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SELF-HELP HOUSING UPDATE

Self-help Housing

Several lots are still available for those interested in building a nice home with built in equity. Lisa Nielsen of UBAOG will be at the County Courthouse on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm to explain the program and recent changes to allow higher income qualifications and changed work requirements for families and individual participants. Lots have already been purchased and are located in the Harper's Landing Subdivision. Land costs will not be included in the purchase price, but will be taken out on a prorated basis if and when you sell the property. Those who stay in their new home for at least 9 years will not have to repay the land costs.

If you have any interest in building your own home come to the meeting or contact Lisa at (435) 722-4518.

COUNTY AND TOWN NEWS

Manila Water Line Improvement

Improvements to the water line will necessitate turning the water off to portions of Manila as new valves and lines are hooked up. Check the Post Office or <http://www.dsdf.org/country/manilawater.htm> for the latest information.

Holiday Closures

The County and Town Offices will be closed on December 25th, 26th and January 1st for the Holidays.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Manila's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held at the Senior Center on December 6th, 2003. Hot Chocolate, cookies and fellowship begins at 5 pm and the lights will be switched on at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Hepatitis A Immunizations

Tri-County Health will be providing free Hepatitis A Immunizations to anyone 18 and older on Thursday, January 8th, 2004. Come to the Senior Center or Dutch John Conference Hall between 3 and 6 pm. See Page 2 for more details.



PUBLIC LANDS

The Daggett County Public Lands Advisory Committee, The County Commissioners and Executive Assistance, Brian Raymond have been working very hard at giving input towards the Bureau of Land Management's Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan or RMP as it is commonly called.

Those that serve on the Committee are Chairman-Alex Radosovich, Buz Buzarde, David Jones, Troy Gale, and T. Wright Dickinson. Valuable input has also been given by Clayton Chidester and Dave Allison of UBAOG, Jean Dickinson of Sweetwater County, Bill Goosman of the Forest Service and Jack Lytle of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

The BLM land in Daggett County is in Brown's Park, Clay Basin and the Diamond Mountain areas. The County General Plan encourages multiple use while protecting the environment. It also states that we want to maintain the cultural and historical values and uses of Public Lands.

The Draft RMP will be published in the middle of January and will be available for public review at that time. We encourage any interested citizens to review this document and give

their input. Digital and printed copies will be available at the Courthouse, the BLM office in Vernal and the Uintah County Library. If you have any questions contact a member of the committee, one of the Commissioners or Brian Raymond.

The County Commissioners appreciate the many hours the Public Lands Advisory Committee has put into this project.

Upcoming projects include updating the Public Lands portion of the County's General Plan and a Forest Service RMP.

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DAGGETT COUNTY JUSTICE COURT

Manila Precinct

Applications are being accepted until 5:00 pm, December 4th, 2003 for a part-time Clerk of the Daggett County Justice Court, Manila Precinct. Applicants must be a Daggett County Resident and pass a background check.

Job Descriptions and Applications are available at the County Clerk's Office and the Justice Court Office in the Daggett County Courthouse during regular business hours(9am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm). This position is part-time of at least 2 hours per morning, Monday through Friday. Wages are based on experience. Part-time benefits apply.




For more specific information contact the Justice Court between 9 and 11 am at 784-3216. Daggett County is an Equal Opportunity employer.

ENTERPRISE ZONES

Daggett County is looking at setting up certain areas within the County as Enterprise Zones. Businesses (except retail and agricultural) within the boundaries of these specified zones will be eligible for tax credits when they expand, or hire full-time employees. For more information see the State of Utah website at: <http://dced.utah.gov/incentives/enterprisezones.html>.

If you have comments, questions or would like more information contact Brian Raymond at 784-3218. This is an item that will be pursued more fully in 2004, but if you have a need for this to be in place this year, please contact the County Commissioners office.




Starting in January,



Advertising or coupon space (3" wide x 2.25" tall) and (3" wide x 4.5" tall) will be available to advertise your Daggett County business to local residents.

All advertisements or coupons should be camera ready or in digital format.

For more information contact Brian Raymond at 784-3218.

This space is available for \$15/month!



Business Owners

This Advertising Space is Available for only \$25.00/month

"Save," "Free," "Discounted," "Buy One Get One Free/1/2 Price" and "Special Notices" can be used to grab the attention of Daggett County residents and inform them about your business.

Examples:

Week 1: December 1-6, 2003
New shipment of do-dads arrive!

Week 2: December 7-13, 2003
Buy 6 months worth of ads and receive 10% off!

Week 3: December 14-20, 2003
Check out our Christmas Specials!

Week 4 & 5: December 21-31, 2003
Bring in this ad for a Free "Whatever"!

Call Brian Raymond at 784-3218 to get your advertisement in the next newsletter! Ads must be in digital format or camera ready.

DAGGETT COUNTY WEB SITE

The Daggett County web site is available at <http://www.dsdf.org/county>. The monthly calendar that is a part of this newsletter is part of the site and is updated as new information becomes available. The calendar also has links to meeting agendas and pages with additional information about the entry.

The Information and Services page has links to County job postings, maps, past newsletters and many other sites, so check it out today! If you have any questions or comments about the website or any of the pages please contact Brian

HEPATITIS A IMMUNIZATIONS

In addition to the regular immunization's available on December 10th, Tri-County Health is suggesting that those who work with money, food and the general public get vaccinated for Hepatitis A. Health Nurses will be at the Senior Center and the Dutch John Conference Hall on January 8th from 3 to 6 pm to provide free shots for those 18 years of age and older. A booster shot voucher will be provided for the second shot, which is required six months after the first shot in order to complete the series. For more information contact the Tri-County Health Department at (435) 781-5475.

DAGGETT COUNTY LIBRARY

The State of Utah Department of Workforce Services supplies a computer for County residents to access the State website (<http://jobs.utah.gov/>) to look for available jobs and other job information.

You can also file any weekly unemployment claim by accessing this website. This computer is located in the Daggett County Library at the Courthouse. The County supplies a color printer for public use which is also located in the Daggett County Library. The cost for anything printed is 15 cents per sheet.

With cold weather upon us, those dark, winter evenings can seem pretty long. Why not fill those hours by reading a good book?! The Daggett County Library has a wide selection of books for all ages. There are adventure books, romance novels, children and youth books, history books, among many more to choose from. Recently, TriCounty Health donated \$300 to the Daggett County Library for the purchase of new books. As part of this grant some smoking cessation books have been ordered and should be arriving soon. Thanks to the grant our little library now boasts the following *new* titles:

Last of the Bandit Riders

Beyond the Hundredth Meridian

In Search of Butch Cassidy

Jedediah Smith and the Opening of the West

Last Canyon

Outlaw Trail

Jim Bridger Mountain Man

Letters of a Woman Homesteader

Flaming Gorge Country

Sagebrush Country

Harry Potter: Volumes 1-5

Comments from some of the library patrons:

“I love the library! I like having the books there. It’s too bad it can’t be expanded.”--Michelle Brady

“I enjoy the library. When my granddaughter visits, she likes going to the library.”--Evelyn Jones

“I really like going to the library. It’s nice to have the books there for school reports and stuff.”--Jingles Lamb

“I think it’s a good thing the library is there. It would be nice to have a bigger facility but our little library is better than nothing at all!”—Jennifer Walker

LEPC TIP OF THE MONTH

Instead of an LEPC Tip from a website, this month we encourage you to look at the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov> as there is all kinds of useful and interesting information available at this website. Kids and adults can learn and enjoy the kids section at: <http://www.fema.gov/kids>. There are games, activities, quizzes, and etc. including “Pets and Disasters,” and a “Kids Activity Survival Kit.”

Another interesting website is the American Red Cross site at: <http://www.redcross.org> or the Utah site at: <http://www.utahredcross.org>. These sites have information about disasters and upcoming training opportunities.

In other LEPC news, Shirley Slaugh, the Daggett County Emergency Management Director has been working hard to complete the County’s Disaster Mitigation Plan. A meeting is scheduled for December 11th at 9:00 am at the County Courthouse.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT)

The EMT's of Daggett County were busy in November. We would like to thank Greg Gosar for teaching the Ambulance Operations class on November 15th and also thank all those who participated in this fun and informative class. We now have 1 new ambulance driver in Manila (Oscar Martinez) and 3 new drivers in Dutch John (Richard Hazel, Deloy Adams, Jack Lytle).

In November the Daggett County EMTs attended the EMS Conference in Salt Lake City. We had a lot of fun and learned a lot of ideas and techniques that will help us in our profession. Rick Ellsworth received a 25 year plaque for his dedication and service to this county as an EMT. The plaque will be displayed in the County Courthouse. Jerliyn Smith, Greg Gosar, Sharon Walters Jacobsen and Cher Maras received or will receive 20 year dedication and service plaques. We would like to thank each and everyone of them for their dedication and for their knowledge they have given us rookies in the field and in the classroom.



We will be offering an EMT Basic Class that starts January 17th at the Flaming Gorge Lodge. Anyone interested please contact Patty Schwartz and any of you High School Seniors that are interested we need to have your 3 letters of recommendation by Dec 15th.

We will be having our Christmas party at Red Canyon Lodge sometime in December. We will be sending out a letter and a sign up sheet for the pot luck dinner. All volunteers are invited to come and anyone that would like to attend that works for the county. Please contact Patty Schwartz if you would like to attend so we can get somewhat of a head count. Families are invited.

The EMT's of Daggett county would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe one, too.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The elected officials and staff of Daggett County wish you and yours a Happy and Safe Holiday season!



MANILA SENIOR CENTER

This month in addition to the Wednesday lunches (cancelled December 24th and 31st) and Friday Dinners there will be a Pizza and Christmas Decorating party December 1st at 5 pm at the Senior Center. On December 15th at 5 pm there will be a Senior Christmas Party at the Senior Center. There will be soup and games and the ever popular White Elephant gift exchange. Call 784-3158 to attend or contact Ardyce Mitchell at 784-3592 for more information. Don't forget the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on December 6th at 5:00 pm. All ages welcome.

THE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The 21st Century Community Learning Center's Connections fall afterschool and evening programs are now running and will continue through the end of the school year.

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 & Wednesday evenings, except when there are Manila High School Basketball games. The Computer Lab is also open on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. See the Calendar for the Evening Holiday Schedule.

Wednesday evenings (except Dec 24th & 31st) we will hold computer instruction from 5:15 to 6:00 pm in the Computer Lab at Manila High School. December's instruction will center around using the internet.



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BOARDS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY INPUT

The following volunteer Boards have at least one opening. For more information or an application contact Vicky McKee at 784-3154. More information can be found at online at: <http://www.dsdf.org/county/DGNews.htm> and digital applications can be found on the county's website at: <http://www.dsdf.org/county/Notices/BoardApplication.pdf> or [/BoardApplication.doc](http://www.dsdf.org/county/Notices/BoardApplication.doc). Applications need to be turned in by 5:00 pm December 15th, 2003 for consideration at the December 16th Commission Meeting.

Tourism Tax Advisory Board

Tourism Tax Advisory Board advises the County Commissioners on the expenditures of the Transient Room Tax (TRT) and the Restaurant Tax. This Board meets quarterly with the next Board Meeting scheduled for February 2nd at 3:00 pm. Previous experience with tourism and recreation is preferred.

Economic Development Board

The Economic Development Board has two openings for Board members. This Board meets monthly in the evenings and is working on an updated action plan to enhance the economy of Daggett County. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for December 11th at 5:30 pm at the Daggett

County Courthouse. Business experience is helpful, but this Board benefits from having people of varied backgrounds and experiences.

Scheduled meetings of these two Boards are open to the public and are posted on the monthly calendars as part of this newsletter, while agendas are posted at the County Courthouse, and the Dutch John and Manila Post Offices at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Sweetwater/Daggett County Fair Board

The Daggett County Commissioners would like to thank Floyd Briggs for his many years of dedicated service on this Board. With his recent resignation this non-voting position becomes available to a county resident interested in representing Daggett County at the Fair Board's monthly meetings. The meetings are held at the Fair Grounds in Rock Springs. The Board member selected will need to attend regularly and keep the Commission and 4-H representatives up-to-date on the meeting results. An agricultural background and interest in recreation would be helpful to someone interested in serving on this board. A travel per diem is available for this position.