

DAGGETT COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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Forest Plan Revision Public Meeting February 23, 2006, 5 –7 PM Daggett County Courthouse



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The Ashley National Forest invites the public to attend an informational meeting on the update of its Forest Plan. Forest Service officials will explain the new two-year process of revising the land management plan and provide information about opportunities for public involvement. The Forest Service's presentation will begin promptly at 5:00 pm. Time is allotted after the presentation for discussion and questions. According to Forest Supervisor, Kevin Elliott, "We need the public's help as we chart a new course of direction for the Ashley National Forest. My expectation is that we can revise our forest plan in two to three years in such a way that still places an emphasis on public involvement, still emphasizes incorporating the best available science, and maintains an emphasis on land and resource stewardship."

"We cannot succeed without the public's involvement."

The Ashley National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (referred to as the Forest

Plan) was signed in 1986. It reflected the issues, values, and management techniques of that time. It also attempted to project future resource conditions, outputs and patterns of public use based on current (as of the early to mid 1980s) trends. Although the Forest Plan included predictions spanning more than four decades (1985 through 2030), it was only intended to guide land management actions for 10 to 15 years. Forest Plans are revised every 10 to 15 years. Forest Plan revision is a process for the Forest Service to incorporate changes in the natural environment, new scientific understandings, social trends, and new laws and policies. This requirement was established in the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the National Forest Management Act of 1976.

FLAMING GORGE SNOW CONDITIONS

Snow conditions above Flaming Gorge remain above normal for this time of year. As of January 17, 2006 the snow pack above Flaming Gorge was 119% of normal. One year ago at this time, the snow pack measured 103% of normal. Reservoir conditions are also much better this year as compared to one year ago. The current live storage of Flaming Gorge Reservoir is 3.07 million acre-feet with a reservoir elevation of 6022.4 feet above sea level. One year ago, the live storage of Flaming Gorge was 2.75 million acre-feet with a reservoir elevation of 6013.4 feet above sea level. The Weather Service has released the 2006 Water Supply

MONTHLY UPDATES

Economic Development

The Economic Development Board met on January 25th and has scheduled their next meeting for Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 5:00 pm at the Courthouse. The public is welcome. Plans are underway for this years Tower Rock Run to be held July 8th. The Town of Manila will kickoff the summer with their Carnival on the second weekend in June. Efforts are also underway to bring banking, additional lodging, golf and other recreation amenities to the area. These are long term projects that won't necessarily happen this year and may not for many years to come, but the groundwork is being laid for the future. Both the Town of Manila and Daggett County are planning to work on their Master Plans and Zoning Ordinances during 2006, so watch for more information about public meetings regarding these items.

911 Addressing

Addressing is nearly complete. Letters will be going out shortly with each property's official address. Please use this address for utilities and when receiving deliveries. All properties should have the address posted in 6" contrasting letters facing the street as soon as possible.

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing efforts continue and buyer interest is increasing. Several homes have been completed and buyers are working on their mortgage applications. Some of the inmates have received their Building Trades certification and have had success in finding work after incarceration. The goal is to have six houses completed by the end of June in 2006.

Flaming Gorge Area Chamber

The Flaming Gorge Area Chamber had its first meeting for this year on January 23rd. If you missed it, we would really like to see you at the next meeting, February 13th, 6:00pm at the Flaming Gorge Lodge. Don't miss the opportunity to have a great website, receive valuable information on the entire area and the impacts that information could have on your business. Learn about the excellent publications and brochures that the Chamber has created promoting the area. You can also play a part in the numerous activities and projects that the Chamber supports each year. It is a great way to feel as though you are part of the community!

Don't Be Left Out! Our goal this year is to bring in as many members as possible so that we can all share ideas, knowledge, experiences, discuss and work on common issues and especially help each other be successful in our endeavors. We will have representatives from all town and county committees at each meeting. Don't be left out! The Chamber meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm (7:00pm during the summer) at different locations. Meeting dates, times, locations and agendas will be posted and also mailed to members.

Anyone Can Be a Member! The Chamber welcomes anyone who is interested in the area. The level of participation is up to you! If you do own a business and cannot attend, please consider sending someone from your staff. For more information you may contact: Tina Bennington 435-784-3184

Health Clinic

The Commissioners are still working on re-opening the Health Clinic. With the help of Tri-County Health they have talked preliminarily with a Medical Service provider about services, once funding is available. The State of Utah allows a sales tax of up to 1% to be levied to support rural hospitals, but did not allow for rural clinics. Efforts are underway to change this during the current legislative session. HB 193 was sponsored by Representative John Mathis and could provide the needed funding to support the clinic and EMT services.

Daggett County Jail Exceeds Expectations for 2005

The Daggett County Jail had an exceptional year. Revenues for 2005 were projected to run \$1,660,663. Revenues for 2005 of \$1,805,000 will exceed projections by more than \$144,000.

The Revenues pay the cost of running the Jail; wages, benefits, food, utilities, and so forth. Debt Service or Bonds in the amount of \$243,050 is also paid out by revenues.

Each year the Daggett County General Fund charges the Jail a \$28,000 administrative fee. These monies are taken from the Jail revenues and deposited directly to the General Fund.

So how did the Jail do for 2005? We paid all of our expenses of running the Jail, paid out almost one quarter of a million dollars in bond payments, placed \$50,000 in a fund for the installation of the Jail sewer and will turn over to Daggett County more than \$120,000 which will go directly into the General Fund or the County Reserve. Placement of this money will be determined by the Daggett County Commissioners.

The Jail had some great accomplishments for 2005. The Building Trade School is in full swing. All you have to do is drive past the new homes in Harper's Landing that have been built by the inmates to see their results. We are proud to be accomplishing two very important goals with the Building Trade School. The monetary savings to the county, which is then passed onto the home buyer and also the trade skills that the inmates are

learning that will help them to have a successful parole.

We had 12 inmates graduate from High School this last year. Our teacher, Mr. Wilkinson, has been phenomenal! Getting grown men to get serious about education is a huge task in itself! One must have a great deal of dedication to complete High School at an advanced age, especially while incarcerated. Mr. Wilkinson has what it takes to motivate and teach. Twelve inmate graduates in a facility this size is tremendous! Beside GED and High School, we offer several other classes. We conduct parenting, self worth, tobacco, drug and alcohol, breaking free, anger management, coping skills, thinking for a change - cognitive restructuring. All this in addition to

teaching the inmates social skills and personal responsibility every day that they are incarcerated here.

Each year the inmates donate money to Quarters for Christmas. This is a charity that purchases footwear for underprivileged children. The inmates donated over \$500 this year and they did it anonymously.

The second half of the Jail story for the year. We made another year without incident. No

Deputies were hurt in the line of duty and no inmates were hurt, either by enforcing compliance or through inmate assault. In a profession where violence is the prominent theme, the Deputies working the Jail are completely dedicated to the jobs and this county. There is not one other Jail in the State of Utah that has the spotless record this Jail has maintained over the years. As a rule, counties are riddled with law suits and grievances placed by the inmates, but because of our excellence in inmate management, we have been spared this.

The turn over rate of Correctional Officers continues to be a problem at the Jail. We have operated understaffed most of 2005. Reason's for leaving are usually listed as low pay, and more opportunity in other larger facilities. We cannot compete with the energy industry which is

booming in our area. New incentives have been put in place in an effort to try and attract and keep Correctional Officers. It takes a special person with a great deal of dedication to work at a correctional facility. We have used Road Officers to fill in at the Jail during the times we have been understaffed. Because of the efforts of all the Jail staff and Road Deputies, the Daggett County Jail has been a huge economic and social success for the year of 2005.

For the year 2004 & 2005, \$50,000 was placed into a Capital Improvement Fund. These monies facilitated the down payment of \$100,000 for the construction of the Jail sewer line.

Bookmobile News

The Bookmobile arrives in Manila on Thursday evening by 7:00 pm. The Chevron Food Mart is currently closed—I ts Dark!! You are welcome to come over to the Steinaker Motel from 7-9 pm. I am on the Bookmobile making out book orders. See you then!!

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

February 9th, Dutch John—February 10th, Manila
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April 6th, Dutch John—April 7th, Manila
May 4th, Dutch John—May 5th, Manila
June 1st, Dutch John—June 2nd, Manila



American Community Survey

There is a possibility that sometime in the future you may find a survey in the mail entitled the American Community Survey. It is a legitimate survey from the Census Bureau used to collect data about the characteristics of the population throughout the decade instead of just once each decade. The Census Bureau takes a random sample of addresses (not people) and any address has about 1 chance in 480 of being selected in any month. The community may benefit by receiving funds for schools, roads, senior centers and other services based on your answers.

The survey is part of the census, and answering it is required by law (Title 13, U.S. Code) Give your best estimate for items that ask for detailed amounts. Your answers are anonymous and the Census Bureau will protect the confidentiality of your information. Federal law sets a high fine and imprisonment for any Census Bureau who shares data with anyone inside or outside of the government.

If you have any further questions you can call the Regional Census Bureau office in Denver at (800) 852-6159.

Mosquito/Weed Staff Position

Daggett County is looking for 1 to 2 individuals to help full or part-time with the eradication of weeds and mosquitoes. Pay will be between \$7 and \$10 based on experience and certifications. Training will be available for those who are not currently certified. Applications are available at the Courthouse, or for more information contact Richard Zohner or Brian Raymond at (435) 784-3154.

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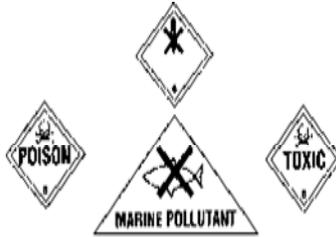
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**DAGGETT COUNTY LEPC
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

In accordance with Title 42 The Public Health and Welfare, Chapter 116 Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know, Subchapter I-Emergency Planning and Notification 11001 (c) Establishment of local emergency planning committee and 11003 (a) Requires a Plan and the Daggett County Local Emergency Planning Committee would like to inform the public that the Daggett County Emergency Response Plan is available upon request at the Daggett County Courthouse. The Plan may be viewed with in 72 hours of your written request; you may not remove the plan from the Courthouse.



**“IF YOU FAIL
TO PLAN YOU
PLAN TO FAIL”**

THE TIP OF THE MONTH:

Preparing Your Car

- Keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good repair. Winterize your car by checking your car battery, ignition system, thermostat, lights, flashers, exhaust, heater, brakes, defroster and tires. Ensure that your car has adequate antifreeze, windshield washer fluid and oil and check regularly throughout the season.
- Place a winter emergency kit in each car that includes a shovel, windshield scraper, flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, water, snack food, extra hats and mittens, blanket, tow chain or rope, road salt and sand, booster cables, emergency flares and fluorescent distress flag.
- If traveling by car during a winter weather advisory or winter storm watch, do so in daylight, don't travel alone, keep others informed of your schedule and route, and stay on main roads. Avoid driving during a winter storm warning or blizzard warning.

Senior News

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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday's—Feb 1, 8, 15, and 22
Lunch 12PM
Friday's—Feb 3 and 17
Dinner at 5PM

Feb 14—Valentine's Day Party and Pot Luck at 5PM
Feb 23—Pot Luck Soup and Sandwich Party at 5PM
Bunko Following Dinner

The **18th Annual Uintah Basin Water Conference** will be held February 14th and 15th at the Western Park Convention Center. Pre-registration is required and savings are in place for those who register before February 7th. Keynote speakers include: Larry Anderson of Utah Water Resources, Mike Styler, Executive Director of Utah Dept. of Natural Resources, Gayle McKeachnie and Fred Finlayson of the Utah Water Task Force. Call the Vernal Chamber at (435) 789-1352 for more information or visit the Courthouse for registration forms.

THE USE OF METHAMPHETAMINES (METH)

Use of methamphetamines (meth) is on the rise. The County Commissioners and the Sheriff's Office want to warn youth and adults alike that meth is not a drug to mess around with or try experimentally. It is highly addictive and very dangerous. Meth is a strong stimulant that can give an extra sense of pleasure, but lead to a crash that leads to increased use until it completely damages the brain and leaves the user unable to feel any pleasure at all. "The most effective treatment for methamphetamine combines detoxification and behavioral therapy, a process that can take well over a year. Relapse rate are high...There are many changes in a meth user's brain, and these changes make treatment even tougher." Law enforcement is busy trying to stem the tide that is enveloping us, but we all need to make sure our friends and family members avoid using this drug like they would avoid the plague. More information, including getting help, can be found online at: www.justthinktwice.com/gotmeth/home.html or by calling the Northeastern Counseling Center at (435) 784-3006.



This was written by a young Indian girl who was in jail for drug charges, and was addicted to Meth. She wrote this while in jail. As you will soon read, she fully grasped the horrors of the drug, as she tells in this simple, yet profound poem. She was released from jail, but true to her story, the drug owned her. They found her dead not long after.

"I AM METH"

I destroy homes, I tear families apart, take your children, and that's just the start.

I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold, The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.

If you need me, remember I'm easily found, I live all around you - in schools and in town

I live with the rich; I live with the poor, I live down the street, and maybe next door.

I'm made in a lab, but not like you think, I can be made under the kitchen sink.

In your child's closet, and even in the woods, If this scares you to death, well it certainly should.

I have many names, but there's one you know best, I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is crystal meth.

My power is awesome; try me you'll see, But if you do, you may never break free.

Just try me once and I might let you go, But try me twice, and I'll own your soul.

When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie, You do what you have to -- just to get high.

The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms Will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms, your lungs your nose.

You'll lie to your mother; you'll steal from your dad, When you see their tears, you should feel sad.

But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised, I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.

I take kids from parents, and parents from kids, I turn people from God, and separate friends.

I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride, I'll be with you always -- right by your side.

You'll give up everything - your family, your home, Your friends, your money, then you'll be alone.

I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give, When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me be warned - this is no game, If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.

I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind, I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine.

The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed, The voices you'll hear, from inside your head.

The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see, I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.

But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart, That you are mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do, But you came to me, not I to you.

You knew this would happen, many times you were told, But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.

You could have said no, and just walked away, If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I'll be your master, you will be my slave, I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.

Now that you have met me, what will you do? Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.

I can bring you more misery than words can tell, Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.

COMINGS & GOINGS

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Daggett County Commissioners would like to thank the following Board or Committee members who have served during the past years: **Deloy Adams**, Greendale, served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Tourism Tax Advisory Board, Dinosaurland Travel Board and as President of the Chamber of Commerce; **Lee Smith**, Brown's Park, served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for many years; **Bryan Olson**, Manila, served on the Economic Development Board; and **Jenny Handy**, Dutch John, served on the Library Board.

Congratulations are extended to the following members of the community who have been appointed to serve on a board or committee: **Floyd Briggs** has been appointed to represent Daggett County and the region on the Wildlife Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Board; **Kevin Wright**, Dutch John, was appointed to serve on the Daggett County Planning and Zoning Commission and was elected Chairman of the Dutch John Advisory Committee; **Toni Pendleton**, Manila, was also appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission; **Currie Harlacker**, Manila, was also appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and **Sara Lamb**, Manila, was appointed to serve on the Economic Development Board.



Newsletter Editor Position Filled

The County Commissioners have named Toni Pendleton to the position of County Newsletter Reporter/Editor. Toni was born and raised in Manila. After high school she attended college at Weber State University on a rodeo scholarship. Later she finished her college education at Utah State University with a degree in Business Information Technology and Education. She then went on to be a teacher in Alpine School District for two years. Toni is married to Travis Pendleton and they recently had their first child, a little boy named Gatlin. They decided to move back to Manila to be close to friends and family.

Elder James Edward Lamb has been called to serve in the Texas Dallas Mission. His farewell was held in the Manila L.D.S. chapel on Sunday, January 29th. Elder Lamb will leave for the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah on Wednesday February 1st where he will spend the next 6-12 weeks learning the Spanish language and gospel discussions. Elder Lamb was hired as a temporary employee of Daggett County for 2004 and 2005 summer season to spray weeds and mosquitoes. He is very excited for this next adventure!



WELCOME HOME, RUSTY MUIR!

Airman Rusty Muir returned home from Balad AFB in Iraq on Saturday, January 21, 2006. He and the other members of the 419th were greeted at Hill AFB by family and friends in welcome home celebration on the base. Rusty's plans are to continue working with the Air Force and load bombs on the F-16.

Trails Meeting

Twenty five people showed up for the second trails meeting and discussed opportunities, issues and planning with Forest Service personnel and Town and County Officials. A leader for an independent Trails Coalition is still being sought. It was decided to form three groups at this time with the possibility of additional groups as additional interested parties get involved. The three groups will begin planning for trails and pathways in and around Dutch John, in and around Manila and on state and Federally owned lands within the County. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 6:30 pm. Maps are being worked on to show what is currently available and we will be looking at what our vision for area trails and pathways. Anyone interested in being involved in any of these three groups is invited and encouraged to attend!



Robb Carter, Ross Catron, Colter Smith, David Klein, Mayor Chuck Dickison, and Jana Franz listening to the Trails Meeting discussion. (pictured left to right)

OBITUARIES

William Rex Masters

CEDAR CITY, Utah William Rex Masters, 95, of Escalante, Utah, died Jan. 21, 2006, in Cedar City, Utah.

He was born Nov. 12, 1910, in Central City, Ky., to Ora Eldridge and Eliza Jane Slaten Masters.

When he was 16, he moved to Linwood, Utah with his mother and stepfather, Albert Thompson. He graduated from Manila High School in 1933.

Masters married Susie Anson on March 28, 1933. She preceded him in death on May 7, 1964. They had three children. Masters married Ray Reid on Jan. 21, 1965, and their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple June 10, 1966. They had 41 years together.

He was a heavy equipment operator most of his life and retired from Daggett County, as supervisor of roads. He enjoyed farming and cars. After retiring, he moved to Escalante, Utah, and enjoyed woodworking and sharing his creations with family and friends. Other interests included gardening and his yard. He also loved sports, especially basketball.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheila and husband George Palmer and Linda and Tom Taliaferro; two stepsons, Vernon Hale and wife Janice Reid and Larry D. and wife Lorna Hale; 19 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Susie; parents; son, James Ross Masters; and grandson, Thomas Seddon Taliaferro.

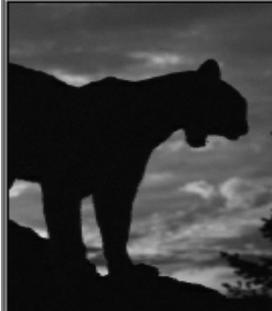
Funeral services will take place Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at 1 p.m. in the Escalante Stake Center. Friends may call at the Stake Center in Escalante on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Interment will be in the Manila, Utah Cemetery on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at 1 p.m.

Steven Poulos

Steven Poulos, 80 year old WWII Veteran, who owns a home in Manila, Utah, was shot and killed in his Holladay, Utah home on January 14, 2006.

He married the love of his life, Billie Loukas Poulos on Feb. 15, 1959 in Salt Lake City. Steven graduated from South High School as a champion swimmer. After graduation in 1943 he was called to serve his country. He landed in Normandy, France June 6, 1944 in the second wave at 6:30 in the morning. He fought two long, hard weeks and saw the loss of many of his comrades. He wouldn't talk about it for years, but always remembering those brave men that never returned. He received five bullets from a German machine gunner as they approached St. Lo but along with his will to survive he came through it after one and a half years of hospitalization. Steven returned home and attended the Utah State University affiliating with Sigma Chi.

Steven was a very well known man and he will be missed by all who had the chance to know him.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

With the National Forest next door, you never know who will show up for dinner. Take a scenic drive and enjoy a fine meal at Flaming Gorge Country's premier resort.

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P.T.S.O NEWS

Anyone who has ordered a cookbook from a P.T.S.O member and has not yet paid needs to do so. All money's and recipes need to be turned in No later than February 5. This will be the final day with No Exception's. Question's please call Courtney Tatman 784-3797

4-H NEWS

If you would like to donate money to the 4-H Easter Hunt, please contact Vickie Briggs at 784-3520. If you are interested please get in touch with Vickie before April 15th.

1998 FORD MUSTANG

For sale on EBAY. Will sell on February 3rd at 2:54 pm. (seller daggettcountryso)



WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS ON THE FOREST

The travel management plan for the Ashley National Forest designates December 20th as the date, for closure of most Forest roads. Most roads on the Flaming Gorge, Vernal, and Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger Districts are not accessible due to winter conditions.

The closure allows other recreational uses of these areas. There are many recreational activities that are enjoyed on the Forest during the winter months when motorized vehicle travel on roads is prohibited. These activities include snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

Always dress for the weather conditions and practice all safety precautions. It is wise to let someone know the location you will be recreating and your expected time of return.

For information about your favorite winter activity or current road closures, call the Ashley National Forest at (435) 789-1181. The Ashley National Forest wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Food Pantry Hours

Monday 9AM-3PM

Tuesday 9AM-5PM

Wednesday 9AM-5PM

Food is distributed on February 16th from 9:30 to 11:30AM

(CLOSED ALL THURSDAYS EXCEPT THE 16th)

Utah State University has hired a Nutrition Assistant to serve all of Daggett County. She is available to teach, families, singles, children or group type setting's 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 Tatman at 784-3797 or Rena Pallesen at 784-3993

The Food Pantry will handout food on the third Thursday of each month starting January 19. I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers and contributors to our Food Pantry. Without these great people, we wouldn't be able to operate. If you would like to volunteer for anything in the community, come in and sign up so that our area gets credit for it. We keep track of your hours. Anything you volunteer for, can be counted, so please let me know and I will get a form to you. If you haven't visited the Food Pantry, come in and look around. We should be proud to have this in our community. Thanks to everyone.

Rena Pallesen

Linwood (Continued)

By Leta Wahlquist

Charles F. Olson was born in Sweden in 1863. He immigrated to America with his family, two older brothers, one older sister, and his parents at the age of three. The family traveled across the vast prairie land in a wagon, before the railroad connecting east and west was completed, making him a true pioneer. Charles' mother died on the trek and is buried somewhere on the plains of Nebraska. His father continued on with the little family to the Utah Territory.

Upon arriving in the Salt Lake Valley, the children were all given away to anyone who would take them, and then their father disappeared from their lives. Little Charles, being too young to work for his keep, unable to speak English, seemed to have the most difficulty trying to find his place in the world. He was often spanked for such things as wetting his pants, speaking Swedish and other toddler's shortcomings, so he began running away, hoping to find his father. He had the misfortune of living with one family after another, and another, until he was about the age of thirteen, receiving little to no formal education. At some time he did learn to speak English, and to read and write. At the age of thirteen he left the family he was living with and working for, never to return. From that time on he was on his own, working wherever he could find work and living wherever he could find shelter, sometimes in a haystack or a dugout on a hillside. He found work sometimes with sheepmen and cattle companies, living in cow camps and herding sheep out on the West Desert. He also found he had a great love of reading and read everything he could find. If he could find a book, or if someone would give him a book, he treasured it and read it over and over.

While still in his teenage years, Charles was working for a drovers crew, trailing cattle or sheep to the eastern markets in Kansas. Sometimes these trail-drives brought him to what is now called Daggett County. There were large herds of cattle and sheep here, ranging all the way from Lonetree, Wyoming, to Linwood and on into Browns Park, that needed to reach a market. Many times he had to layover for awhile, while deals were made and livestock were gathered. He became well acquainted with many of the early settlers such as Phil Mass, the Driskells, the Finches, Gambles, Larges, Sons, Bakers and more. At this time, in the early 1880s, Daggett County's population consisted of Indians, cattleman, men left over from the fur trade, and an occasional gold miner. There was no BLM, no Forest Service, or service of any kind, people simply used what they needed and everyone else

respected their right as being there first. Charles remembered the rivers and streams literally bulging with fish, so much so that one could scoop them up in a wash tub.

Charles Olson remembered there was not one building where the town of Lyman, Wyoming is now. There were a few cabins around Lonetree, but many more buildings and people at the site of Linwood Utah, known to all to be the place of the first Mountain Fur Trading Rendezvous. He stated that the folks here seemed to be proud of that fact, as they related it to him. They also told him about an Indian woman who had visited here, known as Sacajawea, who went to the Pacific Ocean with Lewis and Clark. They said she had many relatives, still living here about. They said she had a Jefferson Peace Medal given to her by the two captains, which she wore around her neck, on a leather string, and she could describe the great fish in the great waters, thought to be whales.

Shadrack Large, a man from Kansas came to this unsettled region as did his brothers, Bill and Jim. Charles knew him as Shade. Shade married Maggie Bazil, granddaughter to Sacajawea. Maggie also told Charles about Sacajawea traveling to the Pacific Ocean with Lewis and Clark and about the Jefferson Peace Medal which was highly treasured by Sacajawea and all her family.

Charles Olson did not settle in this part of the country until years later. The main group of settlers came from Beaver and Garfield counties in Utah between the years of 1896 to 1900. Charles settled here in 1900, after he had married Celinda Twitchell in Beaver, Utah and had twin daughters. Most of the Twitchells were already here having come with the earlier groups.

Upon arriving in Manila, (Utah's new beginning town, just 4 miles west of Linwood, Utah's oldest town) Charles found work with his old friend, Phill Mass, running his horse ranch. This horse ranch was located a whole days travel by team and wagon, to the northwest of Manila. Celinda found this place to be lonely and remote, with no chance for the little girls to attend school. She also longed to be nearer her brothers, sisters and parents, living in Manila or Linwood. Linwood had gone through a growth spurt since Charles viewed it the first time in 1880. There were now two hotels, a store, a warehouse, two saloons and a dance hall.

After a time on the horse ranch, the Olson family made plans to move to the Manila area. Before they could leave the horse ranch a

knock at the door surprised them as visitors were rare. Charles opened the door to see two black men in fur coats. At first look, they appeared to be bears. They asked if they could stay in one of the sheds for awhile. They stated that they had just been released from prison and had a map showing where a cash of gold was buried. After visiting with them for awhile, Charles said they could stay. The men would leave for a day or two on their searches, then return to the ranch. They eventually moved their search for the gold closer to McKinnon, Wyoming, until finally they never did return. Whether or not they found any gold, Charles did not know.

Shade and Maggie raised thirteen children. One of their sons named Charlie married Celinda's sister, Effie. Charlie Large could play the fiddle and was in great demand to play at all the dances in Linwood and Manila for many years. Shade and Maggie lived at the west end of the valley where the wash winds around the end of Hogsback Mountain, the same spot where Maggie's family had been living for years. This small Indian village planted and cultivated berry bushes of all kinds. This writer has enjoyed the fruits of their labors in that same berry patch.

After Shade was killed in an accident on the ranch, Maggie sold off what property they owned, burned down the buildings and corrals, then moved to Green River, Wyoming. Later she moved to the Wind River Indian Reservation where she is buried next to Sacajawea. Charles Olson homesteaded Shade's old place where he built a cabin and raised his family of three girls and two boys.

Sacajawea's great grandchildren rolled boulders from the top of Hogsback, some of them making it all the way to the bottom with a splash in the wash, just as this writer has done and as kids are still doing today.

This year the nation commemorates the expedition of Captain Lewis and Captain Clark, successfully reaching the Pacific Ocean and returning to St. Louis, Missouri. Sacajawea, we here in this corner of the world honor you, although your contribution cannot be measured, you are appreciated for your dedication and service to this great nation. We love this land as you did: the sage and cedar-covered hills, the clean crisp air, the wide blue sky. We, as you, feel a sense of belonging that cannot be found elsewhere.

The End



Daggett County Calendar

February 2006



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3 Forest Products Conference	4
5	6 Commission Workshop	7 Commission Meeting 9 am Hearing -11 am Dutch John Advisory Comm.- 7pm	8 Soil Conserva- tion District Mtg-10 am	9 Bookmobile Dutch John Manila Town Council Mtg - 7 pm	10 Bookmobile Manila	11
12	13 Commission Workshop Chamber Mtg- 6pm at FGL	14 Happy Valentines Day!	15 Econ Dev Mtg-5 pm County P & Z Mtg-7 pm	16 LEPC Mtg. 2 pm Special Service Road District Mtg- 8:30 pm	17	18
19	20 Town & County Offices Closed President's Day	21 Commission Mtg - 9 am Rodeo Mtg. - 7 pm	22	23 Forest Plan Introduction Mtg - 5-7 pm	24	25
26	27 Commission Workshop	28	1	2	3	4



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES, MEETINGS & NOTICES

County Commission Meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 7th and Wednesday, February 22nd starting at 9 am.

The **Soil Conservation District's** monthly Meeting is set for February 8th at 10 am.

Daggett School Board Meeting will be at 6 pm on February 8th, 2006.

Special Service Road District Meeting will be held in the Courthouse on Thursday, February 16th at 8:30 pm.

The **Uintah Basin Water Conference** will be held February 14th and 15th at the Western Park Convention Center. Call the Vernal Chamber at (435) 789-1352 or visit the Courthouse for registration forms.

The **County Planning and Zoning Commission** will meet at the Courthouse on Wednesday, February 15th at 7 pm instead of Valentine's Day.

The **Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC)** meeting is scheduled for 2 pm on February 16th.

A **Public Hearing** will be held on February 7th to finalize and prioritize the 2006 Daggett County Capital Improvement's list for the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. Hearing starts at 11 am and will be held in the Commission Chambers.

A **Cow Country Rodeo** meeting will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 21st at the Courthouse.

The **US Forest Service** will be holding a public meeting at the Courthouse on February 23 at 5pm. For more information see the article on Page 1.

The next **Trails meeting** will be on March 16th at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse. For more information see the article on page 8.

Senator Bennett's annual **Rural Business Conference** will be held on April 19th and 20th in Vernal. For more information visit <http://www.ruralutah.com>.

Advanced Weather Spotter Training will be held on April 26th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Other board and committee meetings scheduled in February will be posted at the Post Offices and the Courthouse. We are still looking for citizens interested in serving on any of the County's Boards or Committees. Applications are being accepted for Economic Development, Planning and Zoning, Dutch John Advisory Committee, Public Lands Advisory Committee, Tourism Tax Advisory Board, and Mosquito Abatement District Board positions until February 17th at 5PM.