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COMMISSIONER MARRIES AND ENDS SERVICE TO DAGGETT COUNTY

Commissioner Sharon Walters (Jacobsen) recently married Brent Jacobsen, an old friend from her college days, and moved to Salt Lake City. Sharon is currently attending school to fulfill her long time dream of furthering her education in the field of medicine.



Sharon recently submitted her resignation to the Daggett County Commission with an effective date of September 1, 2003.

Sharon has served Daggett County tirelessly for nearly 20 years. She started out in 1984 volunteering as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), serving as an intermediate EMT, an EMT instructor and the director of the ambulance service, which responsibility she has continued through this time. She has also taught many First Aid and CPR classes, training many residents of Daggett County.

She worked in the County Assessor's office from 1989 to 1992 as a registered appraiser, and has served as a County Commissioner from 1992 until the present time. While serving on the Commission, she has served in many state and local positions. She has served as the President of the Utah Association of Counties (UAC), and also served on the Executive Committee for four years. She has served on the State of Utah Community Impact Board, has been Chair of the Uintah Basin Association of Governments, and has served on many other health and human services committees, along with the local, state and national public land committees. Most recently she served as a member of the National Association of Counties

(NACO) Public Lands Committee.



Sharon is known throughout the State by the people she has worked with. Her vast knowledge and experience in County, State and Federal Government will be sorely missed.

MIDTERM VACANCY GUIDELINES

Since County Commissioner Jacobsen submitted her resignation to be effective September 1, 2003, the county thought that the following information would be helpful in knowing what steps are to be taken to fill a midterm vacancy in any county elected office.

As per Utah Code 20A-1-508, the following applies: county offices includes the county executive, members of the county legislative body, county treasurer, county sheriff, county clerk, county auditor, county recorder, county surveyor and county assessor.

The county legislative body shall give notice of the vacancy to the county central committee of the same political party of the prior office holder and invite that committee to submit the names of three nominees to fill the vacancy.

The county central committee shall, within 30 days, submit the names of three nominees for the interim replacement to the county legislative body.

The county legislative body shall, within 45 days after the vacancy occurs, appoint one of those nominees to serve out the unexpired term.

If the county legislative body fails to appoint an interim replacement to fill the vacancy within 45 days, the county clerk shall send to the governor a letter that informs him that the county legislative body failed to appoint a replacement and the list of nominees submitted by the party central committee.

The governor would then appoint a replacement from that list of nominees to fill the vacancy within 30 days after receipt of the letter.

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DAGGETT COUNTY JUSTICE COURT

Dutch John Precinct

Why Do I Need To Wear A Life Jacket?

This time of year, the Justice Courts of Daggett County see a large increase in the number of P.F.D. citations (Personal Flotation Devices or life jackets to most of us) that come through our offices. This is especially true on the Green River below the dam.

Many people assume that they don't need to wear a life jacket for a variety of reasons. But Utah State Park Regulations require that a life jacket be worn on the Green River. This is knowledge people should have before they go rafting; if one rents a raft or dory from a vendor, there is a specific clause stated that says the person signing the agreement is aware of this and will wear the life jackets, which are provided as part of the rafting package by the local businesses. There are also signs posted along the River, especially at the launching ramp, which inform visitors that wearing the life jacket is required.



"But I'm an excellent swimmer!" one may protest. That may well be, but the reason for the use of P.F.D.s stems from statistics that show a very large percentage of drowning victims nationwide were people who did not wear a P.F.D. The Green River current is strong; it fluctuates in flow since it is regulated by a peaking power plant, and is embedded with large boulders, which could easily cause injury. The tremendous force of the river cannot be exaggerated; one needs only look at a canoe or boat bent around a large rock by the force of flowing water to be convinced that moving water is indeed a powerful force. The minimum flow of the Green River below the Tailrace is 800 C.F.S.; the maximum through the turbines is 4600 C.F.S. This can rapidly change if extra electricity is needed to complement the amounts generated by other power plants.

A second thing to consider is the temperature of the water coming out of the dam. Although selective withdrawal devices located on the dam are used to keep the fish at their best temperature for growth, this is not the 75 degrees F. or so one would find on the surface of the reservoir. Instead, these devices bring in water from below the lake's surface, at an optimum for the trout. Temperatures run at about 50 to 55 degrees F.—which is enough to give anyone a bit of a shock if they fall in, and can actually cause heart stoppage.

This is where one's life jacket becomes invaluable.

Not wearing a life jacket is not only foolhardy, but can be quite costly. The minimum bail for this offense is \$74.00, and as a Class B Misdemeanor, can possibly run considerably higher.

Please have a safe and successful rafting trip and remember to buckle on your life jacket!

Judge Anne Schneidervin

NEW SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED

On August 1st, 2003, Dr. Bruce Northcott was sworn in as the new Superintendent of the Daggett School District.

Dr. Northcott started with the School District as a PE and Math teacher in August of 1994 and has also taught Photography, Music, English, Yearbook and a variety of other classes. Over the years he has coached many sports including Volleyball and Jr. High Boys Basketball. He began his administrative career as the Acting Principal at Manila High School in November of 1995 and was appointed Principal in February of 1996.

As the Superintendent, Dr. Northcott plans to increase the efficiency and productivity of the District in providing the maximum



learning opportunities and educational experiences for each student. He feels that every District employee has been hired to help improve the education of our students no matter what their position or title may be.

Students also have a responsibility to "Grab the Reins" and give their best effort to getting the most out of the time they spend in the schools of the Daggett School District.

CONNECTIONS

The 21st Century Community Learning Center's Connections fall program begins Tuesday, September 2nd. Activities include a daily Energizer, Homework Club, Cooking, Art, and Sports including Tennis. The after-school program runs until 5:00 pm Mon-Thursday and until 4:00 pm on Fridays.

The evening program will also start the 2nd of September. The Gym, Weight Room and Computer Lab will be open from 6-7:30 pm on Tuesday-Friday Evenings. Wednesday Evenings we will hold computer Instruction from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

LEPC TIP OF THE MONTH – HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH DISASTERS—PART 2

This tip is brought to you by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and a past County Liaison, Al Cooper. Al Cooper was the State LEPC and CEM (Comprehensive Emergency Management) Liaison for Daggett County for several years. He assisted the county and the county Emergency Management in several endeavors. Al left his home on a Memorial Day weekend to try and address the County water shortage in 2001, he also assisted Emergency Management during the Mustang Fire of 2002. Al has been involved in Emergency Preparedness for many years and has written books on the subject. He served as the Emergency Management Director of Summit County and then was hired by the State of Utah to be a County Liaison and a Public Relations Officer for the 2002 Olympics. Al has now moved to Rockville in southern Utah where he continues to be a County Liaison for that part of the State as well as share ideas with the rest of the State by e-mail. He now also has a radio program where he is able to share his passion for emergency preparedness with a much larger audience. The following information was taken from his radio program and an E-mail that was received by Local Emergency Management Services Director, Shirley Slaugh.

“By way of follow-up to remarks I made during my regular radio program on June 19, and the phone requests which it generated, we have made available a list of vehicle preparedness suggestions. Especially here in the southern reaches of the state, there are annual examples of people being stranded, and unable to take care of themselves. The contents of that list may be useful to other, and so I am sharing my reflections with this e-mail.”

- Drinking water—preferably in unbreakable containers
- Electrical “jumper” cables
- Good flashlight, with fresh batteries (consider hand lantern type)
- Basic First Aid kit (the more comprehensive, the better)
- An old blanket (desert nights can get very cold)
- A quart or two of extra engine oil
- A small, collapsible shovel (mine also contains a saw and pick head)
- A set of coveralls
- Some weather resistant food snacks (fresh hi-energy bars)
- 12 volt cell phone charging unit (or spare, full battery)
- Collapsible umbrella or compact rain gear
- Heavy duty work gloves
- Tube of sun block and eye protection

- Pointed rock-pick hammer (people die in flash floods, unable to open a car door, or break a window quickly). Keep the hammer where it can be easily reached from the vehicle cab.

For Winter Driving add . . .

- Warm gloves, scarf & head protection
- Ear Muffs or down cap (preserving brain temperature is key)
- Extra socks and winter boots
- Winter blanket or sleeping bag
- Extra Flashlight batteries (cold weather lessens battery life)
- A sealed lighter (1000 trouble-free lights or wind proof matches)
- Can of Sterno & metal cup for heating water/melting ice

Before leaving on any back-country trip, advise someone of your travel and return plans, and make sure they know your vehicle description and license number. You can of course, think of other items, but this is a start.”

UBAOG HOME PROGRAMS

Uintah Basin Association of Governments home programs are available for Daggett County residents.

Weatherization

Resources are still available for Low Income families to lower their utility bills and improve the comfort of their home through weatherization and education. This program is available to homeowners and renters (with the Landlord's approval and participation).

There are income qualifications and limitations to the amount of work that can be done under this program. Applications are available at the County Courthouse or for more information please call the UBAOG Energy Coordinator, Don Horrocks at (435) 722-4518.

Self-help Housing

Several lots are still available for those interested in building a nice home with built in equity. We are looking to begin construction in September or October.

There are income qualifications for this program. Applications are available at the County Courthouse by contacting Brian Raymond (784-3218) or from Lisa Nielsen of UBAOG at (435) 722-4518.

STUDENTS EXCEL AT COUNTY FAIR!

Congratulations to the Daggett School District students who recently competed at the Sweetwater County Fair and came away with more than a few awards.

Camille Rose's animal won the Overall Market Swine Champion Award. Michael Hughes' animal was selected as the Overall Market Swine Reserve Champion, and also placed 2nd in its Market Class at the Wyoming State Fair.



In the Jr. Swine Showmanship Class the Championship was awarded to Jared Reed, while his sister Janelle Reed received the Reserve Champion Award.

In the Intermediate Division, Kali Hughes won the Swine Showmanship Champion Award. At the Wyoming State Fair her animal place 4th in its Market Class and she received the Showmanship Reserve Champion Award.

Kaylyn Reed was selected as the Sr. Division Swine Showmanship Champion and Taylor Reed received the Showmanship Reserve Champion Award.



In the Livestock category, Ashley Straatman's black angus was selected as the Grand Champion Market Beef. In the Senior Division Calvin Schell was selected as the Grand Champion Showmanship, and his animal placed 3rd in Market Class at the Wyoming State Fair.

Chelsy Larsen won the Senior Reserve Champion Showmanship Award at the Sweetwater County Fair.

In the Intermediate Division, Kodee Schell was given the Grand Champion Showmanship award and at the Wyoming State Fair she received the Reserve Champion Showmanship Award.

In the Jr. Division Wyatt Potter was selected as the Showmanship Reserve Champion.

There was a sweep of the Livestock Judging contest as Malcolm Rose took 1st, Michael Hughes took 2nd, and Calvin Schell took 3rd. At the Wyoming State Fair these three combined with Casey Olsen to form the Livestock Judging Team that placed 5th.

Casey Olsen's animal received the Overall Breeding Ewe Grand Champion Award and the Sheep Market Class Reserve Champion Award. Kadie Olsen's animal received the Overall Breeding Ewe Reserve Champion. Kadie also received the Senior Division Reserve Champion Sheep Showmanship Award.

Daggett County congratulates these students on their effort and dedication and also wants to thank all those who participated in the auction to support the efforts of all the participants from Manila High School. The auction was phenomenal!

DUTCH JOHN LOT SALE

Four residential lots in Dutch John will be going on the Auction Block on Friday, September 5th, 2003. Written bids must be a minimum of the appraised value of the lots (\$24,000) and be received by the County Clerk's office of Daggett County no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2003. The auction will open with the highest written bid or the appraised value, if no written bids are received.

Written bids require the submission of a cashier's check made payable to Daggett County and being equal to 10% of the lot's appraised value. Those participating in the auction must also submit a cashier's check made payable to Daggett county for 10% of the appraised value of the lot.

More information can be obtained by contacting the County Clerk's Office at 435 784-3154 or visiting the county website at www.dsdf.org/county/sale.htm.

MANILA SENIOR CENTER

The Manila Senior Center, which is housed and supported by the Town of Manila, is open to all County residents and visitors. Lunch is served every Wednesday at noon. There is a \$3 suggested donation for those 60 and over and a mandatory fee of \$5 for anyone under 60 years of age. The first and third Friday of each month (except holidays) dinner is served at 6 pm. For all these meals, please call 784-3158 and leave a message at least 24 hours (48 would be better) in advance to ensure that the volunteer cooks prepare enough food for everyone. Also feel free to drop in for Game Day every Thursday at 1 pm.

Last month's Christmas in August celebration had over 60 people in attendance. Everyone had such a good time with the delicious steak fry and exciting white elephant gift exchange that it was decided to make this an annual event.



In Elections held this summer Jack Putnam was voted in as the President of the Senior Center Organization. He and the other leaders are looking forward to the attendance and participation of all area seniors.

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION—ABATEMENTS, EXEMPTIONS AND VALUATIONS

Utah law allows Utah residents the following four types of property tax relief: Circuit Breaker, Disabled Veteran’s Exemption, Blind Exemption and an Indigent Abatement/Deferral.

The Circuit Breaker tax credit is available to homeowners, mobile homeowners and renters who are at least 65 years of age (or surviving spouses of any age) and whose 2002 household income was less than \$22,422.

The Disabled Veteran’s Exemption applies to vets disabled in military service and their unremarried surviving spouse or minor orphans, while the Blind Exemption applies to all legally blind property owners, unremarried surviving spouse or minor orphans.

The Indigent Abatement/Deferral are available to those who qualify for the Circuit Breaker and those under 65 who demonstrate a disability or extreme hardship and live in an owner-occupied residences, including mobile homes.

If you qualify for any of these Abatements or Exemptions the applications must be completed by September 2nd. To receive more information contact RaNae Wilde, Daggett County Auditor, at 784-3210.

All property taxes are based upon the market value of your property. Market value is estimated by the County Assessor. If you believe the value of your property is incorrect you may appeal to the Board of Equalization. As noted in recent Property Valuation Notices, the Board of Equalization will meet this year on September 8th (12:30 pm to 2:00 pm) and September 9th (10:00 am-12:00 noon) to review appeals.

To set up an appointment contact RaNae Wilde, Daggett County Auditor, at 784-3210.



DAGGETT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Employee of the Year Award

Rick Ellsworth was recently honored as the Employee of the year for his services as a deputy and an EMT and presented with a plaque by Sheriff Campbell at the Sheriff’s Office summer barbeque.

Rick has dedicated many years to Daggett County. He has served as a Deputy for the Sheriff’s Office for 23 years. If help is needed Rick is always there. He is always more than willing to work and help when asked. Rick is one of the most sincere and trusting people we know. He takes his job seriously and is excellent at what he does.

Rick was one of the first EMT’s for Daggett County after completing his training in Dutch John. He has recently retired from his duties as an EMT after volunteering his services since 1979.

He has been an EMT Instructor, Course Coordinator, and a mentor to many EMT’s on the ambulance service. Rick is always willing to help people in distress as well as other EMT’s day or night. He has volunteered numerous hours to our community. We are lucky to have a person with his dedication and ability in our county. Congratulations Rick!



WINTER SECURITY CHECKS

The Daggett County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting security checks of homes that are unoccupied during the winter months. We’ve had several requests to “Keep an eye on my place” during the winter and would like anyone interested in having their home checked periodically, to fill out the informational form below and return to the Sheriff’s Office at the Daggett County Courthouse. If you have any questions about this program call 784-3255.

Winter Security Check Request/Authorization

Property Owner Name(s)

Daggett County Property Location/Address

Winter Contact Address

Winter Phone #

Cell Phone #

Other Phone #

Comments

I authorize the Daggett County Sheriff’s Office to inspect the exterior of my home during the winter months and notify me at the numbers above if they discover any problems.

Signature

Daggett County Sheriff’s Office; PO Box 219; Manila, UT 84046



DAGGETT COUNTY

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IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED MULTIPLE COPIES OF THIS NEWSLETTER, KNOW OF A RESIDENT OF DAGGETT COUNTY NOT RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER OR DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE FUTURE COPIES, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL BRIAN RAYMOND: AT 435 784-3218 OR BRAYMOND@DAGGETT.STATE.UT.US

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY INPUT

The mission of the Daggett County Economic Development Board is to “Develop and promote the economic, cultural, educational and recreational resources of Daggett County.” The Board with the support of the Town of Manila and Daggett County has scheduled Public Meetings to receive resident input as they are preparing an updated Action Plan for Community Development within Daggett County.

The first Meeting will be held at the Daggett County Courthouse in the Courtroom on the evening of September 23rd beginning at 7:00 pm. All residents living within the 84046 zip code are invited and encouraged to attend. Residents of Dutch John, Greendale, Brown’s Park, and Taylor’s Flat are invited and encouraged to attend a Public Meeting on October 9th at 7:00 pm in the Dutch John Conference Center.

The Action Plan is important in spelling out the desires of residents and prioritizing the process of accomplishing those desires. The format of the meetings is to allow input that will be beneficial to the communities within the County and the County itself. After the input is received and the Action Plan is completed it will be used to seek grants and other funding to complete the projects residents desire.



Those unable to make the scheduled meetings can still give their input by filling out the questionnaire enclosed with this newsletter and submitting it to the Economic Development Board at the address on the form. The

LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES ENJOYED!

Thanks to the Flaming Gorge Area Chamber of Commerce many fun activities were planned and supported over the Labor Day Weekend. The County would like to thank those who took their time and effort to make this a fun weekend for all the residents and visitors. Tina Bennington and her KOA staff planned a well attended parade. A large group of volunteers with the support of the Chamber and the Flaming Gorge Market held fun activities and a craft fair at the park. Maureen Hanlon ran the Dutch John Flea Market. The Flaming Gorge Corporation and the Chamber developed a spectacular Fireworks Show, while Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement were on hand to help. The Senior Center sponsored a pancake breakfast fundraiser. Thank You!