

Daggett County Newsletter

Daggett County Search and Rescue

At the Daggett County Search and Rescue meeting held January 8, 2007 Sheriff Rick Ellsworth and Utah State Commander Winston Slaugh congratulated Paulette Welder and present to her a plaque for 20 years of Volunteer Service to the Daggett County Search and Rescue. Paulette has been the Commander for the Search and Rescue for the last 2 years. Paulette works for the U. S. Forest Service in the Manila District.

Paulette started her search and rescue career with the U S Forest Service



when they were called to look for lost persons on the forest. She started her Daggett County Search and Rescue career over 20 years ago and is the only Daggett County Search and Rescue member to have sustained 20 years of membership.

Paulette has donated thousands of hours of volunteer time on searches, both land and water. She has participated at the Parade of Lights to assist with traffic control each and every year. Paulette has worked hard at every fund raiser held by search and rescue and assisted in bring in thousands of dollars to assist the search and rescue in

purchasing equipment. Paulette assisted other members of search and rescue in hosting the first Utah State Search and Rescue Membership Board Meeting held in May 1999 and the first Utah State Convention ever held in Daggett County in 2000.

Paulette is truly a cornerstone of the Daggett County Search and Rescue and should be congratulated for her many years of dedicated service.

Manila High School Sponsors Food Drive

Members of the Manila High School student body recently conducted a food drive to collect items for the Daggett County Food Pantry. More than two thousand items of food were collected in the drive.

The chief contributors to the effort were Mrs. Mosely's Seventh and Eighth Grade English classes. 1,973 different items were collected between the classes in a competition won by the seventh grade. Members of the student council delivered the items and then sponsored another drive, where spectators were given a dollar off for every food item brought to the Uintah River girl's basketball game. This event gathered another 136 items.

The students also had a competition won by the Eighth Grade to raise money for Sub-For-Santa. \$282.57 was collected and delivered to the local program. The student council would like to thank everyone who participated in the drives.

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Fire Department News

The Manila and Dutch John Volunteer Fire Departments have been participating in a Wildland Fire Training. The 40 hour training gives the fire departments more knowledge and training when it comes to fighting wildland fires and grass fires. After the volunteers are certified to fight these fires they will be able to go to fires on Forest Service and State lands. This will also make them a bigger asset to the Forest Service and the State as well as for Daggett County and the surrounding area.

Those firefighters participating are Pete Butcher, Greg Scott, Dean Lain Jr., Brian Raymond, Ben Broadbent, Dennis Long, Travis Dupaix, Matias Taliercio, Bill and Tina Dale and John Morton.

The instructors that have come are Dale Jablonski, Ken and Diana Ludwig and Scott Bovey, all from Forestry, Fire, State Lands. Also Rowdy Muir from the Forest Service.



Above: William Dale; Below: John Morton. Dutch John and Manila Fire Fighters are preparing for wild land fires and learning to use the fire shelter.



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Congratulations to Garrett Tatman, son of Jesse and Courtney Tatman, who received his Arrow of Light award on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The Arrow of Light Awards is cub Scouting's highest award. Garrett is a member of Pack 26 in Manila, Utah.



EMT Training Course starts in February

Interested in being an EMT? There is a great need for EMTs in Daggett County. The County is putting together a class to prepare people to be certified as a Basic level EMT. The class will be starting February 22nd and will be a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Class. Tuesday and Thursday nights the class will run from 6-10 pm and the Saturday classes will be from 9 am to 6 pm. The course is approximately 100 hours and will be finished the first week of May.

Additional Information

For additional information or to sign up for the class please call Patty Schwartz at (435) 790-7215 or Winston Slaugh at (435) 784-3389 and leave a message if they are not available.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

RaNae Wilde and Rick Ellsworth were both honored during January for their years of service. RaNae had worked for Daggett County for many years before becoming the Auditor Recorder, while Rick had worked for the Daggett School District for many years before being elected Sheriff.

Gretchen Northcott and Jerry Steglich have resigned from the Economic Development Board. Gretchen will head up the Tower Rock Run for another year before turning over the reigns to someone else. Jerry has been the Chairman of the Economic Development Board and was recently appointed to be a trustee for the State Conservation District and will be focusing his efforts on this new appointment.

The Commissioners would also like to say thank you to Celia Straatman, Andrea Scott and Linda Blanchard. Celia was the Chairwoman of the Library Board at the time of her resignation. Andrea has also been an active member of the Library Board and Linda was the Dutch John Cemetery Board Chairwoman for the past several years and was also a former Library Board member too.

Congratulations to the following people for their recent Board and Committee appointments: Kathy Padron and Niki Taylor from alternates to full Planning and Zoning Commissioners; and Lee Smith, Sara Lamb, RaNae Wilde, Sherry Kendrick, Vicky McKee and WaNeta Lamb Richman to the Museum Board. Sara Lamb is the new Chairman for Economic Development and Kathy Padron is the Vice Chairman. Lynda Leith is the new Chairman for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Niki Taylor is the Vice Chairman.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Isn't that the way we do business? When the cry for help, help comes; we drop what we're doing and we respond to help those in need. Many changes have occurred in the way responders do business since 9/11. Daggett County, Utah and Sweetwater County, Wyoming along with industry have teamed together to train, respond, and develop Interstate Mutual Aid Agreements then exercise all that has been done.



September 21, 2006 begins early for the responders and industry of these two counties as a full scale disaster exercise unfolds. There are injured victims trapped in vehicles along with other events that create an environment requiring more responders from the closest community which is Rock Springs in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

The Daggett County Sheriff's Office, Daggett County Emergency Management along with the Daggett County Medical Services, Fire Departments, and Town of Manila, held a joint terrorist exercise in northeast Utah on September 21st. Daggett County was supported by Sweetwater Bomb Squad



(representatives from Green River and Rock Springs Police Departments and Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office); Sweetwater County Emergency Management; Sweetwater County Dispatch, Communication Technology from Rock Springs; Utah Department of Public Safety; Air Med; Utah Highway Patrol; Uintah Basin Consolidated Dispatch Center; Vase Ambulance Service from Sweetwater County; Castle Rock Ambulance from Green River, Gold Cross Ambulance from Uintah County; Utah Department of Homeland Security and Wyoming Department of

Homeland Security along with several private industrial companies which operate in Daggett and Sweetwater County, Salt Lake Chapter of the American Red Cross and multiple volunteers.



Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 requires the use of the National Incident Management System and development of Incident Action Plans as well as activation of the tools needed in the Incident Command System. The responders in the communities in these two counties came together to develop the Incident Action Plan that helped them manage the incident. Additional resources were requested through their respective Emergency Management offices. Both State Homeland Security offices were notified of the incident through the respective Emergency Management offices.



The exercise was designed to judge the abilities of Daggett County and Sweetwater County to respond to a terrorist event and test the capabilities of inter jurisdictional cooperation and communication between agencies and distant dispatch centers. The event also gave Daggett County and Sweetwater County the opportunity to test and exercise the equipment it has received from Homeland Security grants.

Lessons learned from all the training that has occurred between the two counties over the past year have been beneficial toward enabling all involved to process through the proper steps as outlined through the National Incident Management System and the National Response Plan. The exercise culminated with measurable projects that need to be worked on to help both entities be ready for their next event whether it be an exercise or actual incident.

Hello from the Food Pantry

Food distribution will be on February 15, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The H.E.A.T. program is still in effect. There have been many families who have benefited from this program. So come by the Pantry to see if you're one of the lucky ones!

The Pantry has expanded its hours to include Fridays. So I am opened Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 – 5 p.m. and Thursdays' 9 – Noon.

The past month has been a very generous month. The following donated over 207 pounds of commodities. Thank you to: Anonymous donor, Daggett County, and Manila High School.

In family life,

love is the oil that eases friction,
the cement that binds closer together,
and the music that brings harmony.

[Eva Burrows](#)

Happy Valentines Day to You and your Family.
Be sure to give them an extra hug.

Sincerely, Kathy Padron
Manila Food Pantry

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Twila Lowrey - Obituary

Twila Lowrey, 84, of Manila, Utah, passed away Jan. 8, 2007, at the Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County in Rock Springs.

A life long resident of Manila, Utah, Lowrey had been in ill health for the past several years. She was born April 13, 1922, in Manila, Utah, the daughter of the late Don and Ethleen Searle Twitchell.

Lowrey attended school in Manila, Utah, and was a graduate of the Manila High School with the class of 1940. She married Virgil Earl Lowrey in Green River on Oct. 1, 1949. Lowrey was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her interests included fishing, cooking and spending time with her family.

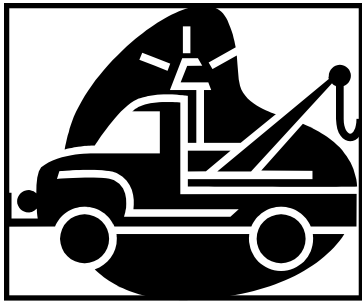
Survivors include her husband Virgil E. Lowrey of Manila, Utah; son Ron Lowrey and wife Maggie of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; daughter Janet Leflet and husband Tex of Dutch John, Utah; brother Burl Twitchell and wife Ida of Manila, Utah; sister Des Luke of Layton, Utah; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son Lynn Lowrey.

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Manila FFA Chapter Speaking Winners Selected

Manila FFA Chapter members recently held the annual creed, prepared and extemporaneous speaking contests to select members to go on to compete in the area contest.

In the Creed Speaking Contest, Kelsey Lynch was named the chapter winner, and Alle Muir placed second. Both individuals will represent the chapter at the area contest.

In Prepared Public Speaking, Chantz Potter was named the chapter winner, and Blake Olorenshaw won Extemporaneous Public Speaking. The parliamentary procedure team that will compete at the area level is composed of Lacy Larsen, Nina Beck, Ashley Straatman, Angel Morton, Kodee Schell, and Blake Olorenshaw.

The Area VI Contest will be held February 6, in Roosevelt.

Daggett County General Plan Revision

Daggett County announces its intention to update its County General Plan and the Dutch John General Plan. The County has contracted with Aspen Rivers, LLC and its approved team of specialized planners, to evaluate Daggett County's existing plans and to guide this process which is scheduled to take nine months. Aspen Rivers will work with a local team of interested residents and government officials to identify chapter elements either missing information or in need of update. In addition to this, and more importantly, this team will address a set of action statements for each effected chapter that describes what will need to be done to activate and initiate the plan. These plans are an outline and guidance to County officials as they will be making and adjusting the rules, laws, and ordinances that govern development and smart growth for Daggett County and Dutch John into the year 2030. It is not the intent to redo or ignore any prior work done in these areas over the years, but rather to create a new document that has greater implementation ability and a clearer path to develop a sustainable economy for the future of Daggett County and its residents. Public meetings will be held during the process and comments may be sent to the Daggett County Commissioners at PO Box 219; Manila, UT 84046 or by e-mail to braymond@daggett.state.ut.us. For additional information, please contact the Commissioners or Commission Assistant Brian Raymond at (435) 784-3218. Updates and other information will be posted on the Daggett County's website at <http://www.daggettcountry.org/GeneralPlan>

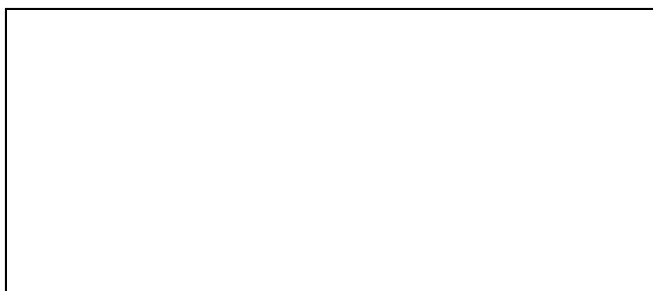
Kirk Ray Johnson was awarded the Eagle Scout Award at a special Eagle Court of Honor by Troop 26 on Sunday, January 28, 2007 at the Manila LDS Church. Kirk is the son of Ray and Jolene Johnson of Manila. Kirk's Eagle Project involved planning and building a shed to store the maintenance equipment for the McKinnon, Wyoming Cemetery.



February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 DJ Advisory Comm Mtg. 7pm	2	3
4	5 Commission Workshop	6	7 Commission Mtg. 9am	8 County P&Z Mtg. 6pm Museum/ Library Board- 7:45 pm Bookmobile DJ	9 Bookmobile Manila	10
11	12	13 Commission Workshop	14 Soil Conservation Mtg. 10am	15 LEPC 11am Food Pantry Distribution Day 9-12	16	17
18	19 TOWN & COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED	20	21 Commission Mtg. 9am Economic Dev Mtg. 5pm	22 EMT Training Course Begins	23	24
25	26 Commission Workshop	27	28 Chamber Mtg. 1pm at Courthouse			

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County Commission Meetings will be held on Wednesday February 7th and 21st at 9am.

Commission Workshops will be on February 5th, 13th, and 26th.

The **Soil Conservation District's** monthly Meeting is set for February 14th at 10am.

Economic Development is scheduled to meet on February 21st at 5pm.

The **Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC)** meeting is scheduled for February 15th at 11am.

Daggett County Planning and Zoning meeting will be held on February 8th at 6pm.

Bookmobile will be in Dutch John on February 8th and Manila on February 9th.

Food Pantry Distribution will be on Thursday, February 15th from 9am to 12pm.

EMT Training will begin on February 22nd. If you are interested please read the article on page 3.

Town and County Offices will be closed on February 19th.

If you have something you would like to publish in the County Newsletter please contact Toni Pendleton at 784-3757 or email at toni.pendleton@gmail.com.

Part-Time Secretary

Seeking part-time secretary for Daggett County Attorney Office. The position will be for up to 10 hours a week. Preferred qualifications: computer skills, knowledge of legal process. Send Resume to Daggett County Attorney: P.O. Box 219, 95 North 100 West, Manila, Utah 84046.

Board and Committee Openings

Daggett County currently has 2 openings on the Mosquito Abatement District Board, 2 on the Tourism Tax Advisory Board, and a space for anyone interested in participating on the Dutch John Advisory Committee, and the Public Lands Advisory Committee, and one spot on the Museum/Library Board. If you have interest in being a part of any of these organizations, Daggett County Commissioners are accepting applications until 12 pm February 5th. The short application is available at the Courthouse during business hours.