



**Daggett County  
 Newsletter**

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**Tourism Updates**

The Chamber of Commerce has started a new FB (Facebook) page at: <https://www.facebook.com/visitflaminggorge>.

Check it out, like it and share this FB (Facebook) page with your friends and family.

**\*\*\*PLEASE HELP US:** We are still looking to gather some basic information about people's ideas and thoughts on tourism, so we are asking everyone to go the following website and respond to the questionnaire if you haven't already: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B8LX3s3>\*\*\*

**Rourism**

The Utah Office of Tourism has coined the term Rourism from the combination of Rural Tourism. Daggett County was selected as one of the four initial counties to participate in this pilot program. The objective is to improve tourism within these four rural counties. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the beginnings of our "Brand Development Team" met with Roger Brooks a tourism and branding expert. He will be visiting our County on July 1<sup>st</sup>. A webinar was held with him on March 18<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to be a part of the Brand Development Team if you are interested. Contact Brian Raymond, Mark Wilson or Craig Collett for more information. Everyone can help with our Brand Development by going to the following website and completing the questionnaire: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B8LX3s3>.

Daggett is one of 5 pilot counties IN UTAH included in the ROURISM-Rural Tourism - initiative to have GEO-CACHES PLACED.

The Geocaches are in place and Slauch's Sinclair has their patches and Trout Creek will have theirs shortly for those who locate at least three of the five State Geocaches in Daggett County. More information can be found at <https://www.geocaching.com/play/geotours/visit-utah>.

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. At its simplest level, geocaching requires these 8 steps:

1. Register for a free [Basic Membership](#).
2. Visit the "[Hide & Seek a Cache](#)" page.
3. Enter your postal code and click "search."
4. Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name.
5. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device.
6. Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache.
7. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.
8. Share your geocaching stories and photos online.



Geocache containers

**ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO FIND THEM!!!**

**Spring is here!!!**

As you are getting ready for spring and need your fencing items, we have some in stock. For your lawn and garden items we have fertilizer, potting soil, vegetable seeds and flower seeds and more.

We have lots of ‘bargain of the month’ items on sale! Lawn mowers and BBQ grills as well as rakes and shovels. Remember also that you can order on line at [TrueValue.com](http://TrueValue.com) and receive your items at the store with **no shipping cost**.

New fishing lures are in stock and ready for you to try!  
New lures are arriving daily and we are getting geared up for summer.

**Gifts, Gifts and more Gifts!!!**

Our spring line is coming in fast we are getting purses, jewelry, clothes, knick-knacks, planters, and bird feeders out with great pricing!

We are excited for summer as it gets closer.  
We would like to help you as much as we can!

[Like us on Facebook!](#)

As we get new items in we will put them up for all to see.

Thanks, Wendy

Stop and see what we have!

**Flaming Gorge Market & True Value**

75 HWY #43 MANILA, UT 84046

435-784-3582

**Justice Court  
Schedule  
for 2015**

April 8th  
May 13th  
June 10th  
July 8th

Judge Charlene  
Hartmann—9:30 a.m.

August 12th  
September 9th  
October 14th  
November 18th  
December 9<sup>th</sup>

**NO ONE**

**DESERVES TO BE ABUSED!**

If you are in an abusive relationship, OR are afraid and fear for your safety.....

Please call me, I am HERE for you!

**DEB BERGMEIER**

435-784-3222 ext 222 (ofc)

307-780-7153 (cell)



DAGGETT COUNTY VICTIM’S ADVOCATE



Uintah Basin  
Medical Center  
UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE

**Manila Clinic “The Clinic”**

Across from the Daggett County  
Courthouse

96 North 100 West

Manila Clinic 435-784-3575

Typical Hours 9 to Noon & 1 to 4  
Closed Wednesdays and Weekends

After Hours Call - **911**

Or you can try the PA

Cell 435-778-0008

Thank you for your support  
of the Clinic.

**WE NEED YOU!!**



**Daggett County has openings for  
the following Boards, Committees**

**and Volunteer Positions:**

Cemetery Board (1 position)

Museum Board & Volunteers (Multiple positions)

Recycling Volunteers (Multiple positions)

Tourism Tax Advisory Board (3 position)

Public Lands Advisory Board (3 positions)

Mosquito Abatement Board (1 position)

Daggett Planning and Zoning (1 alternate position—  
must live in the County—not town)

For more information or for an application go to

[www.daggettcounty.org/boards](http://www.daggettcounty.org/boards)

or contact the County Courthouse at

(435) 784-3154,

PO Box 219 Manila, UT 84046

## Commissioner's Corner

The Daggett County Public Lands Advisory Committee met again on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. We are making progress and we are very close to initiating negotiations with the PLI Environmental Coalition. The Commission is very grateful for the diligence of the committee members and all of the stakeholders for their tireless effort to construct a proposal that the county as a whole can benefit from. Anyone and everyone is invited to attend these meetings and provide input. A draft map and wording are being prepared as this is being written and will be provided by way of the County web site under the Economic Development tab, then go to the [Rep. Bishop's Public Land Initiative](#) folder to look at the calendar for meeting dates, any of the correspondence, as well as the draft proposal which should be added by early next week.

One of the great things about living in Daggett County is the tremendous involvement of, you, the citizenry. The Public Lands Committee and all of the other committees that operate within Daggett County require a significant commitment from each of the members involved with them. It goes without saying, we are few in numbers but our involvement is tremendous. Thank you for all you do for each other and Daggett County.

Finally spring has arrived on the calendar, but it feels like we've had a version of spring for most of the winter. It will be interesting to see what mother-nature provides in the form of moisture, because she sure hasn't given it to us in the form of snow in the mountains. As most of you know, we will likely be looking at a very interesting summer season in regards to water availability and water use. We're not aware of any formal actions regarding any of our water systems in terms of regulated water use. With the lack of moisture to date, we should all be very conscious of conserving water to mitigate the effects of any potential water restrictions that may have to be considered once the data is in.

Please become familiar with Daggett County website: <http://www.daggettcounty.org/> and feel free to browse around in it, particularly, the County Calendars. The IT/GIS Department, along with many others, has done a fantastic job at trying to keep folks informed.

Have a Happy Easter!

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 cslaugh@daggettcounty.org  
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 (435)784-3218 x133

Jack Lytle  
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Links: Commission Agendas & Minutes: <http://www.daggettcounty.org/minutes>

**Manila High School Sports Banquet - DINNER SERVED**

**APRIL 7, 2015 6PM HS GYM \$10/PLATE**

**Buy tickets from Manila High School Office**

**Baseball~Volleyball~Cross Country~Basketball~Cheer~Rodeo~Jr. Hi**



**May 16-17, 2015**  
**Registration Form**  
**Entry Fee: \$200 per team**  
**Payment by credit card \$10 service fee**

|          |                     |          |
|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Captain: |                     | Cell#:   |
| Address: |                     |          |
| City     | State               | Zip Code |
| Email    | Youth - 13 & under? |          |
| Member 2 |                     |          |
| Address: |                     | Cell#:   |
| City     | State               | Zip Code |
| Email    | Youth - 13 & under? |          |
| Member 3 |                     |          |
| Address: |                     | Cell#:   |
| City     | State               | Zip Code |
| Email    | Youth - 13 & under? |          |

**All boats must have proof of liability insurance. A copy of the insurance certificate can be sent in or fill in the info:**

|                   |                                     |          |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Insurance Company | Policy #                            | Expires: |
| Bow # of boat:    | Mussel-Aware Boater Certification # |          |

<http://wildlife.utah.gov/invasive-mussels/63-invasive-species/mussels/454-formoptions.html>

**Acknowledgement of Risk & Rules**

I, the undersigned, recognize there is an element of risk in any adventure, sport, or activity associated with the outdoors.

I am fully cognizant of the risks and dangers inherent in fishing derbies. I certify that myself and my family members present with me, are fully capable of participating in the said activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for person injury to myself, and/or to a member of my family, or for loss or damage to my personal property and expenses thereof as a result of my negligence or the negligence of my family participating in said activity except the extent such damage or injury may be due to the negligence of others. In recognition of the above, I, the undersigned hereby release the Host organization, Lucerne Valley Marina and the US Forest Service and all other co-sponsors from any responsibility for injury to me or my equipment for which I am responsible during my participation in or arising out of my traveling to and returning from this event. I further hereby grant full permission to any broadcast, telecast, advertising, promotion or other account of this event for any purpose whatsoever. I will also abide by all Derby rules and regulations.

|                  |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Signed: Captain: | Team Member | Team Member |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|

|  |                                   |          |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Please make \$200 check payable to:</b> | <b>Credit Card Info: \$210</b>    |          |
| Flaming Gorge Fish Derby                   | Visa, MasterCard or Discover only | Expires: |
| PO Box 10, Manila, UT 84046                | Card #                            | CVV:     |

|                          |                        |                     |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b> | <b>Team Info</b>       | <b>Team Number:</b> |
| Entry Fee date paid:     | Insurance info:        |                     |
|                          | Bow # info:            |                     |
|                          | Mussel Form Submitted: |                     |



Established 1984

## Under permit by Ashley National Forest

The annual Lake Flaming Gorge Fish Derby will be held at Lucerne Valley Marina on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This is one of the largest freshwater fishing derbies in the USA with 400 teams competing in seven categories and also for the largest fish of the derby. Team registration starts on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lucerne Valley Marina. Weigh-ins on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> will be at Lucerne Valley Marina, Cedar Springs and Buckboard Marinas. To enter the derby go to [www.flaminggorgefisderby.com](http://www.flaminggorgefisderby.com), download the entry form and send it to Lucerne Marina, Box 10, Manila, UT 84046 with the \$200.00 entry fee or contact us at 435-784-3483. Each team can consist of 1-3 people. Cash & prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries. Derby Hats will be given to all contestants as well as great prizes including (2) - 2015 Polaris



4-Wheelers, a trolling motor, 2 - .22 guns (winner must meet all Federal & State requirements), Honda generators, camping and fishing gear, gift certificates and many more prizes totaling over \$50,000. The Flaming Gorge Fish Derby is permitted by the Ashley National Forest.

### Manila Fire Department Looking For Volunteers

The Manila Fire Department is needing volunteers, whether they want to work a fire scene, or just assist with administrative duties. Meetings have been changed. They are now held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm. We are in need of administrative and mechanical volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering for us, they can get in contact with me directly on my cell phone, or call the town office and inquire there.

The fire department is a fun learning environment while helping save our community from disaster.

Drew Housley, Assist Chief  
Town of Manila 435-784-3143  
Cell 801-389-6514



**Conservation District  
Workshop  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Beginning at 1:00pm  
Daggett County Courthouse, Manila UT**

- 1:00      **Gopher Control**  
Richard Lake will discuss ground squirrel and pocket gopher habitat, species identification, life style, and environmental considerations  
Dan Madsen, will discuss methods of control and timing
- 2:30      Break
- 2:45      **Horse Health**  
Kerry Rood, Utah State University Veterinarian, will discuss rules and regulations regarding horses coming into the area for winter pasture.
- 3:15      **Trich Update in the Henry's Fork Area**  
Current Status  
Update on Utah/Wyoming laws and regulations  
Private Property/Trespass Issues  
Recommendations on eradicating trich in the area  
Brand Inspector's Responsibilities  
Open discussion, questions
- Presenters:**  
Dr. Jim Summers, Representative from Wyoming State  
Warren Hess, Acting Utah State Veterinarian

**The Daggett Conservation District will be offering three (3) \$1,000 Conservation Grants again for 2015.**  
Applications will be available at the Daggett County Courthouse.  
For more information contact Carol Gardiner at [carolga3@hotmail.com](mailto:carolga3@hotmail.com)

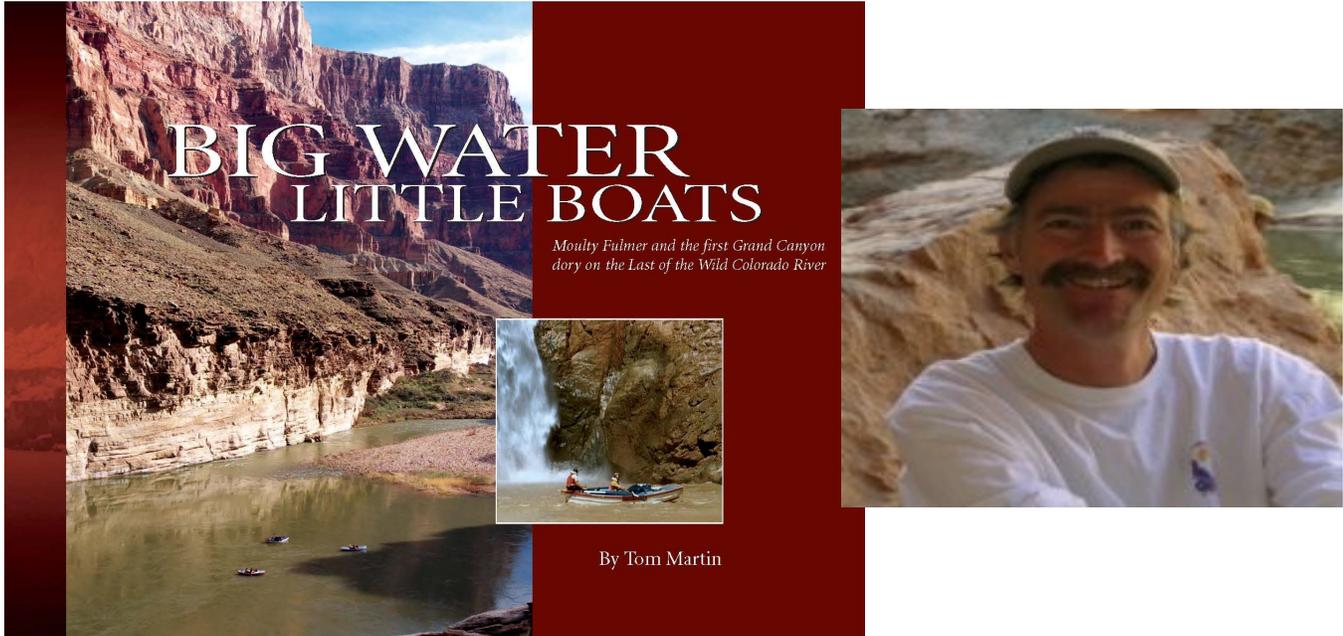
**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
TO BE VOTED ON IN THE GENERAL ELECTION  
On NOVEMBER 3, 2015  
(2) City Council Members 4 Year Term Each  
The Candidate Filing Period begins, June 1, 2015  
Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petition must be filed in person  
With the Town Clerk  
At 145 E. HWY #43 Manila, Utah 84046  
Between the hours of 8 AM and 5PM  
Candidate Filing Deadline ends June 8m, 2015 UCA 10-3-301**

## Daggett County Museum Board Proudly Presents

Tom Martin - "BIG WATER—LITTLE BOATS"

April 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Daggett County Courthouse - 95 N 1<sup>st</sup> W, Manila, Utah



By Tom Martin

Grand Canyon author, Tom Martin, will be speaking about 1940's through 1960's Grand Canyon river running based on his book Big Water-Little Boats: Moulty Fulmer and the First Grand Canyon Dory on the last of the Wild Colorado River. The presentation recounts how a quiet Hoosier, named Moulty Fulmer happened upon the McKenzie River hull design of today's Pacific Northwest Dory and how he used that design to build the GEM, Grand Canyon's first decked dory. The book features fascinating original photographs from various 1940's through 1960's Grand Canyon River trips. Film highlights include the first McKenzie River dory on the Yampa River in 1950, Boulder Narrows in the Grand Canyon at 126,000 cfs per second in 1957 and Walter Kirschbaum in the first kayak run of Lava Falls in 1960. Martin will also show photo re-matching of original pictures from 1940's and 1950's river trips.

Copies of the Book will be AVAILABLE for Sale  
and will benefit

**THE DAGGETT COUNTY MUSEUM**

The Board will be providing refreshments for this event.

# BEST EVER Carrot Cake

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3 none large eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups grated carrot
- 1 none (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 none (3 1/2-ounce) can flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts



## DIRECTIONS

Line 3 (9-inch) round cake pans with wax paper; lightly grease and flour wax paper. Set pans aside.

Stir together first 4 ingredients.

Beat eggs and next 4 ingredients at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Add flour mixture, beating at low speed until blended. Fold in carrot and next 3 ingredients. Pour batter into prepared cake pans.

Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Drizzle Buttermilk Glaze evenly over layers; cool in pans on wire racks 15 minutes. Remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks. Spread Cream Cheese Frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

## Buttermilk Glaze

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Bring first 5 ingredients to a boil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Boil, stirring often, 4 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla., pour over cake. Then, frost with your favorite Cream Cheese Frosting. **YUM!**

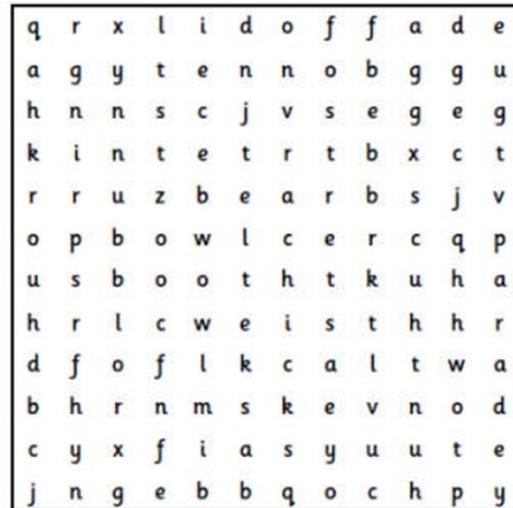
# Oven Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Tomatoes

An oven prepared side dish recipe combines Brussels sprouts with fire roasted diced tomatoes and seasonings for great flavor

- 1 pound small fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed, cut in half lengthwise
- 1 can (14.5 oz each) Hunt's® Fire Roasted Diced Tomatoes, drained
- 2 tablespoons Pure Wesson® Canola Oil
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder



## Easter Word Search



- |           |          |        |        |
|-----------|----------|--------|--------|
| basket    | bonnet   | bunny  | chicks |
| chocolate | daffodil | easter | egg    |
| flowers   | hunt     | parade | spring |



A VERY HAPPY EASTER WISH TO DAGGETT COUNTY RESIDENTS!



# April 2015



| Sun   | Mon                                       | Tue          | Wed   | Thu                     | Fri                                | Sat |
|---|---|--------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| Dinner & Socials  | Lunch Wed at 12:00                        |              | 1 Ham & Cheese Sandwich<br>Tomato soup                  | 2 Cards at the Seniors  | 3 Beef Roast<br>Potatoes/<br>Gravy | 4   |
| 5<br> | 6   | 7            | 8 Taco Pasta Casserole<br>Garlic bread<br>Green salad   | 9 Cards at the Seniors  | 10                                 | 11  |
| 12  | 13  | 14           | 15 Spaghetti<br>Green beans<br>Jello/ Milk              | 16 Cards at the         | 17 Navajo Tacos<br>Cobbler         | 18  |
| 19  | 20 Senior Social<br>BB at the Senior cen- | 21 Earth Day | 22 Enchiladas<br>Spanish rice<br>Refried beans<br>Jello | 23 Cards at the Seniors | 24                                 | 25  |
| 26  | 27  | 28           | 29 Tilapia<br>Rice<br>Corn<br>Green salad               | 30 Cards at the Seniors |                                    |     |

**THE DMV OFFICE IS NOW OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK**  
 FROM  
**APRIL—SEPTEMBER**  
**9-12 & 1-5**

## Thanks to the Bonneville Research—Bob Springmeyer April 1st Fishing Report Green River Flow Alert

Releases from Flaming Gorge Dam are currently averaging 2,000 cfs daily, with hourly fluctuations and a double daily peak. The Flaming Gorge April-July unregulated inflow forecast is currently 74% of average and, with the warm and dry March, the April forecast is expected to decrease further.

Therefore, beginning April 3, 2015, releases from Flaming Gorge Dam will be decreased by 500 cfs/day to 1,500 cfs and modified to according to the attached schedule.

This notification supersedes all previously-issued notifications and is current until a new one is issued. All times identified in this directive are in local time (Mountain Prevailing Time) and not hour ending.

Additionally, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has requested spring electrofishing flows on April 20-21, 2015. The schedule will be posted closer to implementation.

The next Flaming Gorge Working Group meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. to be held in the Utah Department of Natural Resources building in Vernal, Utah.

The Flaming Gorge Working Group is an open public forum for information exchange between Reclamation and the stake holders of Flaming Gorge Dam.

The public is encouraged to attend and comment on the operations and plans presented by Reclamation at these meetings.

Meeting notes from past Working Group meetings are posted on the Working Group webpage.

For more information on this group and these meetings please contact Peter Crookston at 801-379-1152 or Heather Patno at 801-524-3883.

Regards,

Heather Patno  
Hydrologic Engineer  
Upper Colorado Region  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Ph: 801-524-3883



Photo: Alan Childester



### Upcoming Events:

## Reel Recovery - Utah's 10th Annual Spring Bash!

Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer.

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Education, Live Music, Silent & Live Auctions

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Hosted by Brett Prettyman

Café Trio

\$40/person

6405 South 3000 East  
Holladay, UT

On Line: [www.reelrecovery.org](http://www.reelrecovery.org)  
or email [info@reelrecovery.org](mailto:info@reelrecovery.org)

Bonneville Research—Bob Springmeyer

Daggett County **JOB FAIR**

FOR JOB-SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS  
Local and area businesses will be in attendance. Employers will be accepting resués.

Wednesday  
**April 1, 2015**  
**2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
200 W. 200 N. (Old Basketball Gym)  
Manila, UT

All employers are invited to participate.

Please call **Kay Potter** at 435-784-3218 ext. 136 or **Bob Gilbert** at 435-724-1137 to reserve a table.



**COMMUNITY  
EASTER EGG HUNT  
& BAKE SALE**

APRIL 4, 2015  
10:00 AM  
\$2.00/CHILD  
COUNTY PARK &  
RODEO GROUNDS

SPONSORED BY

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS IN NEED OF SOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE ADVENTURE GUIDE BOOKLETS FOR MAILING. MANY REQUESTS FOR THE BOOKLET ARE COMING IN AND PRE-PREPARATION IS HELPFUL TO EXPEDITE THE MAILINGS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY A RELAXING HOUR WHEN YOU CAN GIVE IT. PLEASE CONTACT KAY POTTER AT 435-784-3218 (EXT 136) IF INTERESTED.

**Manila Food Pantry**

The pantry will be open every Thursday from 9:00 - 2:00 except otherwise posted. If you have been *receiving* food assistance you most likely will have to renew your application which is a yearly requirement. The application is available at the pantry every Thursday. Also you must: (1) provide proof of income (i.e.: disability, Social Security, Child Support, Alimony, and food stamps, etc) (2) birth certificates or Social Security for everyone in the household (3) Picture identification of every person over the age of 16 years old. If you need to fill out the application, please come in and pick them up if you did not receive them last month. Please allow adequate time to process the information which may take approximately 30 to 45 minutes. You may contact the food pantry @ 773-3993 if you have any questions or concerns.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE FOOD AT THE PANTRY'S DOOR.**  
IT CAN BE LEFT AT THE COURTHOUSE, BUT THE PANTRY IS NOT MANNED DAILY.

## Hand in Hand OUTDOORS (Making Outdoor Experiences Accessible) Freedom's Dream & Fallen Warriors Out-Camp



### LUCERNE MARINE WILL BE THE HOME FOR THE AMERICAN HERO'S BOAT "HOPE".

We have the extreme honor to be hosting the "American Hero's boat "Hope" at Lucerne this summer, and to provide a temporary campsite area for veterans who have served our country at such a cost to their lives.

Please take a minute and read about this project that Steve Henline, has dedicated his time and resources to help the wounded warriors. We hope that you residents and local businesses will join with us in welcoming them to Flaming Gorge.

Viet Nam War - the words ignite various emotions and memories for many Americans. Some opposed it, others fought in it, soldiers gave their lives, or those who lost their loved ones. Upon returning home, veterans who fought were not appropriately honored nor respected for their service. One Veteran, Steve Henline, resolved he would try to correct this error. He vowed to do something for those who served and returned physically or emotionally disabled or affected by the war.

Captain Steve Henline was one of those vets who returned to an unappreciative America. "In the 1960s, I was affected by the way Veterans from Viet were treated upon their return. At that moment, I was determined and vowed to help. My feelings go back 40-50 years," he said. Steve served in the Air Force in 1962-66 in the Viet Nam conflict. This was a natural choice as he had his grandfather, father, stepfather, uncles, brothers-in-law, and friends all serve. "My family has a tradition of service to the country," he said.

He had a dream to "pay it forward" for the wounded veterans and decided fishing and a boat would be the answer. He decided to buy a boat that could meet his goals, but could not find one in the US. The goal was a boat that would accommodate wheelchairs for both adults and children. He searched throughout the country for a boat and could not find one. His Board of Directors told him to build it. "My Board is extraordinary people and all volunteers. They have a great sense of community. They can raise funds for the organization and no one takes a dime – it is all volunteering." So, Steve built his own craft he named Freedom's Dream. What he believed would take a few months took 13 months. He created a pontoon-like boat, and now has a suitable vessel to take disabled veterans, adults, and children out on Utah Lake and now Flaming Gorge Reservoir to fish or just enjoy the ride.

Steve tries to get the boat filled at least four to six days a week, and after almost three months, the boat is going three to four days a week. Initially the goal for 2013 was to take 300 people out on Freedom's Dream. They recently marked a milestone noting over 300 had been taken out by July 15, 2013. However, it takes money for fuel, ice, insurance and other costs. "We want to partner with other like organizations and individuals that can share the mission, values, and goals of what we are trying to do," he said. "We need help. If you were to come aboard the boat with children or men in wheelchairs, it would touch you. We need help from wherever we can get it."

Steve’s vision is to have these pontoon boats built by veterans thus providing jobs for those returning from serving their country. The hundreds of boats throughout the United States would be manned with disabled veterans, providing more jobs as well as being therapeutic for those who ride the boats. “We want to provide a decent wage for these men,” he said.

He said the possibility to grow this organization is the need for boats. A facility where veterans with disabilities could be hired to fabricate the boats is needed. They would be well-trained and have a decent paid wage. They could also create boats for the recreational market place. He found a place that has solar power motors for boats. “I would love to have a pontoon boat that is energy efficient and non-pollutant,” he said, and now their plans include Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

Being a retired charter boat captain, the pontoon idea came as second nature to him. Freedom’s Dream is a 35 foot by 10 foot aluminum pontoon boat especially constructed to accommodate wheelchairs. Its capacity is six wheelchairs and 18 passengers including captain and mate. There are three wheelchair access gates. It is powered by a 200 horsepower Mercury Outboard with all USCG-rated safety equipment. The bow is open for fly fishing with half the length covered by a canopy for protection from the elements. There is a 39 inch aluminum safety rail throughout the craft. It is completely rigged to fish with rods, reels, and tackle, side imaging fish finder (sonar) with GPS, down riggers, etc. There is a stainless steel cleaning station with wash down pumps and stainless tacky prep cabinets.

There is a VHF marine band radio, AM/FM CD stereo with Bluetooth and four marine speakers. They are fully instrumental consoles, both helm and overhead. Both Captain and mates are USCG licensed.

## A PLACE TO HEAL- FALLEN WARRIORS OUT-CAMP

**Jerry & Jill Taylor at Lucerne Valley Marina have also donated part of their ground for the temporary camping yurts for the disabled vets at Linwood as well. Here are pictures of the proposed Yurts!**

8 ea canvas wall tents 12' X 16 with disabled accessible beds, propane and wood heat, electric fan, insect screening, propane and electric lighting, windows and vent system. Mounted on a 12.5' X 18' deck with lounge chairs. Wheelchair accessible with ramp.



LODGING



A 24' diameter all- weather yurt on a 26' X 32' railed deck serving as headquarter, cook house, meeting room and indoor activities and instruction room. The structure to be wheelchair accessible with ramps, wood and propane heat and cooking with commercial stove and oven, stainless steel food prep area, electric and propane refrigeration and freezer, propane and electric lighting, tables and chairs to accommodate 16 to 22. Front deck with chairs.

**We are working towards having a grand entry into Manila, with law enforcement escort for this boat when it comes in next month. WATCH FOR IT!**

**The marina will be running some fundraisers to help defray costs for this project and if you are interested in providing services that would assist in their trips or helping in other ways, please contact them through their website: <http://www.handinhandoutdoors.org>.**

## Manila FFA Chapter Attends State Convention

Members of the Manila FFA Chapter attended the Utah State FFA Convention March 12-14, at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield. Members participated in many contests and events while at the convention.

Among the highlights of the convention was the selection of Cameron Potter as the Utah FFA State Vice President for 2015-16. Potter became the tenth Manila FFA member to become a state officer.

Manila FFA members also earned three Star State honors at the convention. Mat Gonder was named the Star State FFA Degree recipient in Agribusiness and JD Slagowski was named the Star State Degree FFA Degree recipient in Production. Each received a plaque and a check for \$300. Other State FFA Degree candidates included Kolby Asay, Brady Briggs, Annamarie Henry, Cameron Potter, Jake Poulsen, Jordan Saldana, Daphne Slagowski, Alena Smith and Bailee Thomas. In the Star State Greenhand competition, Makade Reed was named the Star State Greenhand in Agribusiness and Karina Magana was named the first runner-up to the Star State Greenhand in Agri-science. Each of them also received a plaque and cash award.

Chapter members won seven state proficiency awards. Winners included: Alena Smith, in Agricultural Communications, Kolby Asay in Beef Production Placement, Brady Briggs, in Beef Production Entrepreneurship, Steele Handy in Natural Resources, Anna Henry, in Equine Science; Cameron Potter, in Sheep Production; and Mat Gonder, in Turf grass Management. Each award winner received a plaque, a check for \$250 and the right to compete at the National FFA Convention.

In the Agri-science Fair competition, placing first was Koby Mosley in Natural Resources, and Roni Lucio and Lexi Taylor in Plant Systems. Jonah Gonder placed second in Power and Technical Systems. Also competing in the Agri-science fair were Karina Magana and Bailee Thomas.





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**County Commission:** Meetings will be held at 9:00 am on Tuesdays.

**County Planning & Zoning:** Meetings will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. April 15.

**Manila Planning and Zoning:** 1st Monday of each month at 6 pm.

**Museum Board:** Meetings 2nd Monday of the month at noon.

**Local Emergency Planning Committee:** Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 12:00 pm in the Commission Room. Lunch Provided.

**Search & Rescue:** Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month at various locations.

**Chamber of Commerce:** April 16, 2015 @ 1:00PM @ Villa.

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