

# Daggett County Newsletter

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## CONGRATULATIONS to the outstanding High School Basketball Athletes



**Lacy Larsen, Junior**  
Deseret News 1st Team All-State  
Salt Lake Tribune 1st Team All-State



**Christy Gardner, Senior**  
Deseret News 2nd Team All-State  
Salt Lake Tribune 1st Team All-State



**Cara Gardner, Senior**  
Deseret News Honorable Mention  
Salt Lake Tribune 1st Team All-State



**Nina Beck, Junior**  
Deseret News Honorable Mention



**Camille Rose, Senior**  
Deseret News Honorable Mention



**Casey Robinson, Senior**  
Deseret News 1st Team All-State



**Michael Hughes, Senior**  
Deseret News Honorable Mention

The Salt Lake Tribune has not yet released the Boys Basketball All-State Teams.

## Coach Kim Stephens was named 1A Prep Girls Basketball Coach of the Year!!

### 911 Addressing

The County Commissioners would like to thank Lesa Asay for all the work she has put into the 911 addressing. In the past year she has put in over 500 hours working with several state agencies and the Road Department to provide addresses for all County residences. Unfortunately, this is not a static process and a need for minor changes has surfaced and may continue to surface as we move further into this project. Thanks for all your help Lesa! Thanks to all the people who have posted their addresses.



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### Commissioners:

Chad L. Reed  
Craig W. Collett  
Stewart Leith

### Clerk/Treasurer:

Vicky McKee

### Auditor/Recorder:

RaNae Wilde

### Assessor:

Lesa Asay

### Sheriff:

Allen Campbell

### Attorney:

Dennis L. Judd

### Deputy Attorney:

Rachelle Palmer

The ATV Club meeting held on Friday, March 10th scheduled a trail ride for Saturday, April 8th (weather permitting). This club was organized to help design some trail systems in the area. The ATV Club plans to organize a trail ride once every month. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For the April 8th trail ride please meet at Floyd Brigg's house for breakfast at 10 am and then join the club on a trail ride out to the lake from the Manila Shooting range. On this ride you will also be seeing Finch Cave. Make sure you bring your own four-wheeler and kids need to come with helmets. Call Floyd Briggs at 435-784-3280 or Don Coddell at 435-784-3550 to RSVP for the breakfast!



Pictured Left to Right: Floyd Briggs, Mitch Olorenshaw, and Bob McKee

## DAGGETT COUNTY LEPC LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### LEPC VISION STATEMENT

WE AS THE LEPC ARE COMMITTED TO MITIGATE, PLAN, RESPOND AND RECOVER IN ALL HAZARDS IN ORDER TO PROTECT LIVES, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE LIVE

Mark your calendar for April 26, 2006 for Advanced Weather Spotter training to be held at the Courthouse at 13:30, Basic Weather Spotter is a prerequisite.

The following is taken from NIMS Alert NA: 004-06, NIMS Integration Center, March 7, 2006, for more information contact [NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov](mailto:NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov) or contact the LEPC or the Office of Emergency Management 435-784-3154.



### Tip of the Month: Who has to take NIMS and ICS training?

All federal, state, local, tribal, private sector and non-governmental personnel with a direct role in emergency management and response must be NIMS and ICS trained. This includes all emergency services related disciplines such as EMS, hospitals, public health, fire service, law enforcement, public works/utilities, skilled support personnel, and other emergency management response, support and volunteer personnel, as follows:

#### Entry Level

FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction

ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent

#### First Line, Single Resource, Field Supervisors

IS-700, ICS-100 and ICS-200: Basic ICS or its equivalent

#### Middle Management: Strike Team Leaders, Division Supervisors, EOC Staff, etc.

IS-700, IS-800 NRP, ICS-100, ICS-200 and in FY07, ICS-300

#### Command and General Staff: Area, Emergency and EOC Managers

IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200 and in FY07, ICS-300 and ICS-400

### What about elected officials?

The NIMS Integration Center strongly recommends that all elected official who will be interacting with multiple jurisdictions and agencies during an emergency incident at the minimum, complete IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction and ICS-100: Introduction to ICS. These courses provide a basic understanding of the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System. Everyone directly involved in managing an emergency should understand the command reporting structures, common terminology and roles and responsibilities inherent in a response operation.

**"IF YOU FAIL  
TO PLAN YOU  
PLAN TO FAIL"**



# BLM News



Bureau of Land Management • Vernal Field Office • 170 South 500 East • Vernal, Utah 84078  
[www.ut.blm.gov](http://www.ut.blm.gov)

The public is invited to get involved with the Bureau of Land Management's land-use planning effort for the Vernal Field Office at its new website: <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/ut/vernal/>. The vernal RMP website and information on other planning efforts in Utah can all be accessed from [www.ut.blm.gov/landuseplanning/](http://www.ut.blm.gov/landuseplanning/).

The new Vernal RMP website provides updates and notification of opportunities for public involvement in the land-use planning process. The public will also have quick access to many of the planning materials including maps, bulletins, background documents, meeting announcements, and the draft RMP/EIS.

## LUCERNE VALLEY MARINA OPEN BY EASTER WEEKEND

Lucerne Valley Marina will be putting the Fuel Dock in the water the week of April 1st. They plan on being fully operational by Easter weekend. Water forecasts look great for 2006, there should be 6033 feet by August. Campgrounds at Lucerne will begin opening around Easter weekend as well.

## NUTRITION CLASSES

**Courtney Tatman** is available to teach, families, singles, children or groups about good nutrition, menu planning, and money management. This is a free service to the people of Daggett County. If you would like to set up an appointment call Courtney at 784-3797.

## P.T.S.O. MOVIE NIGHT "CHICKEN LITTLE"

We would like to invite everyone to Family Movie Night on April 7th at 6pm. We will be watching the movie in the Old High School Gym. There is seating available, but you are more than welcome to bring your own chair, blanket or pillow. The cost is \$1.50 per person, 3 and under are free, and this includes popcorn and a drink.



**Visit the Flaming Gorge Chamber of Commerce on the Web!**

[www.flaminggorgecountry.com](http://www.flaminggorgecountry.com)

## 2006 Daggett County Candidate Filings

### County Sheriff

Richard G. Ellsworth - Republican  
Jerry R. Jorgensen - Republican  
Allen R. Campbell - Democrat

### Auditor/Recorder

Keri Pallesen - Republican

### Clerk/Treasurer

Vicky McKee - Republican

### Assessor

Lesla Asay - Republican

### Commissioner "A"

Floyd Briggs - Republican  
Craig W. Collett - Republican

### Commissioner "B"

Henry J. Gutz - Republican  
Jerry Steglich - Republican  
Eugene VanRoosendaal - Democrat

### School Board District #1

Anne B. Steen

### School Board District #2

Marcia Barber  
Erica Broadbent  
Lynda Leith

### School Board District #3

Matthew Christensen  
Rena Pallesen  
Jessica Steen  
Jill Stevenson

### Manila Justice Court Judge

Claire Reed

### Dutch John Justice Court Judge

Anna S. Schneidervin

Candidate Filing List provided by:  
Vicky McKee, County Clerk

## Mustang's Coach Earns State Honor

On November 2nd, 2005, Scott Taylor was named the 2005 1A Coach of the Year for all sports by the Utah High School Activities Association. Scott Taylor is the first coach at Manila to receive this state honor.

Scott Taylor is in his ninth season as a basketball coach at Manila High School as he coached the Lady Mustangs for four years prior to taking over the boys program.

Scott Taylor received the coach of the year award at a banquet in Salt Lake City. Robert Park, who is the Region XVI Chairman and Principal at Tabiona High School, said Scott Taylor received the award because of the amount of respect his players have for him, for the game of basketball, and their opponents.



## SENIOR NEWS

*Call 784-3158 for a Recorded Message  
Every Wednesday Lunch at 12PM  
1st and 3rd Fridays Dinner at 5 PM*

### APRIL SCHEDULE

Wednesday's - April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th  
Lunch 12pm

Friday's - April 7th and 21st  
Dinner at 6pm

April 25th - IHOP  
Leave at 4pm

## HEALTH CLINIC TAX PROPOSAL

House Bill 193, which was sponsored by Representative John Mathis for Daggett County, will allow the possibility of a 1% sales tax increase in Daggett County to be used for the Health Clinic and Emergency Medical Services.

Visitors pay approximately 75% of the sales tax collected in Daggett County. The County Commission has felt that the Rural Hospital Tax Statute is a good way to raise money to help fund the clinic and other medical services in the county. Modification of this statute (H.B. 193) will allow Daggett County to do this.

The Commissioners have been talking with a non-profit corporation that is in the medical services business, and is willing to manage our clinic.

There is a process we need to go through including this proposal being on the primary election ballot in June, before it actually happens. If passed this could go into effect July 1st, 2006.

We will be holding meetings to discuss this issue and look forward to meeting with county residents.

**THE COMMISSIONERS**

# Ashley National Forest Heritage

## Passport in Time: Carter Military Road Winter Lab 2006

During the week of February 13, Passport in Time volunteers from California, Oregon, and Utah participated in the Carter Military Road Winter Lab. During the five day project, volunteers worked on a variety of projects including the cleaning, identifying, and researching of artifacts as well as designing interpretive displays. Here's some of the analysis and results.

### AMMUNITION, By Ed Bagne

#### 45-70 Army Rifle Ammunition

The rifle ammunition used by soldiers on the Carter Road was 45-70 Government Issue. This ammunition was introduced in 1873 and used by the Army for nineteen years. PIT volunteers have found many of these cartridges while searching for the Carter Military Road with metal detectors. The 45-70 cartridge is 2.105" long and has a case diameter of 0.505" near the base. The diameter of the base is 0.608".



#### 45 Colt Army Revolver Ammunition

In 1875 the Army selected the 45 Colt as the standard issue revolver, and it continued as the official Army revolver for seventeen years. Some 45 Colt cartridges have been found along the Carter Military Road. The 45 Colt cartridges are 1.29" long and have a base diameter of 0.480".

### General Ammunition

Other cartridge calibers have been found along the road and may represent personal guns, civilian teamsters, or later travelers along the road.



Picture [Left to right]  
45-70 Government Issue cartridge,  
unfired 45 Colt cartridge,  
44 caliber cartridge.

### BUTTONS, By Ann Bagne

Military button. This button is approximate 13/16" in diameter. The front has an eagle emblem as described in Brinkerhoff (1972):

"Plain eagle, convex front, or General Service button...From 1855 until 1902 design was authorized for all enlisted men.... The button from 1855 to 1884 can be distinguished by the recessed, wide, flat, and lined shield on the eagle's breast. The eagle's wings are narrow and long..."



The eye on the back is soldered. The maker of the button was J. H. Wilson of Philadelphia as indicated on the back. J. H. Wilson was in business from 1873 to 1904 (Albert and Kent, 1949).

### SHOES, By Ann Bagne

A brass screwed shoe sole. This type of shoe was issued to Army troops in 1872 as an improvement over the older wood-pegged or sewn shoe. The screwed sole was considered more able to stand up to the rougher terrain of the frontier. The screws on the earlier models of the shoe tended to work through the insole but this was solved when the machinery was slowed down. There was, however, still a problem with the screws conducting heat or cold. A doctor on the Yellowstone expedition in 1876 reported:



"The cable secured shoes would have a deposit of frost around each piece of metal, on the inside of the sole, every cold morning. Many of the boots and shoes would be coated with a cake of ice insides when they were not dried out in the night" (Greene 1991, McChristian 1995).

This sole appears to be four layers of leather. It has 63 screws or holes for screws. The heel is missing but in the heel area three screws were reinforced with small square nails. There are other square holes in the leather adjacent to the screws that suggest that the soles had been repaired at least once possibly with nails in these positions also.



### ANIMAL SHOES, By Jerry Odekirk

On October 12, 1881, Captain William H. Bisbee, 4th Infantry, sent a letter to the Adjutant General in Omaha City, Nebraska that contained the following:

"I have the honor to report for the information of the Department Commander that I have within a few days returned from a trip over the Uinta Mts, between this Post and the town of Ashley on the south side of the range, distant thirty eight (38) miles N.N. East from Fort Thornburgh Utah, passing over so far as completed, what is now known as the Carter Station, Fort Bridger and Ft. Thornburgh Wagon road."

On June 10, 1882, Capt. Bisbee, 4th Infantry, requested from the Chief Quartermaster, Dept Platte Omaha, Nebraska, materials for road building. The first two items on the list are: Portable Forge; Complete Tools, anvil etc.; 60 lbs Steel 7/8 inch.

The listing of "steel" as the item immediately following the forge suggests that the "steel" was to be used in association with the forge, for such things as horseshoes. There is no mention of manufactured horseshoes being requested.

In building the "Wagon road" horseshoes and mule shoes are required items for the benefit of the animals used in construction. Most likely, oxen were not used in building the wagon road.



Draft Horse  
Shoe



Normal Horse  
Shoe



Ox Shoe

Information for this article was taken from: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/heritage/histories/carter-military-road-pit-2006.shtm>

If you would like to read more about the Carter Military Road go to the above website.

## Ivan Eugene "Gene" Ruble

MANILA, Utah Ivan Eugene Gene Ruble, 82, died Feb. 28, 2006, of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 17, 1923, in Green River, the son of Thomas Hayden and Eva Rebecca Currens Ruble. The family moved to Manila, Utah in 1933 and farmed there throughout his school years. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served along the West Coast during World War II.

In 1944, he met and married Mary Jane Yohey of Casper. They were married April 23, 1944, in Ogden, Utah.

He transferred to the U.S. Air Force in 1949 and served until his retirement in 1963. He played a part in the first aerial nonstop flight around the world with the Eleventh Air Refueling Squadron. He then moved his family to Manila, where he ranched until his death. In 1964 he began a career with the U.S. Forest Service. He served in recreation and law enforcement until his retirement in 1986. He served as the first EMT in Daggett County authorized by the U.S. Forest Service. He led, trained and managed the EMS and ambulance program prior to the states establishment of the EMT program used today. He was committed to the improvement of the county and dedicated many hours volunteering on various committees.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of nearly 63 years; three children, Mari Gean and husband Allen Campbell, Ray Ruble and Dan and wife Janet Ruble; nine grandchildren, Kelly, Jesse and Russell Campbell, Melissa Walk, RaeAnn and William Ruble, Rebecca, Stefanie and Carly Ruble; and six great-grandchildren, Cody, Courtney and Caitlyn Campbell, Wyatt and Ashton Walk and Tanner Campbell; brother, James Ruble of Manila; sister, Genivieve Siler of Green River; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; one sister; and one granddaughter, Katherine Suzanna Ruble.

## ~SIGNS OF SPRING~



**Countywide Cleanup** Manila, Daggett County, UDOT, and the Forest Service will participate in the annual countywide cleanup. The pickup dates for castoffs will be from May 15<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. Work order forms will be accessible from the County and Town offices. The Manila Landfill will sponsor free waste deposit for Daggett County residents on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Now is the time to consider dispensing with your unwanted items for no charge.

### Manila Landfill Summer Hours

Landfill hours will begin for summer on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. Thereafter the site will be open every Saturday at that time and Mondays 9 A. M. until noon.

## UINTAH BASIN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH LOW INCOME AND SENIORS**

Saturday April 1st, 2006 at 11am to 6pm

At the Flaming Gorge Food Pantry

This is a program that will continue each year.

# Daggett School District Job Openings

## Grade PK-K Classroom Teacher

Daggett School District is seeking the services of a full-time Teacher to work at Manila Elementary School in an extended day Kindergarten (4 hours in the morning) and PK classroom (2.5 hours in the afternoon).

## Grade 1 Classroom Teacher

Daggett School District is seeking the services of a full-time Teacher to work at Manila Elementary School as a Grade 1 classroom teacher.

## Grade 4-5 Classroom Teacher

Daggett School District is seeking the services of a full-time Teacher to work at Manila Elementary School as a Grade 4-5 classroom teacher.

## Grade 2-5 Classroom Teacher

Daggett School District is seeking the services of a full-time Teacher to work at Flaming Gorge Elementary School in Dutch John as a combined Grades 2-5 classroom teacher.

### Job Description:

- Provide professional instruction to children in the grades listed above.
- Permanent tenure track position--184 day contract

### Qualifications:

- Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and/or Early Childhood Development
- Must be licensed or be able to obtain a license to teach in the State of Utah
- Must have a working knowledge of the State Core
- Preference given to those with an emphasis in Reading

### Salary:

- Appropriate placement on the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule
- Health, Life, and Disability Insurance and Retirement Benefits

### Closing Date:

- Friday April 21, 2006 at 4:00 pm

To obtain a Daggett School District job application, please contact Kathy Parkinson at (435) 784-3174 ext. 100. Send the application along with a resume, transcript of college coursework, and proof of licensure to Superintendent Bruce Northcott, Daggett School District, P.O. Box 249, Manila, Utah, 84046.

Applicants granted an interview will be given notification by phone. Interviews will take place in late April.

The successful applicants will begin work on Monday August 21, 2006.

## Bus Route Driver Substitute Bus Drivers

Daggett School District is seeking the services of a Bus Route Driver and Substitute Bus Drivers.

**Job Description:** Drive students to and from school; Fieldtrips, Activities, and Home Run.

**Qualifications:** Current CDL with a bus endorsement; Preference given to persons with previous experience; Must be available to work in the morning and afternoon and as otherwise scheduled; Temperament and professionalism necessary to work with public school students.

**Salary:** Placement on the Classified Salary Schedule; Medical and retirement benefits could be attached to this position depending on the negotiated contract.

**Closing Date:** Friday, April 21st, 2006 at 4:00 pm

Applications are available at the Daggett School District Office by contacting Luann Robinson at 784-3174. Ext. 120.

Those applicants granted an interview will be given notification by phone. Interviews will be held in late April.

Successful applicants, if properly licensed, will begin work as soon as possible. Successful applicants who have no previous training will be eligible for District paid training.

Any individuals chosen for this option would have to be available for intensive training in the Basin or on the Wasatch Front in the coming months in preparation for work beginning in August.

## Food Services Manager/Head Cook

Daggett School District is seeking the services of a full-time food services manager/head cook to work in the kitchen at Manila High School.

**Job Description:** Prepare and serve school lunch to elementary and high school aged students; Plan breakfast and lunch menus; Daily lunch counts; State and Federal reports; Full-time (7 hours per day); 178 day contract (possible additional days as needed).

**Qualifications:** Previous experience working in a commercial kitchen desired; Previous experience working in a school lunch program desired; Temperament and professionalism necessary to work in public schools; Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

**Salary:** Placement on the Classified Salary Schedule; Full medical and retirement benefits.

**Closing Date:** Friday, April 21st, 2006 at 4:00 pm

Applications area available at the Daggett School District Office by contacting Kathy Parkinson at 784-3174, Ext. 100.

Those being selected for an interview will be notified by phone. Interviews will be held in late April.

The successful applicant must be available for training during the months of May and July, by arrangement, and will begin full-time work on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2006.

## COW COUNTRY RODEO MEETING

The Daggett County Cow Country Rodeo Committee met last week to begin planning this year's summer rodeo, to be held the weekend of July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to gather all interested county and civic organizations to confirm their commitment to executing the 2006 Rodeo event and to fill committee assignments. The various rodeo "job positions" were elected/assigned.

**2006 Rodeo Chairman:** Donald Pallesen

**Vice Chairman:** Mark Wilson

**Ticket Manager:** Jerry Taylor

**Ticket Crew:** Seniors and 4H Club

**Concessions Manager:** Jerry Steglich

**Concessions Crew:** Daggett County Economic Development, Flaming Gorge Chamber, and 4H Club

**Queen Contest:** High School Rodeo Club

**Marketing:** Toni Pendleton and Mark Wilson

**Rodeo Event Help, Beer Sales and Pre-Rodeo Work Party:** Daggett County Lions Club

**Arena Prep:** Roxie Pallesen

**Event Sponsorship Sales:** Bill Schell & FFA

**Rodeo Ad Sales:** Paul Briggs and Courtney Tatman

No decisions were made as to a Saturday night Rodeo Dance, Sunday Rodeo (slack) breakfast or a Calcutta. These are all related activities that have been held at various county rodeos in the past.

The Daggett County Lions Club committed to be the banker for the Rodeo Committee for 2006. (The rodeo requires an outlay of around \$10,000 to run the event).

Mark Wilson showed financials as to how the event revenues would cover its costs, if the Rodeo is as successful as the past three years. Fundraising was discussed which would be in the form of event sponsorships and rodeo program ads. A proposal was made to split these funds up between the various organizations involved, but no final decision was made on this matter.

## Trails Meeting

The next trails meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, with possibly a second meeting being held on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. At the last meeting several possible visions were developed: "Our vision is a trails system that involves all user groups; develops health, safety, appreciation and protection of natural resources for future generations, while connecting communities with public lands and into a regional trail system." and "Our vision is a trail system that will ultimately connect local and regional communities, enhance economic stability, and bring a sense of appreciation of natural resources that provides for its protection while accommodating all user types with health and safety in the future to come. The Mission for the Trails Coalition was proposed as: "The mission of the Flaming Gorge Trails Committee is to promote trail adventures by defining, coordinating and prioritizing the development of a local and regional trail system." Come to the meeting and help us identify all the existing trails, finalize these guiding statements and begin to look at our desired conditions for the future.

## Manila Library

Books that have resided in the Courthouse have been moved to the Museum/Library behind the courthouse. Books are still available when the Courthouse is open. A part-time staff person will be hired shortly and volunteers are needed to help staff the library. Any interested persons should contact Commissioner Leith at 435 784-3218.

# FOOD PANTRY NEWS

## NEW Food Pantry Hours

Starting April 01, 2006, the food pantry will not be open on Mondays. It will be open on Tues. and Wed., From 9:A.M. To 5: P.M.. If you need to get in touch with me, you can call me at home, the number is: 784-3152.



Outstanding Volunteers Pictured Left to Right: Courtney Tatman, Melody Christensen, Rena Pallesen, Harlow Leavitt, and Mike Bertagnoli. Vickie Briggs not pictured.

## The Food Pantry will handout food on April 20th this month.

Groceries will continue to be handed out on the third Thursday of the month. Thanks to everyone who took the time to nominate some one for the Silver Bowl award, we had 6 nominees, they were, Harlow Leavitt, Vickie Briggs, Melody Christensen, Courtney Tatman, Mike Bertagnoli, and Rena Pallesen. The judges chose Harlow Leavitt as the winner, and he will go to Provo on April 17, 2006 to accept the award. Mayor Dickson provided the meal for the nominees at the Senior Center, and their spouses. A great big thanks to him. Remember to come into the food pantry and sign up for being a volunteer, and keep track of your hours, and Daggett County gets credit for them. We have so many good volunteers, and we need to show other areas, how much everyone really does for our area.



# Ride the Trail of Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch Continued...

By Mark Wilson

North from Vernal, get back on the Outlaw Trail at the Browns Park Scenic Backway, a remote drive through Crouse Canyon, across a swinging suspension bridge into Browns Park. The Park was one of the major outlaw hideouts along the Outlaw Trail. Why was it so popular? It was very remote. It provided year-round forage for rustled stock. And most importantly, it was very close to the borders of three states, making it easy to pull a job in one state and escape pursuit across a state line very quickly. These characteristics were what attracted many outlaws to Browns Park, including Butch Cassidy. The families living in Browns Park in the 1890s were just as colorful as the outlaws that became their neighbors. Butch was known to have worked or lived at several ranches that visitors can still explore today, including the Bassetts, Doc Parsons Cabin, the Allens and the ranch of Charlie Crouse – the one-time saloon owner in Vernal. Two famous sisters of the Park were “Queen” Anne and Josie Bassett, ladies that were known friends of the Wild Bunch and famous for a few outlaw activities of their own. In her later years, Josie always referred to Butch as her “Browns Park Beau.” Anne Bassett once told the amazing tale of the “formal” Browns Park Thanksgiving dinner of 1896. The Wild Bunch laid a gourmet table, including such eastern “fancies” as oysters on the half shell. Some outlaws cooked for the local families while Butch and the Sundance Kid served as waiters!

Legends say that in August 1896 at Cassidy Point (above the Crouse Ranch in Browns Park) Butch gathered a crowd for his newest plan.

Hundreds of outlaws were said to have traveled to the Park to hear him out. Butch suggested that the outlaws form an organized gang to be known as the “Train Robbers Syndicate.” While this name never stuck, it was the

beginnings of the well-planned “Wild Bunch” exploits that made the gang famous.

On to the Sheep Creek/Spirit Lake Scenic Backway in Flaming Gorge. Here one can visit the gravesite and ranch of the mysterious Cleophas Dowd. He raised the finest horses in the area, on the mountain that now bears his name. In fact, they were reputed to be the stead of choice for Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch Gang. (Outlaws were always seeking a faster horse than the posse!) Dowd’s Ranch is said to be a secret part of the Outlaw Trail, with an escape route from his cabin through a hidden door located behind a cupboard. Known as a hard man, Dowd was murdered by his own ranch hand in 1898. It is said that the Sundance Kid wanted to ride in revenge, but Butch talked him out of it.

In nearby Conner Basin, just south of Manila, Butch once showed the locals his amazing shooting skills. He rode round and round a tree at full speed, guns in hand, and shot neat holes an inch apart completely around the tree! The amazed Rollin Twitchell of Manila watched this shooting demonstration and once said that the settlers “knew the outlaws were wanted elsewhere, but here they were just regular folks.”

And independent Josie Bassett? She lived out her days alone, at a remote cabin west of Vernal. This restored historical landmark is now a featured part of the “Tour of Tilted Rocks” scenic drive in Dinosaurland National Monument.

So, saddle up and follow in the many hoof-prints of Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch through Dinosaurland! Journey from Nine-Mile Canyon to Vernal to Browns Park to Flaming Gorge and Manila. Explore the scenic drives, historic buildings and famous sites of the infamous Wild Bunch as you follow your own Outlaw Trail!

Daggett County would like to say thanks to Shaney Slaugh for all her hard work over the past 4 years. Good Luck Shaney!!

Daggett County would like to welcome Kris Hughes to the position of Deputy Auditor/Recorder. Kris grew up in Farson, Wyoming and moved here a year ago with her husband Dennie Hughes. They have five children. Kris has been working at her new job for 3 weeks now and is really excited about this new career opportunity.



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## Flaming Gorge Country Book – *Finally Available!*

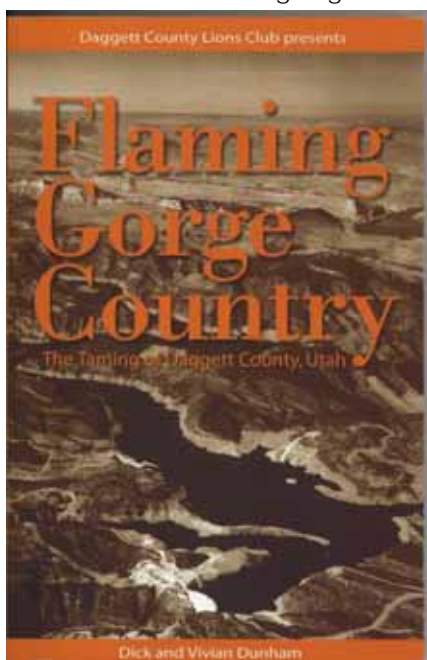
After four years of effort, The Daggett County Lions Club is proud to announce that the popular regional history book, *Flaming Gorge Country*, has finally been re-published and is available through Lions Club members and the Intermountain Natural History Association.

The origins of the book, in the words of the original author Dick Dunham, are a great story in itself: "It's more than 25 years now [about 1946] since that drizzly October dusk when Vivian and I, along with our 10 year old daughter, Mary, rode our jaded horses down the gumbo road from Green River, camped on Henry's Fork, and saw Lucerne Valley for the first time. More unlikely vagabonds you never met. Vivian was a concert pianist, I a college professor. We were celebrating entering our forties by a wild and improbable adventure.

With the assurance born of greenhorn ignorance, we'd sold our car at Jackson, Wyoming, bought a string of horses, and set off, alone and unguided, with the idea of packing down to Taos to spend the winter. We'd already been snowed on at timberline in the Wind River Range, lost our horses in the desert and tracked them down by airplane. We'd patched and re-patched our dudish clothes. By the time we reached Linwood, we were a grubby and thoroughly disreputable crew.

We never got to Taos. We did ride up the mountain as far as Greendale where Orson Burton warned us the trails ahead were likely snowed in, and persuaded us to spend the winter with his son Jesse down at Little Hole on the Green River.

For us dude Easterners, it was an exciting and memorable winter. We helped Jesse run his trap lines for bobcat and beaver. We forded the Green River to ride down to Browns Park for dances at the Lodore schoolhouse. We packed our good clothes in a "Uinta suitcase" – a flour sack that hung from the saddle horn – and crossed on the ice to ride the thirty bleak miles up over Dutch John flats, lead our horses over Keith Smith's swaying sheep bridge, pick up our mail at George Rasmussen's store in Linwood, then trot up the back road to Manila where Mary was going to school.



The next fall we moved down to a little house on the Rasmussen place at Linwood. We spent a busy and happy year. It was Utah's Centennial. The state had asked each county to write up its history. That was more in our line; so when Tim Potter, chairman of Daggett County's committee, asked for volunteers, we spoke up. Our offer was accepted..."

That original history of Daggett County, published in 1947, was entitled "Our Strip of Land", after the outline of little Daggett County in the state of Utah. In 1977, Dunham returned to the area and ended up re-writing the book, including adding over 280 historical photos from the region. It was then published as "Flaming Gorge Country." It quickly became a popular local favorite and was sold through the Daggett County Lions Club. In 1981, Dunham transferred the rights to the book to the Lions Club.

For those who haven't seen the book, it is a great history of the Flaming Gorge area written in a fun, infor-

mal style. As stated on the back cover: "throughout the book you'll meet an intriguing array of rough and ready, free-minded individuals – traders, prospectors, cowboys, bull-wackers, sheep and cattle men, homesteaders – living (part of the time, at least) by the unwritten but strict code of the West; and it boasts as fascinating a catalogue of rascals – rustlers, horse thieves, outlaws, stage, train, and bank robbers – as ever graced a display of wanted posters...the James boys, Kid Curry, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, venomous Harry Tracy, the nefarious killer Tom Horn – to name just a few."

The last printing of books (in the late 70's) lasted over 20 years. When the Lions Club began exploring a new printing, it found that much had changed! The original printer had thrown away all the plates many years before. In addition, copy right laws had changed such that every photo had to be tracked back to its "original owner" and re-authorized for publication. In other words, the club had to start from scratch! Lisa Albertson of Heber, Utah was hired to help the Lions Club get the book back in a publishable format. Every word had to be re-typed, every map re-drawn, every photo to be found. Sometimes it seemed like an impossible task! Members of the Lions Club persevered and many local residents helped along the way (Notably Rena Pallesen and Vicky McKee of the Daggett County Historical Society).

Copies of the book are \$12.95 and are available from any Lions Club member or by writing to Daggett County Lions Club, PO Box 504, Manila Utah 84046. (Please include \$2.00 for shipping and handling). The Intermountain Natural History Association also carries the title in all USFS Flaming Gorge Visitor Center book-stores and on their website, [www.inhawebsite.com](http://www.inhawebsite.com).



# JUDGES CORNER



## Ask Not For Whom the Cell Tolls (With Apologies to Mr. John Donne) by Judge Anne Schneidervin

I have held out against the masses with their T-Mobile phones (my husband says it's because I don't like the commercials with Catherine Zeta-Jones, but that's not the reason—well, not all of it.) My privacy is important, I'm not law-enforcement or an EMT, and sometimes I would rather not be bothered by the phone. It seems anymore that we are continually intruded upon by outsiders and I don't want to be at the beck and call of an appliance, especially when the person on the other end of the line is interrupting time with my family to try to sell me aluminum siding, or make a donation to an organization I never heard of. This is one of the reasons I give for not having one. It also is annoying to me in meetings when you are interrupted by someone's beeper playing "The William Tell Overture" and then hear, "Hi, what's up?" Pause. "Nothing, just in a meeting." Pause. "What are you doing?" Pause. "I don't know, better catch you later." Click.

A friend of mine told me cell phones can cause brain cancer and cited Kevin Trudeau's "Natural Cures "THEY" Don't Want You To Know About." However, after perusing the aforementioned volume, wherein he cautioned not only against cell phones, but sunscreen (in his opinion sunscreen causes cancer, but radiation from the sun does not), electric tumble dryers, anything heated in a microwave, eating any food produced/ sold by a publicly-traded corporation or is a "brand-name" product, I didn't feel I could use this as an anti-cell reference since I violated almost every other piece of advice given.

I turned to a more trusted source, Stephen King, and his book, "Cell" which certainly gave me pause and convinced me I wasn't the only one with cell-phone phobia. But, I still haven't seen any scientific studies on cancer, and digital phones have only been in use about ten years, so the jury is still out on that one.

But, this isn't to say that cell phones still aren't dangerous.

## The Marriage of Heaven and Cell (With apologies to Mr. William Blake)

Cell phones have passed the point of being the new rage, and are here to stay. At first, I thought they were a passing phase for the fairly or newly rich (I remember seeing "fake" cell phones advertised in some auto parts catalog for 19.95 with the caption "make people think you have a cell phone!" and a poorly-executed drawing of a man in a convertible, with wind-swept hair and a fake cell phone to his ear, passing an envious-looking family of four in a station wagon somewhere along Highway 66.) Or, should it have been Highway 666, the Road to Cell?

But, whether or not this is paved with good intentions, it appears they are here for the duration. With that in mind, it's prudent to consider safety when mixing driving and cell phones.

## CELL PHONES ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS

Evidence from crash-investigations have shown that about 10 percent of all accidents have involved the driver using a cell phone at the time of impact. Not just dialing (although this would certainly take one's eyes off the road) but talking. This seems puzzling, since many carry on conversations with car occupants and don't seem to have a problem, but the University of Utah (Strayer, et al 2004) compared drunk drivers to cell phone users—and found the intoxicated drivers actually had better responses in regard to reaction time for braking and kept closer to the posted speed limit! Test simulations for drivers while talking on the phone showed slower responses overall to visual cues. They missed seeing pedestrians, traffic signs, animals, and paid less attention to other vehicles. Their braking time was significantly slower than a non-distracted driver.

A study of 456 accidents in Australia involving hospitalization for injuries sustained recorded that 40 of these accidents (9%) had a driver talking on the phone for at least ten minutes before the crash (McEvoy et al, BMJ, 2005) and an ominous footnote to the study said, in summary, "A person using a mobile phone when driving is four times more likely to have a crash that will result in hospital attendance."

Researchers at Virginia Tech Transportation Institute conducted another study with 100 vehicles, outfitting them with data-recording equipment and cameras. In one year, they recorded 69 crashes, 761 near crashes, and 8,239 lesser close calls. Of all possible distractions, mobile phones were the most influential, with 700 cases. 87 involved dialing a hand-held phone, and 466 had drivers either talking or just listening. In second place was passenger-related activities, including conversation, coming in with 400 cases.

These statistics speak for themselves and bring a whole new meaning to the phrase, "Can you hear me now?"

## A NECESSARY EVIL OR SAVED BY THE CELL?

By now the mobile phone fans are up in arms, saying, "But I NEED my cell phone for my job!" That's understandable, for doctors, EMT's, law enforcement officers. I agree whole-heartedly. Also, it is a wonderful tool for people in remote locations, such as Daggett County, to alert our family in case of delay for bad weather conditions or an accident. Originally when people I know acquired them, they told me it was for that reason, and it is sound. But it goes beyond that when drivers are using them simply because they are bored, to the detriment of others on the road. It makes no more sense then applying make-up while driving, or fumbling around for food, CD's or cassette tapes. If these things are necessary, then pull over and attend to them. Then get back to driving with your full attention where it should be—on the road, aware that you are navigating a half-ton vehicle at substantial velocity. Remember driving is a privilege and responsibility, not a right.

## DRIVE SAFELY! The Dutch John and Manila Justice Courts

# DAGGETT COUNTY CALENDAR

## APRIL 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Democrat Convention Noon at the Senior Center  Low Income and Senior Tax Prep 11am
2 <b>Daylight Savings</b>	3 Commission Workshop	4 Commission Mtg. - 9am  Dutch John Advisory Comm. Mtg. 7pm  Town P&Z 7pm	5	6 Bookmobile Dutch John  Trails Mtg. 6:30pm	7 Bookmobile Manila  Manila Fire Dept. Mtg. 7pm  P.T.S.O. Movie Night 6pm	8 ATV Club Trail Ride to Finch Cave
9	10 Commission Workshop	11 Daggett County Planning & Zoning Mtg. - 7pm	12 Soil Conservation Mtg. - 10am  School Board Mtg. - 6pm	13 Town Council Mtg. 7pm	14 Special Road District Public Hearing 8:30pm	15 4-H Easter Egg Hunt at 10am at Manila Elementary
16 <b>EASTER</b>	17 Commission Workshop	18 Commission Mtg. - 9am	19 Rural Business Conference - Vernal	20 LEPC Mtg. 1pm  Rural Business Conference - Vernal	21	22
23	24 Commission Workshop	25	26 Chamber Meeting Noon at Red Canyon Lodge  Advanced Weather Spotter Training  Republican Convention 5pm	27	28	29
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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES, MEETINGS & NOTICES

**County Commission** Meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 4th and 18th at 9am.

The **Soil Conservation District's** monthly Meeting is set for April 12th and 10am.

**Daggett School Board** Meeting will be at 6 pm on April 12th.

The **County Planning and Zoning Commission** will meet on April 11th at 7pm.

The **Dutch John Advisory Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 4th at 7pm.

The **Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC)** meeting is scheduled for 1 pm on April 20th.

The next **Trails Meeting** will be on Thursday, April 6th at 6:30pm.

**The Flaming Gorge Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting** will be held at Red Canyon Lodge at Noon.

Senator Bennett's annual **Rural Business Conference** will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Vernal.

**Advanced Weather Spotter Training** will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The next **Rodeo Committee Meeting** is planned for Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse. At that meeting, more specific information will be passed out to persons managing the various committee duties.

The County has extended the deadline for **Weed and Mosquito positions**. The deadline is now 5 pm April 6<sup>th</sup>. Training will be held Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. For Applications contact the Auditor Recorders office at 435 784-3210.

## 5th Annual RURAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

April 19th 6-7 pm

April 20th 7:15 am to 3:30 pm

Western Park in Vernal, Utah

HOSTS

U.S. Senator Bob Bennett

Utah Rural Development Council

For more information visit <http://www.ruralutah.com>