orange pumpkins. In winter the pine trees are a lush green against the pure white snow. And it is fun to have creative snowmen waving at you when you walk the streets. The Christmas lights flash in my eyes as I look out the window. In spring everything gets a new life. The flowers pop up along with the plants. The trees get their leaves and the grass grows green. Little cows and horses are born. In spring people come here for new lives from everywhere. They move into spacious homes on acre lots. They can have a lovely life like the rest of us who live in West Haven.

CONGRATULATIONS SHARON! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Information for the next contest will go to the local schools in September. You may want to encourage your child to participate; perhaps your student will be honored next year