



# Daggett County Newsletter

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## Turkey Release: Sheep Creek Canyon

Sheep Creek Canyon near Flaming Gorge has 20 new residents, Merriam's wild turkeys released by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The turkeys were from wild flocks trapped in the Bonners Ferry area of Northern Idaho near the Canadian Boarder. Members from the National Wild Turkey Federation assisted Division biologists with the long drive to Northeastern Utah.

Biologists hope to establish a population of Merriam's Turkeys along the bench above Flaming Gorge Reservoir and the eastern Uinta Mountains. This subspecies was chosen because it prefers more mountain habitats with forests of Ponderosa Pine , interspersed with Aspen, Pinyon-Juniper, Gambels Oak and other mountain shrubs, grasses and wet meadows. Grasshoppers and other insects, nuts, seeds, and green vegetation are important food items. The Rio Grande subspecies is more of a riparian species preferring the cottonwoods, willows and other vegetation found along larger rivers.



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Hank Gutz  
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### Clerk/Treasurer:

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Lesa Asay

### Sheriff:

Rick Ellsworth

### Attorney:

Bryan Sidwell

### Justice Court Judge

Claire Reed

## NEW COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS



**Back Row:** County Attorney Bryan Sidwell, Sheriff Rick Ellsworth  
Commissioner Hank Gutz, Commissioner Floyd Briggs  
**Front Row:** Justice Court Judge Claire Reed, Clerk/Treasurer  
Vicky McKee, Assessor Lesa Asay, Auditor/Recorder Keri Pallesen

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# Happy New Year from the Food Pantry!!

Food distribution will be Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 12 pm.

Now is the time to make resolutions and look forward to new beginnings while learning from the past. At the beginning of this New Year I would like to extend to you the opportunity to serve.

We have volunteer opportunities always available; it's always such a worthwhile experience. Come by the Pantry if you would like to learn more.

I need to express my thanks to the following individuals/organizations that gave so generously this past Holiday Season. There were many families who got just a little bit more because of the following:

Steve & Kathy Pulley

Lou Montoya

Blain & Lona Anderson

Dutch John Boys and Cub Scouts

Manila High School and Town of Manila Residents

Combined, they donated over 2000 pounds of commodities to the Pantry. Thank you all so very much.

**Sincerely - Kathy Padron - Manila Food Pantry**

*We will open the book.  
It's pages are blank.  
We are going to put words on them ourselves.  
The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is  
New Year's Day.  
--Edith Lovejoy Pierce--*

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A CENTURY MAKES!

Steve Radosevich was honored by friends and family for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, at an open house on December 2, 2006 in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Nearly 300 people gathered at the Outlaw Inn to help Steve celebrate. Guest related stories of the good times spent with Steve and his great granddaughter Cheyenne Reid read the poem that she had written for Grandpa Steve.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> 1906, Steve Radosevich was born in Gallup, New Mexico, the son of George and Mary Radosevich. The family moved to Rock Springs in 1911. His parents owned and operated the Yellowstone Grocery and cabins in Blair Town. It was there that Radosevich met his wife Arlie Teters.

He attended schools in Rock Springs through the eighth grade and then went to work in the coal mines. He later was employed part time by Wyoming Game and Fish for 10 years and then by Utah Fish and Game as a game warden while living on the ranch in Browns Park. He and his wife Arlie continued to live at the ranch in Browns Park until her passing in 2002. He has recently gone to stay with his daughter in Star Valley.

Steve and Arlie raised four children at the ranch in Browns Park. Their four children and spouses are Mary Lou Moser and husband Carl of Star Valley, Georgann Besso and husband Chuck of Star Valley, Don Lindsley and wife Carma of Granger and Alex Radosevich and wife Joan of Browns Park. Their 13 grandchildren, 33 great grand children and 18 great-great grand children still love to visit grandpa at the ranch.



# LOOK AT ALL THE SNOW!!!



Many of our residents became stuck in their driveways during that last big snowstorm. Some good Samaritans did what they could to plow out driveways, pull out stuck cars, and generally see what needed to be done to help those in dire straights. A big thank you goes to Commissioner Briggs, Jerry Muir, Keith Larsen, Kenny Lamb, Chad Reed, Winston Slaugh and Ned Brady for all their help!

## Flaming Gorge Community Health Center

### Reopening of the Clinic

TriCounty Health Department owns a health clinic that it has been trying to re-open. During the Primary Election in 2006, voters passed a resolution allowing the Commission to charge a sales tax of up to 1% that can only be used for the clinic and emergency medical services. Current plans are to reopen the clinic in the spring or summer of 2007. The Clinic is scheduled to be open 4 days per week.

### Current Services Offered

TriCounty Health Department currently offers dental services and a health nurse. The dentist, Dr Giauque (pronounced Juke), visits the Clinic once a month and can be contacted for an appointment at (800) 400-1456. The TriCounty Health Nurse visits every other Wednesday between 10 and 11:30 am and 1 to 3 pm.

**The Jarvie Family** would like to express their sincere THANKS to everyone who helped with the recent fire at Washam. A special thanks goes to Adan Magana and Keith & Cindy Larsen. The situation would have been so much worse had they not shown up when they did. We appreciate the efforts of the Daggett & Sweetwater fire departments who worked so hard to save the old house, and to all the good people like Claire Reed who have called to offer assistance in so many ways.  
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## Snow Sculpture & Snow Fort Contest

As we are all enjoying this great snow, there have been some great snow forts being built around town. So it has been decided that there will be a Snow Fort and Snow Sculpture contest.

Please send your pictures of your sculpture or fort to [toni.pendleton@gmail.com](mailto:toni.pendleton@gmail.com). The top two pictures from each category will be published in the February Newsletter.

## Daggett County Website

The new Daggett County website went up over the holidays and is available for viewing at <http://www.daggettcountry.org>. It contains lots of information about the services and opportunities available in Daggett County. The past year's Newsletters are posted in PDF Format are also posted on the Website, but beware if you are using dial-up internet service they are going to take a while to download. The website has a new Event Calendar and also a News Flash section with links to stories being published about our area. The new website is set up to allow each County Department to add new or updated information in an easy and timely manner. Local businesses are being highlighted in the Business Listing pages based on those businesses who obtained a Town of Manila and/or a Daggett County Business License in 2006. A Real Estate Listing Page has been created to highlight the properties available within Daggett County. This service is open to real estate salespeople as well as private individuals and families for \$20/month. Continuous listings of more than 6 months are eligible for a 10% discount. Contact Brian Raymond at (435) 784-3218 or [braymond@daggett.state.ut.us](mailto:braymond@daggett.state.ut.us) with any comments or questions about the website.



## Manila Jr./Sr. High Home Basketball Games

### January 4th

High School Boys & Girls  
vs. Dugway  
Games Begin at 3pm

### January 18th

Jr. High Girls vs. Farson  
Games Begin at 4pm

### January 6th

High School Girls vs. Rich  
Games Begin at 1pm

### January 19th

High School Girls  
vs. Uintah River  
Games Begin at 5pm

### January 9th

High School Boys & Girls  
vs. Duchesne  
Games Begin at 3pm

### January 20

**HOMECOMING**  
High School Boys & Girls  
vs. Altamont  
Games begin at 1:30pm

The Booster Club will have new sweatshirts for all the Mustang Fans!! Let's get ready for another great season. Good Luck Mustangs!!

## Lady Mustangs Ranked #2 in Pre Season



Lacy Larsen defending Hailey Orton of the Panguitch Bobcat's.

## Firefighters Combat House Fire

Firefighters from Manila, Utah, Green River, Wyoming and Sweetwater County all responded to a structure fire on December 10th, 2006, just across the Utah/Wyoming border.

According to Lt. Peter Butcher of the Manila Fire Department, said on December 10th at 11:33 a.m., the Manila Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire in Washam. The first units arrived in three minutes to a fully-engulfed home.

Butcher said the fire was believed to be started by a hot water heater. The fire was reported when an unknown person knocked on the door of the Magana family home located a quarter of a mile away from the Jarvie residence. Adan Magana dialed 911, handed the phone to a bystander and sprinted to the burning home to offer assistance.

Two elderly female residents, Ruth and Pam Jarvie, were inside and refused to leave. Neighbor Magana and Keith Larsen carried out the women before firefighters arrived.

Magana then went back into the structure for Pam Jarvie's wheelchair.

The Green River Fire Department responded from 55 miles away with six firefighters to assist. Sweetwater County firefighters came from 70 miles away with a tanker and three firefighters.

Manila had 11 firefighters respond with four apparatus.

Officials said that the home and all of its contents were deemed a complete loss.

*Article taken from the Rocket Miner.*

## DROUGHT DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED FOR DAGGETT COUNTY

Despite an adequate water year for most of the State of Utah, Daggett County was not so fortunate and has qualified for a state drought disaster declaration. Utah Commissioner of Agriculture and Food, Leonard Blackham asked for, and received the declaration from Governor Huntsman following severe drought conditions that caused an estimated \$900,000 in damage, in the form of lost crop revenue to farmers and ranchers.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, requesting a federal disaster declaration and assistance, Governor Huntsman stated, "This is the smallest rural county in our State and this type of financial impact on the farming and ranching community has had and will continue to have a devastating effect on the overall economy of this area."

The drought has also severely affected range and pasture conditions resulting in serious losses to those producers.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Johanns will review the request and could act within the next few weeks. Possible aid for farmers and ranchers would come in the form of low-interest loans.



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### Planning & Zoning News

On December 15th and 16th a Planning Training was held in North Salt Lake. Ten people from the Town and County Planning and Zoning Boards were in attendance. This was the biggest turnout of any County in the State.

Those in attendance from the County were; Lynda Leith, Commissioner Stew Leith, Toni Pendleton, Nicole Taylor, and Kathy Padron.

Those in attendance from the Town were; Secretary Andrea Scott, Pat Asbill, Dave Hoover, Reta Fletcher, and Gene Scott.

### COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING INFORMATION

If you would like to be on the agenda for County Planning and Zoning Meetings you need to contact Kathy Padron at 784-3993 by the FIRST TUESDAY of the month.

Also, Notices and Meeting Minutes will be posted on the website now and not anywhere else. Meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of each month. Special meetings will be posted on the new County Website.



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**Ready** **Resolve to be READY in 2007**




Dear County Residents:

On December 31, 2006 nearly half of you will make at least one New Year's resolution as you look toward the New Year. Today, Daggett County Emergency Management is encouraging all of our County Residents to make a resolution that is both important and easy to keep, preparing for emergencies.

In a recent national survey conducted by The Ad Council, 91 percent of Americans agreed that taking some simple steps to prepare could help protect themselves and their families in the event of an emergency. However, only 55 percent had taken at least one of the three steps recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign, including getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, and being informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

Therefore, Emergency Management is encouraging you to visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or call 1-800-BE-READY to learn how to prepare your families, homes and businesses for all types of emergencies including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Free materials, including family emergency plan templates and sample business continuity plans, are available through these resources. These materials will provide you with tools to make a New Year's resolution that will bring you a peace of mind.

We encourage you to "Resolve to be Ready" in 2007. Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely, Shirley A. Slauch - Daggett County - Emergency Management Director





## PLAY THE GAME THAT IS ALL THE RAGE - SUDOKU!!

Solution will be in the February Newsletter!!

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### Public Hearing Held

On Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the Daggett County Commissioners and the Town of Manila held a combined Public Hearing. The issue was to determine the desire for the Town of Manila to join the Daggett County Road and Transportation Special Service District. The Commission Chambers were packed as residents came to see what this proposal would mean.

The Road and Transportation Special Service District is a non-taxing Special Service District that receives no tax dollars, but does receive mineral lease monies. These monies are generated by oil and natural gas extraction and are used to pay for special road improvement projects within the district. The Special Service District is separate from the County Road Department, but works with the road Department staff to complete road improvement projects. The Special Service District can not give money directly to the Town of Manila, but can work with them, supply labor, equipment and materials to complete projects within the Town if they become a part of the District. There is still a 15-30 day period where this can be contested, after which resolutions by the Town and the County will be created and passed to finalize the process.

During the Meeting it was mentioned that The County Road Department and the Town of Manila both receive Road money generated by State Fuel Taxes based on the types of roads (paved, gravel, and dirt) and the distances of each. Both entities receive these maintenance monies based on different formulas created by the State of Utah. These monies are barely enough for maintenance of the roads and do not allow for improvements or upgrades, which is where the Special Service District can help.



Congratulations to Ben Rose of Pack 26 in Manila, who was awarded Cub Scouting's highest award on December 6th. He received his Arrow of Light Award and was welcomed into Boy Scout Troop 26 by the Scoutmaster and fellow scouts. Ben is the son of Martin and Debbie Rose of Manila.

During the fall we encourage weekend hibernation - with regular meals of course.



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# January 2007

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

	1 Town & County Offices Closed	2 Commission Mtg. 9am	3	4	5	6
7	8 Commission Workshop	9 Town P & Z Mtg. 6pm County P & Z Mtg. 7pm	10 Soil Conservation Mtg. 10am	11 Town Council Mtg. 7pm	12	13
14	15 Town & County Offices Closed	16 Commission Workshop	17 Commission Mtg. 9am  Economic Dev. Mtg. 5pm	18 LEPC 1pm  DJ Advisory Comm. Mtg. 7pm	19	20
21	22 Commission Workshop	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Commission Workshop	30	31			



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**County Commission** Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd and 17th at 9am.

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

**Economic Development** is scheduled to meet on January 17th at 5pm.

The **Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC)** meeting is scheduled for January 18th at 1pm.

**Town and County Offices** will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance for Martin Luther King Holiday.

**County Planning & Zoning** is scheduled for January 9th at 7pm.

**Town Council** meeting is scheduled for Jan 11th at 7pm.

**Town Planning and Zoning** is scheduled to meet on January 9th at 6pm.

If you have something you would like to publish in the County Newsletter please contact Toni Pendleton at 784-3757 or email at [toni.pendleton@gmail.com](mailto:toni.pendleton@gmail.com).



**Board and Committee Openings**

Daggett County currently has , 1 to 2 on the Mosquito Abatement District Board, 2 on the Tourism Tax Advisory Board, and a space for anyone interested in participating on the Dutch John Advisory Committee, and the Public Lands Advisory Committee, and anyone interested in serving on the Museum Board. If you have interest in being a part of any of these organizations, Daggett County Commissioners are accepting applications until 5 pm January 12th. The short application is available at the Courthouse during business hours.

