



# Daggett County Newsletter

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## Live Nativity Scene at the Rock Ridge Outpost

We appreciate everyone coming and supporting our live Nativity that was held at Rocky Ridge Outpost. We collected cans of food as admission, which we will be donate to the Manila food pantry. Attendants rode around on a wagon to look at wise men and shepherds and Mary, Joseph and the Christ child, all while listening to the story of the Nativity. After seeing the nativity people could gather around a fire and purchase hot chocolate, chili, or hot dogs from Darla Steglich's business. We enjoyed putting this on, and want to thank those that supported.



Photos by  
Gretchen  
Northcott





Ruth Jarvie, 90, of Rock Springs, Wyoming passed away on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at the Sage View Care Center. A resident of Rock Springs, Wyoming for the past thirty-three months and former long time resident of Linwood, Utah and Washam, Wyoming, Miss Jarvie died following a brief illness.

She was born on November 12, 1922 in Green River, Wyoming, the daughter of Thomas B. and Alice Finch Jarvie.

Ruth attended school in Washam, Wyoming and Manila, Utah and was a 1940 graduate of the Manila High School. She also attended the University of Utah. She was a co-owner and operator of the family cattle ranch for most of her life.

Survivors include two brothers Doug Jarvie and wife Eutana of Green River, Wyoming and Alonzo Jarvie of McKinnon, Wyoming; one sister Pamela Jarvie of Washam, Wyoming; four nephews and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Archie Jarvie; sister-in-law Lorraine Olsen Jarvie; sister Nellie Jarvie Nelson; brother-in-law Harold Nelson; nephews Craig Jarvie and Gaylen Jarvie and niece Diane Nelson.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services at her request.



## Boyd E Sweat (February 11, 1927 - December 13, 2012)

Boyd E Sweat was born February 11, 1927 in Center Creek, Utah, the son of Wilhelmina Jane Wilde and Elmer Sweat. Following his education in Heber City Utah, he enlisted in the [U.S. Navy](#) and served as a radar specialist during World War II. He met Shirley Joy Zimmer in San Diego, California where they were married and later sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple. Boyd and Shirley moved back to Center Creek where they ran a farm and Boyd worked for Geneva Steel for approximately thirty years. They raised four sons and one daughter. They later divorced.

Boyd met and married Bonnie Steglich in the St. George Temple June 15th 1996. They served an LDS mission to the Oklahoma City Mission. Boyd's hobbies include raising and training race horses, chariot racing, fishing on Flaming Gorge with his son Randy, and watching the Jazz with the love of his life, Bonnie. Boyd enjoyed serving in his church. He held various church callings throughout his life.

Boyd is survived by his wife Bonnie Steglich Sweat; 15 children, 58 grandchildren and 65 great-grandchildren. Boyd and Bonnie have spent the last fifteen years living a life of bliss in their log cabin, their little paradise, in Manila, Utah. They travel to Heber City and Southern Utah often to visit children and grandchildren in attending blessings, baptisms, and supporting them at sporting events.

2012  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

In spite of everything that is going to be happening here in this community, I would like to take this opportunity to "Wish Everyone a Much Merry Christmas and may 2013 be a better Year for all!" Thanks to everyone that has donated food and volunteered many hours at the food pantry. All has not gone unnoticed nor do any of you know how much it is really appreciated! I want to take this time to say

**"THANK YOU, YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED"  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Eyvonne Long, Daggett County Food Panty

**Daggett County needs your help!**



Daggett County may be converting the Daggett County Newsletter to an email format. **This is probably the last printed newsletter that will be mailed.** To possibly receive a digital copy of the Daggett County Newsletter please submit an email address to: [news@daggettcountry.org](mailto:news@daggettcountry.org) or you can mail your email address to Daggett County Newsletter, P.O. Box 219, Manila, Utah 84046 or call Tamara Twitchell at 435-784-3210 ext 201. If continued, the newsletter will also be available via the Daggett County Website at [www.daggettcountry.org/news](http://www.daggettcountry.org/news). If you do not have email, please contact us to make an alternative arrangement.



## WINTER SECURITY CHECKS

The Daggett County Sheriff's Office will once again, conduct security checks of homes that are unoccupied during the winter months. Anyone interested in having their home checked periodically, will need to fill out the informational form below and return to the Daggett County Sheriff's office. If you were on our list last year, you will still need to fill out a new request for this year. If you have any questions about this program, please call 435-784-3255.

Winter Security Check Request / Authorization	
Property Owner Name(s)	
Daggett County Property Location / Address	
Winter Contact Address	
Winter Phone #	Cell Phone #
Other Phone #	
Comments (Our practice is to put a notice of the security check on your property, usually on a door knob. If you do not want us to leave a notice or if you have a certain location you would like us to leave the notice, please make note.  I authorize the Daggett County Sheriff's Office to inspect the exterior of my home during the winter months and notify me at the number above if they discover any problems.	
Signature	
Return to Daggett County Sheriff's Office; P.O. Box 219, Attn: S. Potter, Manila, UT 84046.	

## Fire Fighter of the Year 2012

The Manila Fire Department held their annual appreciation banquet for firefighters and their families on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. The families are key to supporting the firefighters in their efforts to respond to emergencies in the community. This year Layne Ferrin was recognized by a vote of his peers as the 2012 Firefighter of the Year. He has been involved in training and getting the records up to date this past year. Congratulations Layne!!

New firefighters are always welcome! Contact Mayor Dickinson at the Town Office if you are interested!



## Get Involved!!

### Daggett County has openings for the following Boards, Committees and Volunteer Positions:

- Mosquito Abatement District Board (1 position)
  - Dutch John Cemetery Board (2 positions)
  - Tourism Tax Advisory Board (1 positions)
  - Recycling Volunteers (Multiple positions)
  - Museum Board & Volunteers (Multiple positions)
  - Economic Development Board (2 positions)
- For more information or an application go to the County website at: [www.daggettcounty.org/boards](http://www.daggettcounty.org/boards) or contact the County Courthouse at (435) 784-3154, PO Box 219 Manila, UT 84046  
Applications will be accepted until filled!

If you would like to place an article or advertisement in the Daggett County Newsletter please contact the Tamara Twitchell at 435-784-3210 ext 201 or by e-mail [news@daggettcounty.org](mailto:news@daggettcounty.org)  
Please have information to us no later than January 25th at 5 pm, For the February Newsletter.  
Thank You!





In an effort to conserve and reduce costs, effective January 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013, the **Daggett County Auditor/Recorder's Office and Human Resource Department's** office hours are changing!

The new hours are **8:00 a.m. until Noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Documents will be recorded only during the above listed hours. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 435-784-3210 Extension #405. Thank you.



### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



Daggett County will be accepting applications beginning January 2, 2013 for a **PART-TIME DAGGETT COUNTY JUSTICE COURT CLERK, MANILA PRECINCT.**

Some basic office skill testing will be required. The successful applicant will be required to travel several times a year to attend training and meetings.

Applications are available beginning January 2, 2013 through January 16, 2013 at the Daggett County Human Resource office. A job announcement will be forthcoming with more details.

#### Thank you!

Hector, Mari, Jordan, Dalton and Quinn Saldana would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, kindness and generosity. We appreciate everything everyone has done for us.

The Saldanas.

#### Safety Reminder

Please check your wood and coal burning stoves and **CLEAN** the pipes. A recent attic fire reminds us to clean or replace the pipe that goes through the attic and roof. A triple wall pipe through the attic and roof is the best. We were all very lucky on the last fire it could have been much worse. If you smell smoke and or feel heat in the ceiling, **PLEASE CALL US - CALL 911—MANILA FIRE DEPT.**

## Flaming Gorge Chamber Business & Individual Awards 2012

The Flaming Gorge Chamber of Commerce is excited to recognize some of the area's local businesses this year. Public participation was encouraged as the nominations were opened on November 30<sup>th</sup> and closed on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Voting on the nominations occurred from December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 13<sup>th</sup> and the awards were given out at the Chamber Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Committee Chairperson Tammie Twitchell wasn't able to attend the meeting but was very involved in the process.



### The Spirit of Flaming Gorge Business Award

The Spirit of Flaming Gorge Business Award is to recognize a business that demonstrates a positive spirit to lead the community in a substantial way so that the Flaming Gorge is a better place to live, work, and play. Congratulations go to Browning's Drive-In for winning with 45% of the vote. Other nominee's included the Red Canyon Lodge and the Flaming Gorge KOA. Congrats to all of you!



### The Spirit of Flaming Gorge Individual Award

The Spirit of Flaming Gorge Individual Award is designed to recognize an individual that demonstrates a positive spirit to contribute to the area in a substantial way so that the Flaming Gorge is a better place to live, work, and play. Congratulations to Mark Wilson as the winner of this year's award with 35% of the vote. Other nominees included Duane Draper, Wendy Anderson, and Kathy Pulley. Thanks for all you to do to help this area to be a nice place to live and recreate!!

### The Big Dreamer Award

The Big Dreamer Award recognizes an individual who had a big hairy audacious dream and worked to achieve that dream during the past year. Congratulations to 'R Hideout for winning this award. Brent and Elaine received 60% of the vote! Other nominees were Rocky Ridge Outpost and Lucerne Marina.

### Best Supporting Business Award

Like in the movies there are many supporting businesses that contribute to an area that may not have flash or notoriety of bigger more noticeable businesses. The Best Supporting Business Award is designed to recognize local businesses that provide behind the scenes services to our more visible tourism businesses and government entities. Congratulations to DDI, Inc. for winning this award with 53% of the vote. Other nominees were Matt's Trucking and Myvocom.

Congratulations to all the nominees and especially the winners. Thanks to all who made nominations and/or voted. If you have any questions regarding the 2012 Awards program please visit the website at <http://www.daggettcounty.org/chamberawards> or contact the Flaming Gorge Chamber of Commerce at (435) 784-3218 ext. 135 or Committee Chairperson Tamara Twitchell at (435) 784-3210 ext. 201.

## **JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH**

Excessive radon levels have been found in all of the 50 states. In Utah, 30% of the homes in Utah have radon levels in excess of the EPA recommended action level of 4 PicoCuries of radon per liter of air (pCi/L). Thousands of preventable lung cancer deaths annually in the United States are attributable to indoor residential exposure to radon. Either smoking or radon exposure can independently increase the risk of lung cancer. However, exposure to both greatly enhances that risk. (At exposures to 4 pCi of radon per liter of air, the lifetime lung cancer risk attributable to radon rises from 2 cases per thousand in non-smokers to 29 cases per thousand in smokers). The risk factors were developed from epidemiological studies of underground miners exposed to radon. Because the studies collected data from human adult males rather than from animal subjects, they have a higher confidence level than is applied to toxicological studies. The Surgeon General, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Medical Association, the American Lung Association and the World Health Organization have all identified indoor radon pollution as a national health problem.

### **How does radon get into my home?**

Radon moves from uranium-bearing granite deposits in the soil to the atmosphere because there is a lower concentration of radon in the atmosphere than in the soil. Your home is sited in its path and because the house is usually warmer than the surrounding soil, the air pressure is less and soil gases including radon move into the home. The most common routes are: spaces between basement walls, cracks in foundations, or wall openings around sump pumps and drains, construction joints, crawl spaces showers, and well water with high radon concentrations. The age of a home is not a factor when it comes to whether excessive levels of radon are present in the dwelling. Unfortunately, that is a false assumption. Usually neither the location of the radon source or its strength (radioactivity) is known. In addition, the air spaces found in different soil types allow movement at different rates and we seldom know what those types are 20 to 30 feet below the surface where they act as channels or dams. Predicting a radon level in one home on the basis of a tested level in home 75 to 200 or so feet away becomes radon guessing. The location of ancient stream beds (channel) and of granite out cropping (the source) also compound prediction reliability.

The only way of knowing if your home has radon is to test it. There are many kinds of low cost "do-it-yourself" radon test kits which may be ordered online or purchased from hardware stores and other retail outlets. Be sure the test is marked "Meets EPA Requirements." To order a test kit online or to hire an EPA-qualified radon tester, go to: [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov) you may also contact the Division of Radiation Control at 801-536-4250 or 1-800-458-0145. The State of Utah has contracted with Alpha Energy in Texas to provide test kits to all Utahans for \$6.00 per kit. It's the real deal! This price includes the laboratory analysis which is a \$30 to \$40 savings. Long term kits are available for \$24.95

If you are testing to determine if your home has radon levels warranting mitigation, the EPA recommends testing in the lowest living area of your home. For a real estate transaction, EPA recommends testing in the lowest area which could be modified to become a living area. A certified professional will use either a continuous monitor which will permit them to give you test results at the end of the test period or some other short term measurement device which can be read at a laboratory and the value reported in short order.

The only proven health effect caused by breathing radon is the development of lung cancer. You may have radon problems and the only way you can know this is to test the air in your home. However, radon is not known to cause acute symptoms.

If you have a high radon reading in your home, the method of choice is usually sub-slab or, if you have a crawl space, sub-membrane depressurization. Contact an EPA Radon Proficiency Certified Contractor to bid on the job. A professional will advise you on the best method for your home. The average cost of a sub-slab system in Utah is generally around \$1200 unless aggregate or difficult foundation design problems are encountered. A list of Utah certified professionals may be found on the [Radon Educated Home Builders and Inspectors](#) page. " We recommend you obtain several estimates before choosing a contractor. You may also want to read EPA's brochure, [Consumer Guide](#).

If you have good handy-man skills, including electrical wiring skills you might be able to do most of the correction on your own. If you are unsure, it would be advisable to get an evaluation from one of the EPA-listed contractors before you make up your mind. Also, check your library for Doug Kladder's reference book "*PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM RADON: A Step-by-Step Manual for Radon Reduction*." If you decide to tackle the job, call back to get a copy of the EPA instruction manual which contains all the specifications for fans, master panels, etc. We will enclose the phone numbers and addresses of several supply houses that specialize in mitigation hardware.

## We Finally Did It!

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 The Flaming Gorge Store in Greendale,  
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[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)—[westernskies.com](http://westernskies.com)



### FLAMING GORGE MARKET

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**Season's Greetings!**

As we celebrate the holiday season, Mike & I would like to say THANK YOU and express our appreciation to all our wonderful clients, community and friends. We appreciate your business, loyalty, trust and your friendship. Thank you for choosing me to be your broker, it's great clients like you that make my job easier. I appreciate you as a client and as a friend, you are the best and I am so blessed.

Remember the miracle of the season! May peace be with you and your family throughout the holiday season and beyond!

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from our family to yours,

Mike & Jana Franz



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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

The Daggett County Commission has been preparing for the end of the fiscal year and trying to balance a budget for next year and beyond. A Truth-In-Taxation hearing was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December to discuss the proposal to increase the County tax rate. Despite the horrible weather conditions people showed up and were given a chance to provide their input. The following day the Budget hearing was held. The budget involved \$175,000 in cuts, but also the proposed tax increase to balance and maintain funds on hand for cash flow purposes. Suggestions made at the hearings will be investigated and implemented where possible. Loss of revenue at the end of 2013, will necessitate further cuts in the budget, and would require the tax increase at that time. We are hopeful that the economy will continue to improve, but are preparing in case it does not. The budget as proposed was approved following the public hearing. No salaries, including elected officials salaries were increased.

Several items of interest and discussion have come up this last month and I hope you have been able to follow along with those things that you have an interest in as they are posted on the weekly agendas.

## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER CON'T

Commissioner Steglich traveled to Washington DC with Trout Unlimited to get educated on and give input to a new bill that is being sent to congress that will allow local counties to receive revenue from any green energy produced or built on Federal Lands. At the present time counties receive revenue from energy production such as oil, coal, gas, etc., but not for energy produced from wind or solar generation. While there he was able to visit with Senator Mike Lee and share the frustration the county is having with the BOR and the annual payment we didn't receive from them in 2012.

The commission has been working with the Bureau of Reclamation office in Salt Lake City to address the funding that was given to the county when Dutch John was privatized. This has been going on since the first of the year and it seems that we now are coming to a conclusion on this issue. We have continued to work with Senator Lee's office to see if we can get a waiver or a change in the reimbursement of the interest we have collected during the past 13 years from the money we receive from the Colorado River Storage Project.

More of the land in Dutch John has been surveyed and can now be listed for sale to any and all interested parties. Dutch John still has 4 residential lots for sale on block 6 and Jessica Schofield is the contract real estate agent for the county. The old hospital has been sold to Delta Plan II, a Utah based company, for disposal or renovation.

When Dutch John was privatized there was 12,000 acre feet of water transferred to the county for "use in the town of Dutch John and surrounding areas." The county has entered into an agreement with PPI, a Texas based company, giving them the right to lease a portion of this water right in the near future. This could bring some much needed revenue to the county.

The Town of Manila has had to extend their landfill and when they did this it made it necessary to relocate the existing gun range near the Manila landfill. The commission is in the process of purchasing land from SITLA, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, to relocate the rifle range.

A Planning and Zoning hearing was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> and a County Public Hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December to consider re-zoning a parcel of property in Dutch John from Light Industrial to Commercial. This proposal has been controversial, due to the closeness of the parcel to the elementary school, but looking only at the zoning issues, the commercial zone was deemed to be more appropriate and the request was approved. When an application for a building permit comes in, that proposal will be reviewed for safety considerations and to ensure that it meets applicable local and state codes.

One of the criticisms we receive from the public is that the county commission is not taking matters to the public in a timely manner and in an open forum. To help alleviate some of this the commission has set the new meeting schedule for next year where we will be having one meeting each month in the evening in hopes that more people can attend. This meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM in the commission chambers starting in February. Please take the time to attend these meetings and let us hear from you.

# January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3	4 8th District Court	5
6	7	8 Commission Mtg	9 Justice Court P & Z Mtg.	10	11	12
13	14 Museum Mtg Noon	15 Commission Mtg	16	17	18	19
20	21 Courthouse Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23 Commission Mtg P & Z Mtg.	24	25	26
27	28	29 Commission Mtg	30	31		

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- **County Commission** Meetings will be held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 8th, 15th & 29th and Wednesday, January 23 at 9:00 am.
- **County Planning & Zoning:** 2013 meetings will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- **Museum Board Meeting** will be in January 14, 2013 at Noon.
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting** - January 10, 2013 at 10 am to noon
- **Search & Rescue Meetings** are the Last Tuesday of Each Month at Red Canyon, 6:30 pm.
- **Dutch John Advisory Committee** are the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Dutch John Conference Hall.
- **Economic Development Board** - Please check the website
- **Chamber of Commerce:** 2013: February, April, October, December meetings will be on Thursday's noon. June and August meeting's will be Tuesday at 7pm. Meeting locations will vary, notices will be sent out prior to meeting for location information.