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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN IN PROCESS

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 Daggett County Economic Development Board held its first public meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2003. Over 20 people attended and gave their ideas and suggestions.

Five basic categories of input are being sought.

1. Business Opportunities-What new businesses could be started or what opportunities are there for existing businesses to expand?
2. Services-What services are needed that aren't currently available or not as available as needed?
3. Business Development-What can be done to strengthen existing businesses and help them to become more efficient?
4. Activities-What activities could be held to bring additional visitors to our area?
5. Infrastructure and Facilities-What types of infrastructure and facilities are needed or wanted?

Most ideas and suggestions received fell within these five categories, some even fit into several different categories.

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.

Those unable to attend either of the scheduled meetings can still give their input by filling out a survey available at the Dutch John Post Office, Town of Manila Office or the County Courthouse. Please submit to the Economic Development Board at the County Courthouse by 5 pm on October 24th.

In November another public meeting will be held to discuss the results and look at funding options for the high priority projects under this Community Development Action Plan.

HELP STOP POACHING

Poaching is a crime

Simply defined “poaching” is any illegal taking of fish, game or nongame wildlife.

- It is not a crime committed against the Division of Wildlife Resources, but a crime affecting all citizens of the State of Utah.
- Poachers steal from consumptive and nonconsumptive users alike. Present and future generations of law abiding outdoorsmen are the victims.
- Poachers erode public support of hunting and fishing. They threaten the existence of our sport. In short, poaching is a serious crime, and poachers are nothing more than thieves.

Many entities in the private sector are partnering with the DWR to help protect our wildlife resources.

For example, UBET Wireless and Cellular One are making it possible for most wireless phone users to report poaching—free of charge.

Both companies are donating roaming and air charges for calls originating in many parts of rural Utah, no matter who your wireless provider is.

To contact the DWR Help Stop Poaching hotline on your wireless phone, simply dial *DEER and hit send or for land based phones call 1 (800) 662-DEER.

Take a Stand

Defend wildlife and the right of future generations to enjoy it!

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DAGGETT COUNTY JUSTICE COURT

Manila Precinct

Hunting Season

This is an exciting time of year for many hunting enthusiasts. Hunting can be a great experience for those who follow the rules and are safe. Be sure to obtain a copy of the current Proclamation and then make sure to read and understand all the portions that pertain to your upcoming hunt.

Some important things to remember are:

- Be sure to wear the required amount of Hunter Orange
- Prepare for changes in the weather
- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back
- Learn and practice your Hunter Safety Rules including knowing what you are shooting at and proper gun handling techniques.

One of my concerns is the proper care of the animal after it is killed. Take along the appropriate equipment to safely and efficiently dress your animal.

It is also my hope that we will all help stop poaching. See the previous article for more information on poaching. "Take a stand and defend wildlife and the right of future generations to enjoy it."

Judge Claire Reed

Dutch John Precinct

Road-Hunting versus Impeding Traffic

A legendary Wildlife Resources officer once encountered a bright red pick-up truck driving ten miles an hour down the road complete with several bow-hunters sitting in the back, grasping their weapons, and peering intently for deer. Upon stopping and checking the vehicle, he noticed the hunters were dressed from head to toe in camouflage, including face paint, and posed a question, "I see a lot of you folks hunting like this and have often wondered why you wear camo?"

The hunter replied incredulously, "So the deer won't see us!"

The warden smirked, "If that's the case, why don't you wear candy-apple red or dress as a spare tire cover?"

October is upon us, and we are again faced with a unique rite of autumn—hunters who indulge in what they call "road hunting" (which is not hunting for, shooting, or tagging a

state highway.) "Road hunting" is a term used by the public to describe hunters driving roads and highways in search of game, instead of parking their vehicles and hunting on foot. Certainly, it's attractive to sit on a comfortable seat with drinks and snacks at hand, listening to your favorite song on a radio while visiting with your hunting partners. However, to the rest of the driving populace, this can be a dangerous and aggravating practice. Besides driving under the speed limit, another frequently seen scenario is an abandoned car or truck parked halfway (or wholly!) in the lane, doors flung open, engine running, and occupants missing, having apparently spotted an animal and, in the pursuit, thrown all caution to the winds.

Utah Traffic Code 41-6-49 (Minimum speed regulations) states:

(1) A person may not operate a motor vehicle at a speed so slow as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when:

- (A) reduced speed is necessary for safe operation;
- (B) upon a grade; or;
- (C) compliance with official traffic control devices.

People who don't hunt or are neutral on the topic may very readily form a negative opinion of hunters who display this type of flagrant disregard for traffic regulations and set the stage for accidents. There are many hunters who look forward to fall as a time to hike, view the countryside, and get in touch with nature through their outdoor recreation. They leave with a much better



memory to savor and share with friends and relatives of the lovely outdoors and wildlife they have encountered, and have a far better chance of harvesting an animal by having left the confines of their vehicle. They also greatly minimize the chances of causing traffic obstruction highway accidents, and leaving with a moving violation citation for impeding the flow of traffic.

Please think about this when you are hunting, and set a good example. Remember to obey the highway speed, and when you see a likely-looking area for game, remove your vehicle fully from the roadway, and set out on foot to see the beautiful Flaming Gorge Area. You will find it a far more enriching, and rewarding experience. Have a safe and enjoyable hunting season!

Best Regards,

Judge Anne Schneidervin

Dutch John Justice Court

LEPC TIP OF THE MONTH – CREATING A FAMILY PLAN

The LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), as a part of its “Mission Statement” has adopted a saying; “If You Fail To Plan, You Plan To Fail”. The LEPC is currently working on a Hazmat Plan and a Disaster Mitigation Plan for Daggett County. The following information, “Creating a Family Plan” was taken from Ready.gov.



Creating a Family Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations.

- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an **out-of-state contact** may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Be sure every member of your family **knows the phone number** and has **coins** or a **prepaid phone card** to call the emergency contact.
- You may have trouble getting through**, or the telephone system may be down altogether, **so be patient**.

Emergency Information

Find out what kinds of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and how you will be notified. Methods of getting your attention vary from community to community. One common method is to broadcast via **emergency radio** and **TV broadcasts**. You might hear a special siren, or get a telephone call, or emergency workers may go door-to-door.

Emergency Plans

You may also want to **inquire about emergency plans** at places where your family spends time: **work, daycare** and **school**. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance. Read more at http://www.ready.gov/work_school.html

You can find more information at the American Red Cross Web-site at: <http://www.redcross.org/> or locally at the Utah Chapter site at: <http://www.utahredcross.org/>.

Click on the Preparedness Link and you will find several good

resources that will be helpful as your family prepares for any kind of emergency that may strike Daggett County.

If you live outside of Daggett County and have your secondary home here, you may consider having a

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neighbor after your or sign up Winter rity as de- below.

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

PREPARING LAWNS FOR WINTER – AND NEXT SUMMER by Boyd Kitchen, USU Extension

Now is the time to prepare your lawn for winter. It's also a great time to prepare your lawn for the stresses of next summer. Changes to consider involve how you water, mow, and fertilize this fall. In addition you may want to consider weed control and aeration.

Some people like to plant a lawn in the fall. Actually, fall is a great time to plant, but it must be done early so that the new grass grows enough to prevent winter kill. In Daggett County, the recommended deadline to plant is mid September.

As the weather cools, turf grass doesn't require as much water as it did in the heat of summer. The best practice is to water less frequently. Almost all lawns should be given a half inch of water between irrigations. Lawns need to be watered every 3 days in the summer but that can be stretched out to every 5-7 days as the days cool in the autumn.



This is also a good time to control broadleaf weeds. Apply a broad leaf weed killer according to label directions and you should see fewer dandelions, wild morning glory and other similar weeds next spring.

One of the most overlooked steps in lawn management is aeration. This should be done at least once a year and more often if compaction is a problem. Aerators pull small plugs of soil from the lawn leaving small holes 2 to 3 inches deep. Aeration allows water, oxygen and nutrients to reach the roots. It also allows beneficial earthworms to go deeper into the soil so they leave fewer bumps on the lawn.



Mowing a bit shorter after the grass stops growing helps prevent diseases that may damage turf if it is left too long in the fall and then get a good covering of snow. The recommendation is to leave the grass 1 ½ to 2 inches long after the last

mowing. Mowers with grass catchers are convenient ways to pick up leaves, too.

About the time you mow the lawn for the last time in the fall is also a good time to fertilize. Grass plants use the late fall to develop the root system. A shot of fertilizer in late fall is one of the best ways you can improve the lawn's drought tolerance for next summer. I recommend a regular lawn fertilizer applied at normal rates. This provides plenty of soil nutrients to carry the lawn into May of next year.



If you have any questions, contact me by phone at 781-5452, by email at boydk@ext.usu.edu or check out the USU Extension website at <http://extension.usu.edu>.

MANILA SENIOR CENTER

This month in addition to the Wednesday lunches and Friday Dinners there will be a "Sunrise Breakfast" at the Daggett County Park on October 11th at 10:00 am

Friday October 31st the Seniors will hold a Halloween Pot Luck Dinner at the Manila Senior Center at 5:00 pm. Join us for some tasty "Witches Brew". To reserve your spot at any Senior Activity call 784-3158 at least 24 hours in advance.

The Senior Citizen Center Leaders would like to thank all those who helped with the quilts, the raffle and the pancake breakfast and also all those who participated in these events and contributed to their success. Due to your generosity the ceiling has been fixed, new linoleum has been placed in the kitchen and banquet room, and the hot water heater has been replaced. Thanks again for all your support!

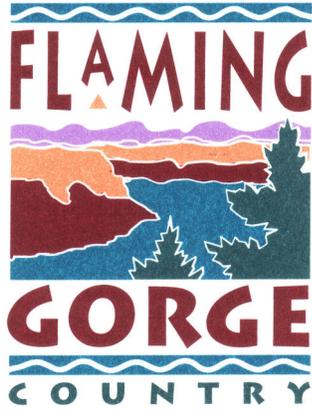
THE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The 21st Century Community Learning Center's Connections fall programs are now running. The afterschool program is in full swing.

The evening program consists of Open Gym, Weight Room and Computer Lab and will be open from 6-7:30 pm on Tuesday & Thursday evenings and 6:00-7:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings, except when there are Manila High School Volleyball games. The Computer Lab is also open on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, except holiday weekends.

Wednesday Evenings we will hold computer instruction from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Computer Lab at Manila High School. During the Month of October instruction will center around word-processing.

Each October participates in the Lights on After School celebration. This year's date is October 9th and the planned activity is a Halloween Carnival. The Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO) is assisting, this year. Dinner will be served 4-7 pm with the Spook Alley and Carnival starts at 7:30 pm, so bring your little goblins out for a Spooktacular time!



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UINTAH BASIN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Uintah Basin Association of Governments (UBAOG) 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.

UBAOG Position Available in Daggett County

The Uintah Basin Association of Governments is currently accepting applications to fill the position of AmeriCorps VISTA in Manila, Utah. Duties will include recruiting and supervising volunteers and volunteer opportunities in Daggett County, as well as serving as "Satellite Office" staff for the UBAOG, which includes working with other Association of Government staff in collecting applications, directing clients to appropriate personnel, and other duties as assigned. The position will be 20-32 hours per week and pays a monthly "Living Allowance" of approx. \$720.00. Training, and travel expenses for required trainings are paid for.

The deadline for applications has been extended to October 10th at 5:00 pm. Your application package must include:

- UBAOG Application (available at the County Courthouse)
- Resume
- 2 letters of reference/recommendation

If you need more information or have questions contact Jason Rasmussen or Yankton Johnson at 435 722-4518.