

## **\$2.5 million reclamation office complex awarded for Duchesne**

Secretary of the Interior James Watt said this week a \$2.5 million construction contract was awarded March 15, for the Central Utah Project's new Duchesne Office Complex to be located in Duchesne.

Watt said the \$2,525,000 contract was awarded to a minority contractor, Beneco Enterprises of West Valley, Utah, under provisions of Section 8 (a) of the Small Business Act.

Work to be performed under the contract includes building a single-level structure spreading over 26,000 square feet of office space, a 1,500 square-foot carport, a 3,200 square-foot warehouse,

and a 3,000 square-foot garage. Fencing, landscaping, and parking areas will also be included among the work, which is scheduled to be completed in 12 months.

Commissioner of Reclamation Robert N. Broadbent said that during the performance of the work under this contract, approximately 60 workyears of contractor direct employment and approximately 100 workyears of indirect employment will be generated.

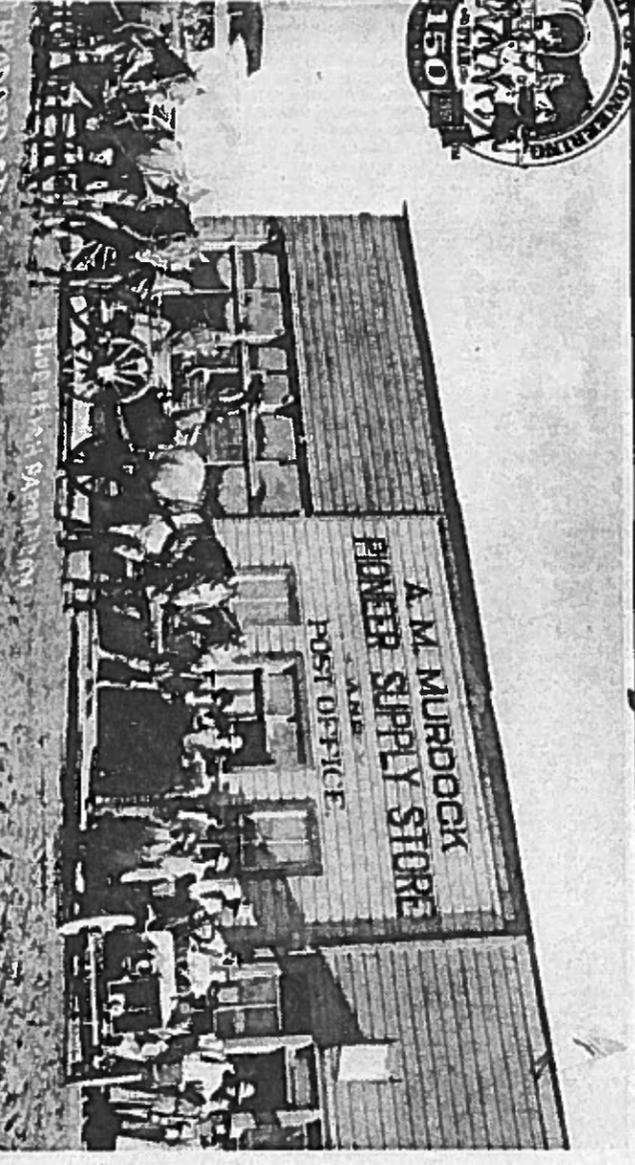
The Duchesne Office Complex will house both the Uintah Basin Construction Office and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District.

# A.M. Murdock, Duchesne's first citizen was first in everything

By: Norma Denver, with material supplied by Bill and Shirley Murdock

A.M. Murdock was the first white man to make his home and any sort of permanent or constructive use of its land and resources in what is now Duchesne. On the day before the opening of the Ute Reservation a special permit was given him to establish a store and other accommodations. He brought in two wagons and a big circus tent which he set up beside an old cabin. Mr. Murdock later purchased from an Indian, Sequese e Jack. In the cabin

he kept his merchandise while the tent became a store, boarding house and center of the homesteaders who flocked in to select their lands. On the second night of the opening a huge bonfire was built near the tent. Approximately 52 men and Dora, Mr. Murdock's daughter, the only woman on the townsite were in attendance. In honor of the occasion the crowd voted to call the settlement "Dora." A.M. once said, "Dora freighted with me before the opening and helped me establish my business and did all any man could do." The name was carried by the town until a post office was estab-



DUCHESNE, UTAH—The town of Duchesne was first named "Dora" in honor of the daughter of the first settler, A.M. Murdock. It was later changed to Theodore and then to Duchesne. Murdock played a large part in the settlement of Duchesne.

lished under the name of Theodore. There are not many left in Duchesne who can claim presence at that historic night. A.M. moved his family out to the new settlement the following spring and established a home. It must have been on July 31, 1905, that A.M. set up his circus tent on the townsite that was to be named Dora, then Theodore, and later Duchesne, ready to serve the first of the settlers who hurried out after registering to select their lands.

Old A.M. has a lot of other credits to his credit in connection with the early history of Duchesne. He was the first settler here, his daughter was the first woman here and gave the town its first name; he brought the first mail and became the first postmaster; he later became the first bishop of the LDS Ward, and when the town was organized he became its first mayor; the first school was held in a cabin built on his lot which still stands; he ran the first store and operated the first regular stage. He was truly Duchesne's "first" citizen and has always been one of the most important ones. He was the first vice president of the first bank in Duchesne.

It was Mr. Murdock who organized the Duchesne Stage and Transportation Company, bringing mail and passengers into the basin when the automobile was in its infancy. Roads were rough to travel even with good wagons. He charged 2 cents per pound for hauling parcel post from Helper or Colton to Duchesne.

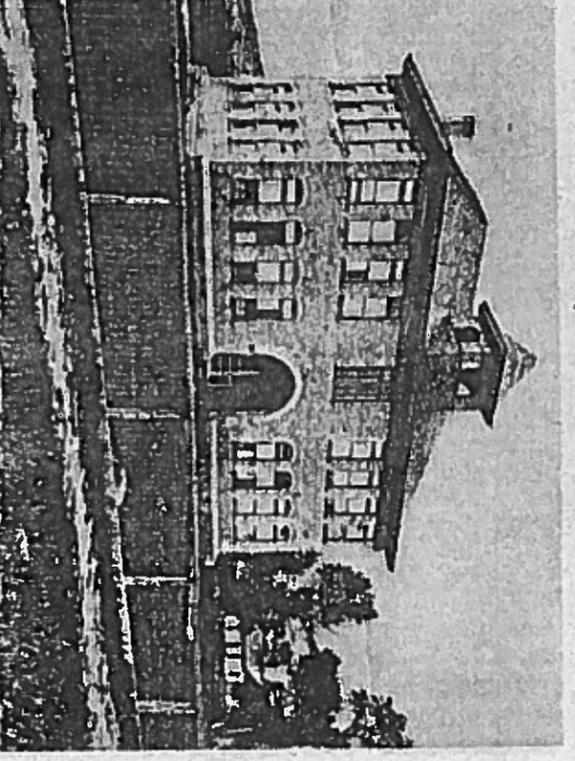
It is hard to relate chronologically his activities through these years; they were spread over so wide a field, he was a merchant, a cattleman, a transportation magnate, a businessman, an Indian friend and advisor, a civic leader and builder - a man of great energy and wide experiences.

In the fall of 1905 A.M. built a Pioneer Supply Store and post office on Main Street. It too, became the gathering place and community center of the little town. Calico curtains were hung over the shelves of goods. Casters were placed under counters to provide easy moving back against the shelves, leaving the center of the room with its big wood heating stove at one end (for sitting space or for dancing which they did to the "Merry Tunes" of Bud Wionslow's "fiddle" and to the lusty voice of the caller "bow to your

partner right and left). So went the social events of the first winter. But it was not all well that first winter. "Near starvation" appeared on the scene. The settlers had not brought with them as many supplies as they could and depended mainly on the store for their living. Freight was slow and even in good weather the roads were almost impassable.

When the weather grew bitter cold people were still living in makeshift shacks, tents, and cabins. Food supplies were running low everywhere but residents were making the best of it. Finally when the freight did arrive the people were hilarious. Everyone rushed to the store, the hilarity soon faded as the wagons carried nothing but frivolities like summer hats, flour sieves, and other unnecessary items. Imagine the shock and disappointment. The oldest freight in the warehouse was shipped out first with no one at fault in particular.

A.M. Murdock was one of the last of Utah's outstanding, stalwart pioneers. By birth, environment and personal belief he was destined to be a conqueror and builder of the rough, unsettled West. Endowed with marvelous physical strength and endurance, his well-schooled mind contributed ambition, determination and almost super human courage.



SCHOOL—This building was the first high school built in Duchesne. The picture was taken in 1933.



SUMMER 1903 AT MOON LAKE—Early Duchesne residents and unidentified Ute Indian children pose for this lithograph on the banks of Moon Lake 94 years ago. The white men and child are identified as (right to left) A.M. Murdock, his son Grant, John McCloud and Byron Grew.

Miss Murdock. A few weeks later the government sent surveyors to survey a townsite and lay it out. Beginning at the Southeast corner the streets running east and west are lettered a, b, c, etc.,

and the streets running north and south are numbered 1, 2, 3. They gave it the name of Duchesne. This survey was accepted by the government October 18, 1905.

The name, however, was not accepted at the first, and the people called it Theodore, for Theodore Roosevelt. After Roosevelt was named, to avoid confusion with the mail, people had to call it Duchesne. This was in September, 1911.

Arthur Duchesne Marsh was the first white child born here in Duchesne in Sept., 1905. Dr. Bjarnson of Vernal had been here and filed, but had returned to Vernal, so Arthur Sr., the boy's father, delivered him.

Madora Steel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Steel, was the first girl born here in April 1906. Her father went to Vernal as was the custom, for large amounts of supplies of food, hay, and grain,



A. M. MURDOCK

and made arrangements for Dr. Bjarnson to be in Duchesne for the baby's arrival.

The first cabin built in Duchesne was built by Arthur Marsh. He went up Jones Hollow, up Indian Canyon, and got red pine logs. Harve Partridge, and his son, Harvey Jr., a Mr. Baldock and several others helped to build it. It was located about where Jimmy Hatch's residence now is. Some five or six years later this cabin was moved over on the Andy Clemons block, where it served as Mr. Clemons residence until it was destroyed by fire about 1923.

Murdock's store served as a social center the winter of 1905. It was built in the late fall of that year, and was the first business house. They danced between the counters to the tune of Bud Windsor's guitar, and it was after the Christmas Eve dance that Bill Pickering froze to death. He had left the store for some reason, and when he returned, the store was locked, so he started home without his overshoes and coat. He was living four miles east of town in a cabin with Reuben Whitehead, which they had built in



Family and friends joined Jenny Adams in South Jordan for the induction of Georg Adams, former Fire Chief of the Duchesne Volunteer Fire Department, into the Utah Emergency Manager Association Hall of Fame.

## Adams inducted into hall of fame

BY STEVE PURO  
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The Utah Emergency Manager Association inducted former Duchesne City Fire Chief Georg Adams in its Hall of Fame on Thursday, Jan. 8, during its annual convention in South Jordan. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest level of recognition given to an individual by the UEMA and is only awarded once in a lifetime.

Adams, who was the Duchesne County Engineer for 27 years and the Chief of the Duchesne Volunteer Fire Department for 32 years, succumbed to cancer in 2012.

"The UEMA Hall of Fame is designated to recognize and honor those professionals who, by virtue of their contributions, are of such significant stature that they are considered to be among the most highly regarded professional leaders in the Utah emergency management. No more than two individuals will ever be inducted in a given year without a special petition for approval to the membership," according to the UEMA.

Adams came to Duchesne from Rhodesia with his wife, Jenny, and their

two children. They settled in the Basin in 1979 and later, he and his whole family proudly became citizens of the United States of America.

Prior to leaving Rhodesia, Adams had obtained his degree in civil engineering from the University of Rhodesia and had served with the Rhodesian Army during the Rhodesian Civil War.

The honorary plaque was accepted by Adam's wife, Jenny Adams.

In part, the plaque read, "He was passionate about the fire service and emergency management. He loved his job and the people he associated with in the fire and rescue and emergency management communities. He led by example and was always the type of person to run towards the fire or whatever emergency came his way. UEMA is honored to recognize Georg and his commitment to the citizens of Duchesne County and the State of Utah with this induction into the Utah Emergency Management Hall of Fame."

"To have Georg's work within the community recognized by the emergency managers of the state means a great deal to myself and my family,"

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# Uinta Basin airports receive federal grants

## USDOT

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced Feb. 20, that the U.S. Department of Transportation will award \$520.5 million in airport infrastructure grants to 287 airports in 41 states. With this announcement, the Trump Administration has invested a historic \$11.4 billion to more than two thousand airports across the United States for safety and infrastructure improvements since January 2017.

"This \$520.5 mil-

lion in federal support to airports across the country will help to keep our nation's airports in good shape and make air travel a better experience for passengers," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao.

Airports in Duchesne and Vernal were among the recipients.

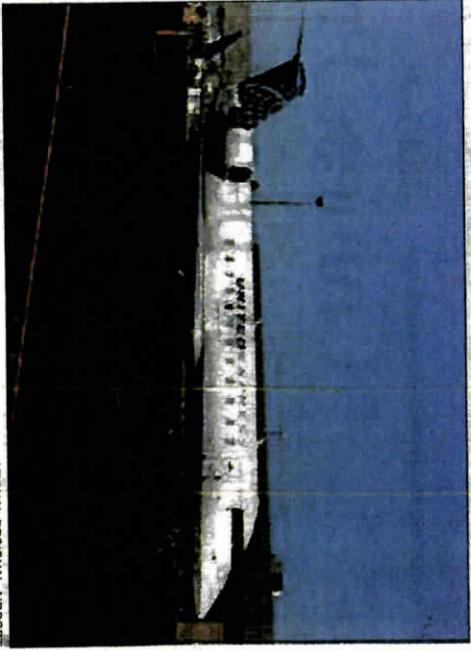
**Duchesne Municipal Airport** is set to receive a \$300,000 grant to update its master plan and Vernal Regional Airport will receive a \$300,000 grant to fund improvements to a drainage system and a second grant of \$620,197 to fund new perimeter fencing.

The investments are timely because the U.S. economy is surging, according to a USDOT press release. Employers have added more than seven million jobs since January 2017. To kick off the new decade, a robust 225,000 American jobs were added in January 2020 and the unemployment rate is 3.6 percent—the lowest in 50 years.

Aviation is an important part of that growth. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. civil aviation supports more than 5%

of U.S. gross domestic product; \$1.6 trillion in economic activity; and nearly 11 million jobs.

"America's airports provide a gateway to the world for our citizens while at the same time delivering first impressions of the United States to visitors from abroad," said Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Steve Dickson. "It's in our national interest to make them the crown jewel in our transportation system. The Airport Improvement Program allows us to do just that."



VERNAL REGIONAL AIRPORT  
Airports from around the nation recently received grants for improvements. Airports in Vernal and Duchesne were among them.

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# Annual fundraiser by Gateway Center

By Nancy Spurlock  
Uintah Basin Standard

The Gateway Senior Citizen Center in Duchesne is celebrating another successful year of raising money for the people it serves through its annual drawing.

"It's our biggest fundraiser," said center volunteer Joyce Keysaw. "All of our money goes to the seniors, every dime. Not one dime goes to administration and the seniors decide what to do with the money and what prizes to buy."

The seniors were also responsible for selling tickets for the drawing.

"Every bit of the selling was done by senior volunteers," said volunteer Donna Ries. "We sold some at Al's Food Town, the fair, and up and down the street. Saturday night (Aug. 8) was the drawing during intermission at the rodeo. We gave away a barbecue grill, a flat screen TV, and a couple of afghans."

Barbecue winner Alisa Ryan bought a book of 25 tickets from her mother, center member Hazel Orefinger, to support her sales and to benefit the center.

"Well my husband calls me and said, 'When you get this phone call, you need to answer it,'" Ryan said. "I said 'OK,' 'cause I don't usually answer my phone if I don't know the number. So I answered it and they informed me that I won it."



NANCY SPURLOCK, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Gateway Senior Citizen Center volunteer Joyce Keysaw presents Alisa Ryan and her husband, Larry, with the barbecue grill she won in the center's recent fundraiser. The money raised is used by the center for picnics, presents, and whatever else the seniors it serves may need.

I was pretty happy about it."

Other prize winners included TV winner Heidi Brandy, and Terry Mosteller and Kristin Murray, who both won afghans.

The seniors use the money they raise for picnics, gift giving, and other activities.

"For everybody's birthday they get a little birthday present: For every holiday, they get a little gift," Keysaw said. "Like for Mother's Day every mother got a gallon geranium plant. For Father's Day, they got a key chain and some hankies. For Easter, everybody in the

whole center that came, plus we do Meals on Wheels and make sure they get their little surprises, they got a covered Easter egg."

Uintah Basin Association of Governments Executive Director Laurie Brummond also works closely with the

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# Center benefits seniors

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"They help coordinate some of their money with the money we have for activities if we can't fund it all so we can provide more for them," Brummond said. "Activities that we can do, we'll solicit them and ask them for their assistance and they can participate."

Keysaw said the senior community in Duchesne is a fairly close knit one.

"If someone can't afford to

go on the shopping trip ... we'll pay for 'em," she said. "We'll pay that donation for their bus ride. We'll buy their bingo tickets and we keep our bingo so low. You get three tickets for \$1, so everybody can afford it."

Keysaw invited all senior citizens to visit the center.

"Try it, you'll really like it," she said. "We have a lot of fun."

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# Artsy banners will hang in Duchesne

By Nancy Spurlock  
 Uintah Basin Standard

Twenty-one welcome banners will line Duchesne's Main Street by this week's end.

One side of the banner will have the words, "Local Artwork." The other side displays an individual piece of art provided by local artists ranging from age 3 to 78. Below the artwork are the

words, "Welcome to Duchesne."  
 "We'd like to give Brian Daniels at Daniels Sign Works in Roosevelt a lot of credit," Duchesne Beautification Committee Member RoJean Rowley said. "It's difficult to take an original piece of art, scan it into the computer and then get it onto that sign. It's taken him a lot of time and we really

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NANCY SPURLOCK, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

City worker Trent Clegg hangs a banner by artist Idonna Prows while Duchesne Beautification Committee members RoJean Rowley and Carol Thomas watch. Local artists - ranging in age from 3 to 78 - provided the artwork on the 21 banners that will hang along Main Street.

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*The smaller the mind the greater the conceit.*

—Aesop

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want to give him credit."  
 The committee wanted the banners to be unique and represent the people of Duchesne.

"We just put it in the paper and asked people to get involved and get us their artwork," committee member Carol Thomas said. "We're so grateful to the community for coming forward with their artwork and being willing to do this and being excited about it."

The banners will be up for a few months until new holiday banners are made and hung, again using local artists. The committee is considering auctioning the banners off between seasons in an effort to raise money for future projects to beautify the community.

"I'm so excited to think that people get involved from the youth to the older people," Rowley said. "The thing I keep going back to, and I've made this statement before, is how a small thought can blossom into such a great project. It is so much fun to have people in the community have their art displayed. It lets them buy into our community."

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# Ten Commandments Settlement Attorney calls 1% a 'puny award'

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said he expects the city's insurance carrier to take care of the \$694.40 judgement.

By Lezlee E. Whiting

The lawyer for a religious group that won their case against Duchesne City is appealing a federal judge's decision to award them just one percent of what they sought in attorney's fees.

Brian Bernard, who represents the Salt Lake City-based Summum, asked for \$20 in damages and for \$69,444 in legal fees after his clients won their First Amendment case against Duchesne City leaders. U.S. District Judge Dee Benson gave him the \$20 in damages earlier and warned that he would be very restrictive in the amount of attorney's fees he would allow. But Bernard said that Benson's decision to give Summum just \$694.40 — or one percent of what they requested, is an insult.

"Such a puny award encourages government actors to disregard constitutional rights with impunity," said Bernard. "Such an award diminishes the importance of First Amendment litigation."

Benson ruled that Summum won their case, but only because Duchesne City leaders committed a "technical violation" of the law when they sold the plot of land where the controversial Ten Commandment monument stands in the corner of a city park — making it private, rather than public land.

"There is no such thing as a 'technical violation' of the First Amendment," said Bernard. "Any violation of the First Amendment is cause for concern."

Summum, which bases its teachings on early Egyptian beliefs such as mummification, asked to be allowed to place their "Seven Aphorisms" marker next to the Ten Commandment monument in the park, which is located a few blocks south of Highway 40.

In an effort to remove the Ten Commandment monument from government property, city leaders first deeded the small parcel to the Lion's Club, calling the property deal an expression of gratitude for the work club members perform for the city. When that plan came under fire, they sold the tiny plot to the family who originally donated the Decalogue to the city in the 1970s. A small fence was erected around the monument and a sign placed stating it was private property.

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said he hadn't heard about the nominal award in attorney's fees for Summum when contacted by the *Standard*, but called it "a big win for the city." Because the court had ruled the city committed "such a slight infraction," Park said he "personally didn't think he (Bernard) deserved that much." Park said earlier that he expects the city's insurance carrier to take care of the \$694.40 judgement.

Edward White, the attorney with the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, who represented Duchesne City on a pro-bono basis, said he wasn't surprised at the amount awarded.

"Judge Benson ... has awarded them an amount of attorney's fee consistent with the technical violation he found," said White.

Bernard has filed to ask the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court to review the amount Judge Benson awarded Summum. "I strongly believe the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals will place a much higher value on litigation that validates First Amendment rights," Bernard said.

Summum will have to show that Benson abused his discretion for the high court to overturn the judge's award.

# TEN COMMANDMENT RULING MISSING "THOU SHALT NOT" Attorneys differ on impact of ruling

By Lezlee E. Whiting

Citizens, attorneys and lower court judges who expected the U.S. Supreme Court to draw a definitive line in the debate over religious displays on public property had their hopes dashed last week.

The high court justices have rendered two decisions in the controversial matter, which means there's still no "bright line" to end litigation, said attorney Brian Bernard whose client Summum sued Duchesne city over the placement of a Ten Commandment monument in Roy Park and the right to place their own religious monument in the park.

The Supreme Court justices al-

lowed a Ten Commandment monument display outside the Texas State Capitol, but in a separate decision declined to allow a Kentucky courthouse to continue to display framed copies of the Ten Commandments in their hallways.

The split decision means that current and future debates on the religious issue will be considered on a case-by-case basis, which is as the justices intended in both of their 5-4 decisions.

According to Barnard, Summum's case against Duchesne may be strengthened because of the Texas case.

"The Supreme Court said it is OK under some circumstances to display religious ideals on govern-

ment property," he said. "That case is based upon free expression and was not a separation of church and state challenge. If a group is allowed to display the Ten Commandments then every group that wants a similar display should be allowed to do so."

Summum wanted to erect a monument to their early-Egyptian religious beliefs in Roy Park near the Ten Commandment monument. When the city did not respond to their requests Summum took them to court.

While the suit was under advisement by U.S. District Judge Dee Benson, the city sold the land

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around the Ten Commandment monument turning it into private property, and issued a new ordinance stating that no more religious displays would be allowed in public parks. Benson ruled the city had "technically violated" Summum's First Amendment right to free speech.

Summum has appealed the decision opposing the way the city acted in disposing of the land surrounding the Ten Commandment monument "to avoid compliance with the free expression clause of the First Amendment." The appeal also questions the legality of the way city officials deeded the property to a private party.

Ed White, an attorney with the Ann Arbor, Michigan-based Thomas More Law Center, represents Duchesne city in the case. He said Summum's appeal will be addressed "in due course," adding that the city has filed a cross appeal seeking to overturn Benson's ruling that Duchesne's original sale of the Ten Commandment monument caused a "technical violation of Summum's rights."

White said he believes the recent Supreme Court decisions doesn't "help or hurt" the city's case.

"The case in Duchesne deals with free speech issues and the two opinions deal with establishment clause issues which is wholly separate from free speech," he said.

The two cross appeals are expected to be addressed by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals within a year to 18 months.

In the meantime, Summum has made application for approximately \$70,000 in attorney fees incurred by Summum in pursuit of the matter. Judge Benson previously ruled Summum is entitled to an award of attorney fees because they "won" the \$20 in damages the group had requested in the declaratory judgment.

The judge left the amount of legal fees open, but did instruct Summum to keep them reasonable. Barnard said he recently tried to negotiate a settlement for legal fees with White but was "rebuffed." Because of this, he said the city is scheduled to reply to his request of \$70,000 around mid-July with legal and factual arguments.

Duchesne city officials said previously that taxpayers won't have to bear the cost of paying for legal fees surrounding the monument controversy because they have liability insurance.

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# ATVs now welcome on Duchesne City streets

By Preston McConkie

The wave of the future has reached Duchesne, where on June 10 the city council signed an ordinance allowing all-terrain vehicles to be operated on all city streets, with four designated intersections for crossing highways.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilwoman Jeannie Meacham, who in April suggested the city follow a trend set by other rural communities that have adopted "OHV laws" allowing off-highway vehicles access to city and county roads.

Meacham said such laws allow tourists to move conveniently from mountain trails to towns, making it possible to tour hundreds of miles of the state via ATV instead of driving in circles to and from a pickup or trailer.

Meacham and other councilmembers acknowledged Duchesne is not currently in a position to gain a great deal of tourist traffic from the new ordinance, though there is one non-highway road connecting Starvation Reservoir to the city.

"We've got to start somewhere," said Councilwoman Nancy Wager. "The business isn't here yet, but we have to make it possible first."

Councilman Paul Tanner initially opposed the ordinance, and succeeded in persuading the council to change a provision that would have allowed drivers as young as 8. The wording was altered so that ATV drivers on city streets must be 16 or older and

## What is an ATV, really?

According to state law, an "All-terrain Type 1 vehicle" is "any motor vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having an unladen dry weight of 800 pounds or less, traveling on three or more low pressure tires, having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, and designed for or capable of travel over unimproved terrain."

Although ATVs are required to be registered and licensed with the state, an exception is made for "off-highway implements of husbandry" — in other words, farm tractors.

Youth ages 8 to 16 are required by state law to take a safety class prior to operating all types of ATVs on public lands or trails.

For more information about Utah off-highway vehicle programs, call 800-648-7433 (1-800-OHV-RIDE).

licensed to operate on-highway vehicles.

Tanner said he had no use for the new ordinance and didn't want to confront ATV traffic, saying he already disliked the amount of unauthorized ATV use in town. Councilman Darwin McKee and others said they personally would like the option of driving an ATV for a short, one-person errand instead of having to drive a pickup truck or other low-gas-mileage vehicle.

"This isn't just for tourists," McKee said. "This is for the convenience of people here in

Duchesne."

After Tanner's peers voted in favor of the ordinance, he smiled, said, "Let's go ahead and make it unanimous," and cast his own vote in favor.

The Utah Legislature signaled its favor for local OHV laws when it passed Title 41 Chapter 22, which will take effect Oct. 1. The law specifically authorizes counties and municipalities to adopt their own ordinances allowing ATVs on locally-controlled streets, as well as state highways within their own jurisdiction. The law provides for local governments to allow ATV operators under 16 who are under direct adult supervision.

Duchesne's ordinance does not allow ATV driving along highways within its limits, but allows ATV riders to cross U.S. Highway 40 at 400 West and 200 East, U.S. Highway 191 at 400 South, and state Road 87 at 100 North. The ordinance also requires ATVs to have working mufflers, be driven no faster than 25 mph, have working head and tail lights, not be operated more than an hour after sundown or an hour before sunup, have a 4½-foot safety flag, that operators and passengers under 18 wear helmets, and that the ATVs not be driven recklessly.

The ordinance also authorizes enforcement by the Duchesne County Sheriff's Office. Violations are classified as infractions, with fines and penalties currently left to the discretion of a traffic-court judge. However, operators convicted of two or more citations within six months will automatically lose their privilege to drive ATVs in Duchesne for one year.

Council members discussed holding a public hearing before adopting the ordinance, but were informed by City Attorney Bryan Bryner that state law doesn't require public hearings to pass traffic ordinances.

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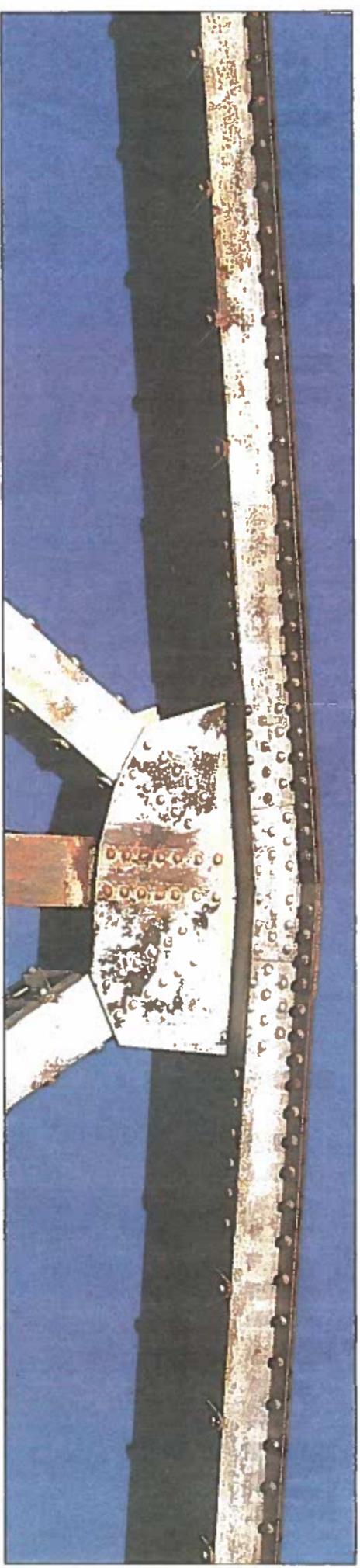
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STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

An up-close view shows the detail work that went into the construction of the Bridgeland bridge. "It is a really neat piece of construction. It was made with hot rivets, a process they don't use anymore," County Commissioner Kent Peatross said.

## Bridgeland bridge moving to Duchesne

By STEVE PURO  
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A landmark of central Duchesne County, one which has withstood the changes of time and is steeped in the history of the county, is about to experience a re-birth.

The historic bridge at Bridgeland is soon to be moved, repaired, refurbished and repurposed to serve the county it has served for nearly 100 years. Its new location will be in Duchesne City connecting the proposed parking lot on the south side of the Strawberry River with the parking area for the future events center.

"I was recently placed on the Duchesne County Commission when the new bridge at Bridgeland was built," Commissioner Kent Peatross said. "We contacted historic agencies in the state to see if there was money to rehab the old bridge and protect it. The historical society for the state said there were no funds available."

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"I understood the new bridge was because of the increased traffic," Larson said.

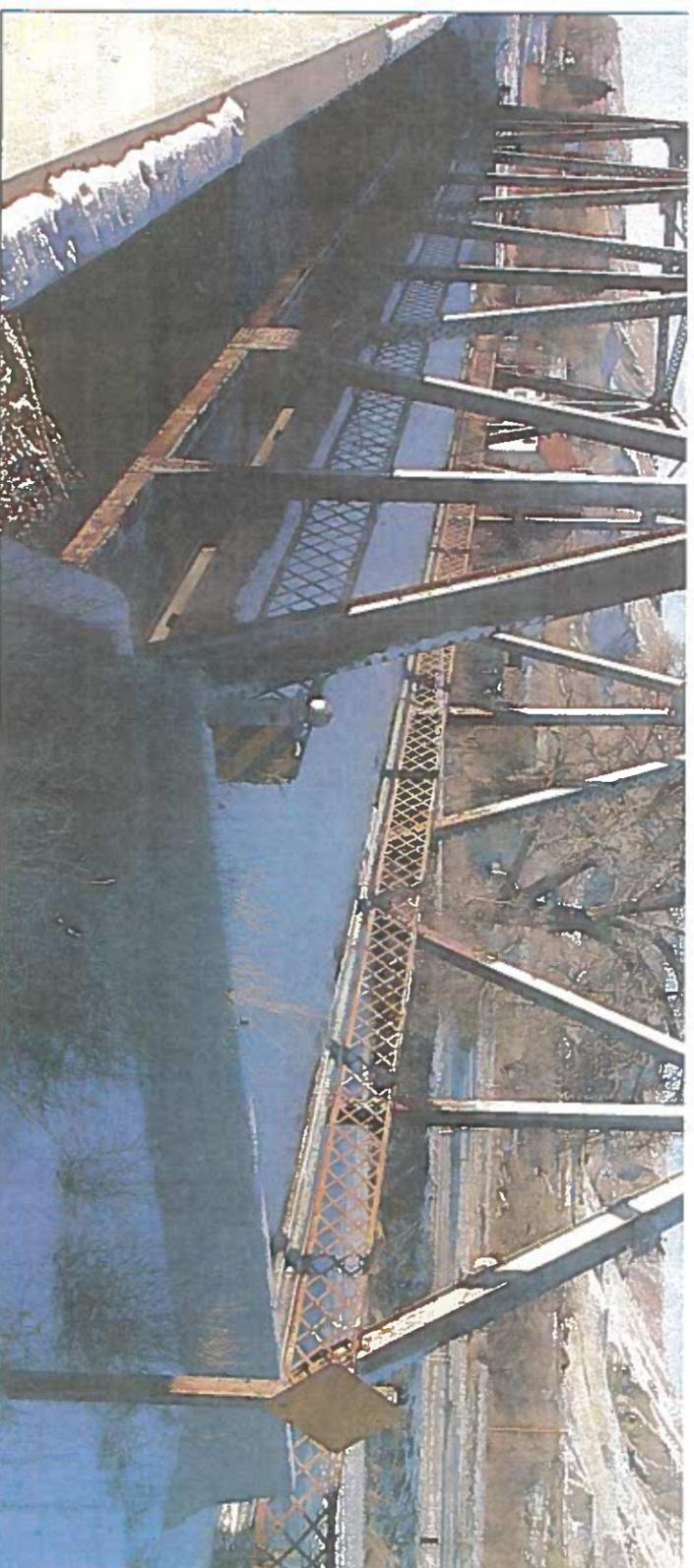
The estimate to rehab the bridge was approximately \$1 million. Lead paint and other contaminants would be have to be contained within a huge "baggie" to prevent the materials from falling into the Duchesne River during the process of refurbishment of the bridge on location. The cost was considered out of reach.

In late 2014, pieces began to fall into place to build a new event center in Duchesne. The Community Impact Board approved funding for the new facility and Duchesne County was able to acquire the property on the south side of the Strawberry River for future parking. However, the county realized they would need a bridge to connect the two properties.

"Preliminary estimates to build a new bridge in Duchesne put the price tag at about \$1 million," Duchesne County Commission Chair Ron Winterton said. "Then the idea came that we already owned a bridge and wondered if it could be moved."

The county put the dismantling, moving, refurbishment, reconstruction and placement of the bridge out for bid.

"We were pleasantly surprised when a bid came in at \$700,000 to move the Bridgeland bridge to the new location," Winterton said. "A lot of people are attached to the bridge and we have left it alone for historical purposes."



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The historic Bridgeland bridge is soon to be moved, repaired and repurposed to continue to serve Duchesne County. Its new location will be connecting the proposed parking lot on the south side of the Strawberry River with the parking area for the upcoming event center in Duchesne.

We hope the new use will please those who have protected the bridge."

The bridge is a county asset and is not on any historic registers in the state according to Utah Division of State History Assistant Director and Media Relations contact Kevin Fayles. There were no obstacles to relocating the edifice.

"As we considered the bid, we realized we had three choices," Peatross said. "We could build a new bridge for roughly \$1 million, we could use the old bridge from Bridgeland, or we could let the old bridge slowly fail. No one on the commission wanted to throw the bridge away."

The decision to repurpose the bridge offered the best of both worlds, Peatross said.

"Not only will the bridge be saved and refurbished for the future, but it will save the county approximately \$300,000 to move it instead of building new," Peatross said.

"I guess this will save the bridge," Larson said. "Our community will feel the loss though."

Peatross recognizes the uniqueness of the historic structure.

"It is a really neat piece of construction. It was made with hot rivets, a process they don't use anymore," Peatross said. Relocation will be an involved

process, according to Winterton.

"First they will use cranes to lift the bridge from its moorings," Winterton said. "Once placed on a special heavy trailer, the top will be cut off so it can pass under power lines on the trip along River Road to Duchesne City."

The bridge will be refurbished at the county fairgrounds. Sandblasting will remove the old paint safely for disposal without risk to the environment. Then the bridge will be reassembled for placement.

Jones and DeMille Engineering has been working with the county to design the new abutments for the bridge to connect the fairgrounds with the 22 acres the county owns across the river. About six acres will be developed into additional parking for the fairgrounds and the event center.

"The bridge has I-beams under it. The last thing done will be to re-deck the road surface of the bridge," Peatross said.

"We expect to begin the process of moving and relocat-

ing the bridge sometime between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2015," Winterton said.

Peatross said the county is planning an interpretive marker at the new location and to recognize the bridge move as a part of the county centennial.

"I think they need to put up something about the history of the bridge and a monument for a historical marker in Bridgeland,"

Larson said.

"It would be appropriate to put a placard at the original location, too," Peatross said.

The county has yet to determine the interpretation for either location. There is consideration of re-naming the bridge the "Centennial Bridge," but such discussions are only in the formative stages.



STEVE PURO, UTAH BASIN STANDARD

The historic Bridgeland bridge is an important piece of Duchesne County's history. "A lot of people are attached to the bridge," said Commissioner Ron Winterton. "We hope the new use will please those who have protected the bridge."



# Bridgeland Bridge finds new home

By STEVE PURO  
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It was a move of epic proportions as the historic Bridgeland Bridge moved from its moorings in Bridgeland and traveled down the U.S. 40 corridor to the fair-grounds in Duchesne City. The move happened over the course of two days on Tues., March 10 and Wed., March 11.

The move to repurpose the bridge from a rusting county asset to a restored functioning artifact of the county history began with the moving of the structure.

Constructed with 1920's technology, engineering, and hot rivets, the bridge, while the namesake to the town of Bridgeland could not be located on any historic registers within

the state of Utah, was registered only as property of Duchesne County.

The idea of moving the bridge came up as a new events center was planned for Duchesne County and new property was purchased by the county on the other side of the river from the fair-grounds.

Original bids to refurbish the bridge came in around \$1 mil-

lion in 2006. The bid to move, refurbish and install the bridge at its new location came in less than \$800,000. With that news, the county decided to move the bridge and bring it back to life for future county residents to admire and enjoy.

Jones and DeMille Project Manager Kayde Roberts did the

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design work to prepare the bridge for moving in two pieces.

"We went into the history books and had to research the type of steel used in 1929 and look up the properties of the materials used," Roberts said. "My boss, Kendrick Thomas, checked the figures and did the quality control."

The Utah Department of Transportation was especially helpful in supplying old diagrams and engineering drawing for the original bridge construction, according to Roberts.

Traveling down U.S. 40 on trucks subjected the bridge to stresses it never experienced in all its years at Bridgeland.

"We had to plan for the bridge stresses at twice its weight, though I don't think it ever approached that much load," Roberts said. "It was about four months of planning to prepare for the move."

"This is going to be an iconic piece and location for this bridge," Roberts said. "All the traffic coming down Indian Canyon on U.S. 191 will see this bridge. This is now a piece of history and this will put it in a strategic location and it can still be used. This has been a good thing for the county."

Dry Creek Structures, who have moved many bridges in modern construction were tasked with the job of moving the bridge.

Dry Creek Project Manager Cameron Erickson said there were unique challenges in moving the historic structure.

"This was unique in that we had to cut the bridge in half," Erickson said. "Typically we move the bridges fully intact. We had to have this bridge cut in half to address height issues as it travelled down the road to Duchesne."

Many partners took part in the transportation of the

bridge. West Roc Trucking of Vernal was tasked with the actual transportation, while Fisher Crane did the lifting. Strata Networks and Moon Lake Electric Association provided help in clearing power and utility poles. The Utah Highway Patrol and Duchesne County Sheriff's Office handled traffic control.

The streets of Duchesne had school students and curious adults on hand for the procession as the bridge came to town.

Duchesne Elementary School fifth grade teacher, Mr. Hoopes, brought his class to watch.

"The logistics of moving a bridge. All the things and planning that goes into that. It's not every day you get to watch a bridge float through town," he said. "The students all said their favorite part was watching the second truck drive backward with the bridge."

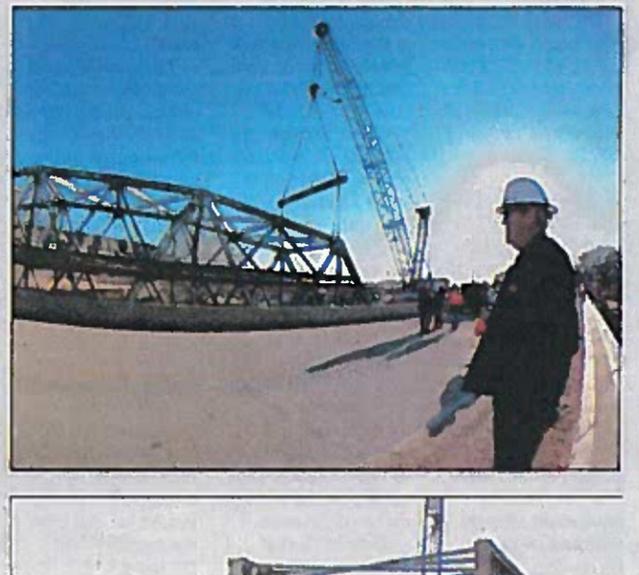
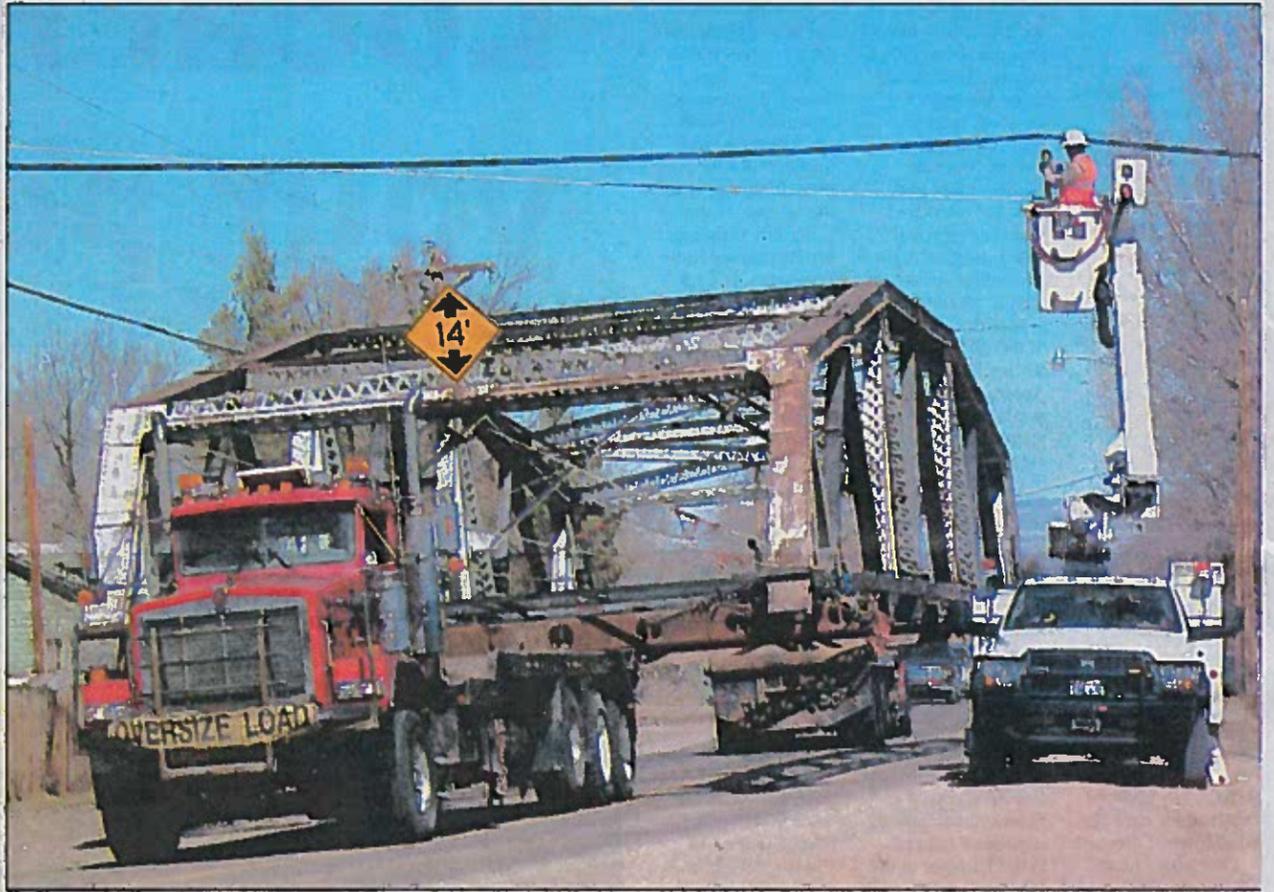
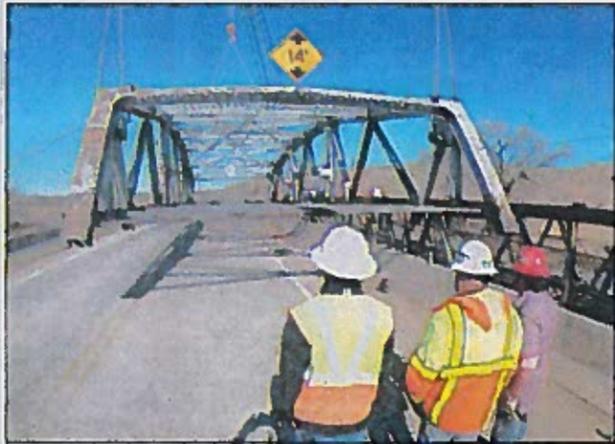
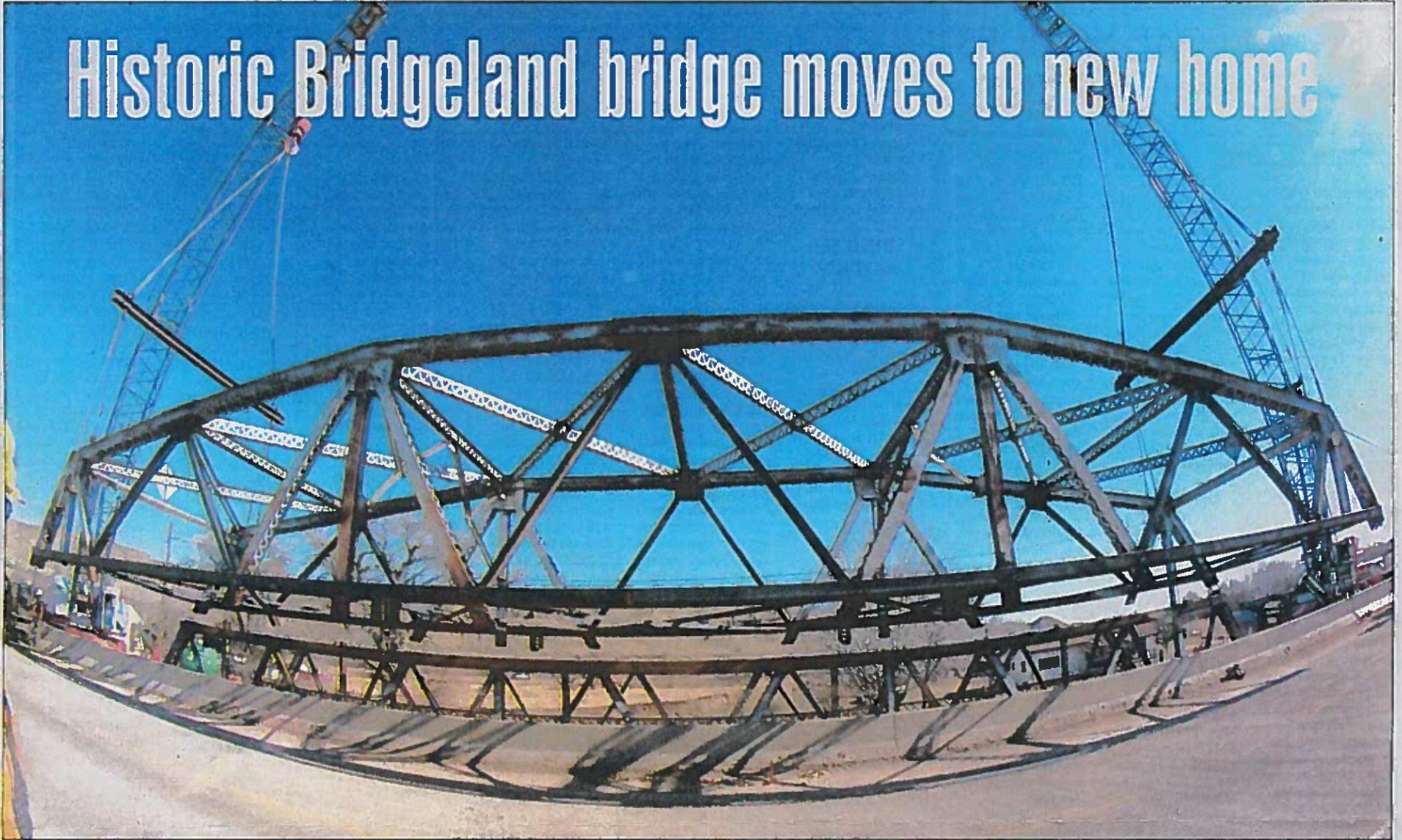
Fifth grader Dawson Van Tassel thought moving the bridge was "cool."

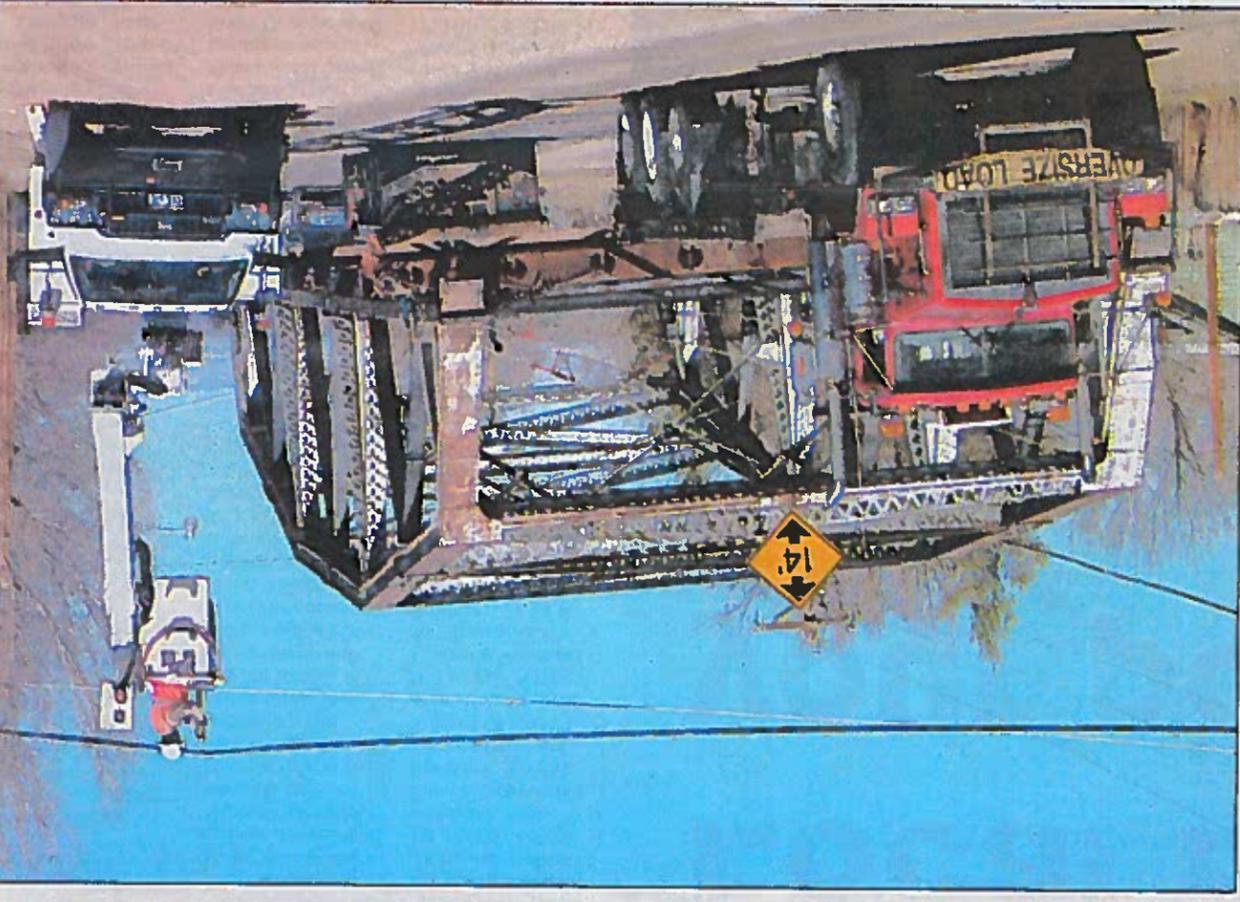
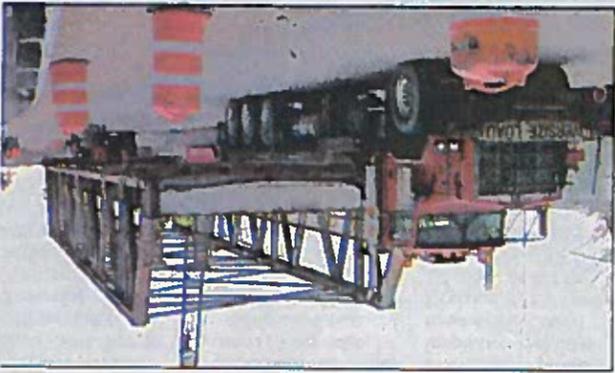
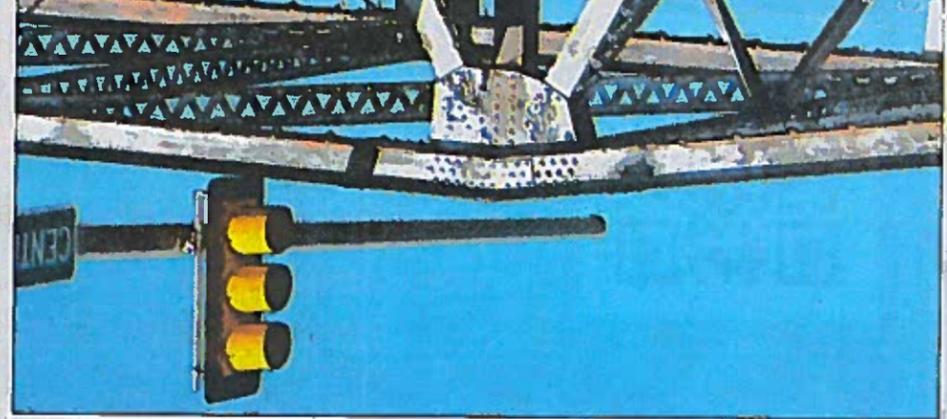
Duchesne Centennial Committee Chairman Kent Peatross has been particularly moved by the project. "The more we got into this project, the more special and unique it became," Peatross said. "As the engineers began looking at the construction of the bridge they scratched their heads as they looked at how the bridge was built in

1929. The original thought was that it was shipped in several large pieces and assembled, but they didn't have our transportation in those days, or these 100 ton cranes. Who knows what kind of derrick they used." Crews will now work to refurbish the bridge and place it on its new earthen moorings, a dramatic change from its original moorings which were over 20 feet deep and anchored on bed rock. The target date for completion is now May 1, 2015.

"It really adds credibility to the project that we are saving a piece of history here that is almost gone forever. It's a unique piece of our history," Peatross said. "It would have been unfortunate to have thrown this away and not preserved it."

# Historic Bridgeland bridge moves to new home





# Bridgeland post office, postmaster both retire

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By Anna Hanberg

The Bridgeland Postmaster, Alice Halladay, has been in service to the community for almost 20 years. Halladay is 58 now and on Oct. 3, she is planning on retiring.

Throughout her years of service, Halladay has seen many changes take place in the postal system including the change in prices and the speed of delivery.

The post office was originally part of a store. Eventually the store was torn down, but the post

office remains. The post office kept part of it's heritage. One window still has the original and traditional bars. Ranae Paystrup, a daughter of Halladay, indicated that many people expressed their problems and concerns to Halladay through this window. It was apparently "like a confessional," explained Paystrup.

Changes continue and the mail system will go into routes out of Duchesne. Halladay is doing much of the background work for these routes.

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# Building Community Pride, One Project At A Time.

The motto represents the Duchesne City Beautification Green Team and the citizens who have joined us in helping to endow our gateway city with the kinds of attributes that make Duchesne not only a desirable place to live and raise a family, but also a destination point rather than just a wide place in the road to stop while traveling through.

The effects and influence of our non-profit volunteer team has been to install and build a sense of community pride through the accomplishment of various projects and programs. Citizen's participation and attendance of Green Team hosted events have been impressive and gratifying.

We are appreciative of all the help and consideration we've received from individuals and organizations and take this opportunity to thank and recognize them publicly. Many of our projects are completed while others are works in progress. We wish to express our gratitude for all those who participate and acknowledge their bolstering of Green Team efforts that result in perpetuating community pride.

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- Cleaned, and restored Theodore Cemetery with the help of the Boy Scouts who donated their time and efforts in its restoration.
- Wallace and Roy Park clean up, planted grass
- Installed playground equipment.
- Green Team donated and planted flower displays that beautify main street.
- Painted light posts, acquired pole banners and commemorative plaques.
- Created recycling program
- Painted "D-Hill" water tank
- Painted Roy Park pavilion
- Display cabinets built at Pope House Pavilion
- Pope house museum grounds groomed and improved.
- Duchesne County History Department
- Assisted in establishing the Duchesne Fine Arts Council
- Farmers Market
- Evenings in the Park
- Irish Dancers Event
- Piano Concert
- Blue Grass Concert
- Easter Egg decorating contest
- Holiday family and fun days activities
- Contributed monetary donations to various groups.
- Contributed metal eagle mascot hung in front of Duchesne High School
- Participated in Enchanted Forest as a fund raising project.
- Duchesne City Light Parade
- The Amazing Rubber Ducky Race fund raising project.
- The 4th and 24th of July parades.

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Freedom shrine, Veterans Memorial Wall, walking/jogging path Roy Park, sand volley ball pits, plant area around the skate park.

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- Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce

Construction companies and workers who donated their labor and equipment. To our many generous citizens who donate their time, effort and resources. A very special thank you.

In the event we have missed a person or organization who deserves to be recognized with our thanks, we give it now and assure you that any and all oversights were purely unintentional.

# Calm and giving best describes Jenny Adams

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To look at the calm and warm Jenny Adams, one wouldn't think she has spent the last three decades working two full-time jobs. Yet many who know her best indicate she has indeed accomplished the tasks of at least two individuals.

"She doesn't just work for the bank," Marci Lindmeir said of the woman who spent over three decades at the Duchesne City Zions Bank, "Jenny takes on the entire community. It's like she has two full-time jobs, at least. She never stops. It's a mystery how someone can just come into a community and be loved by everyone and take on everyone's burden or happiness."

Lindmeir will be replacing Adams as the manager at the Duchesne City Zions Bank. The new manager, however, doesn't know how anyone can replace Adams in all the other endeavors.

"I'll still be doing everything, except the bank job," Adams mused. "I might even get another job, nothing as hectic as the bank."

Hectic barely describes some of Adams days. To

understand why, one must start with a list of projects she is involved in. She has been in the Lions Club for 25 years where she helped with Sub for Santa, Easter Egg Hunts, and fitting individuals with eye glasses. The Uintah Basin Medical Center praised the work she did for them as a board member.

"She is wonderful," Brent Hales, CFO at UBMC said. "Jenny always had an eye and a mind out for how what we do will affect the individual patient and resident. I always admired her care and her willingness to serve."

Many hours were spent working with KLiC. As the group raised money to help families dealing with cancer, Adams was always available. She remained available daily providing



Jenny Adams

vouchers and money. Often this meant she arrived at the bank hours before opening just to make certain a family had gas money needed for a trip to the Wasatch Front.

Adams lost her husband two years ago to the disease.

Some of her time is spent assisting a charity called Eyes for Zimbabwe, where she helped supply clothes, medical supplies, and other necessities to remote areas of Africa.

The Adams family came to Duchesne from Rhodesia, Africa. The journey took them nearly ten years. Five years were spent getting permission to apply for a job and then another five years to get a job.

"The job had to be advertised for three months," Adams explained, "If no American applied, then my husband could. Duchesne County needed an engineer. No one applied for the

job. He applied. Then we had to wait another three months. And then another 18 months."

During the long waiting period, George Adams had to do "his military call up."

"We didn't even know if he would make it through that," Adams explained, then she laughed. "The maps we had over there, we couldn't even find Duchesne. We saw the Uintah Mountains. Duchesne was supposed to be close to those beautiful green mountains. Then when we drove out passed Heber which was all green and lush. The closer to Duchesne the browner." Adams laughed again. "The lake was brown. That is the opposite of what we knew in Africa."

Adams is adamant about her love for the area now. She loves the people. She loves the seasons and she loves her second job.

Dave Higginson, vice-president and manager at Zions Bank, called Adams, "The most wonderful person I know in this world." Duchesne County Deputy Sheriff, Brandon Adams is one of Adams two sons. He echoed the sentiment, but is a bit more pragmatic about his mother's generosity.

"Sometimes I have to reel her in," Brandon Adams said. "She serves everywhere and then she is constantly helping individuals. I'm in law enforcement, I see these people. I have to tell her that people will take advantage of her."

Adams loves her son, but she doesn't always listen.

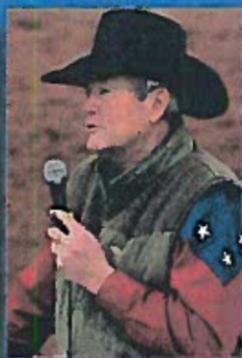
"Because I have been given much, I too must give. It's a song," Adams said. "One I try to live by."

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# Centennial Events Center opens in Duchesne



Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce Director Irene Hansen



Kent Peatross served as project manager on the Centennial Events Center

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It was an exciting weekend in Duchesne County as thousands gathered at the fairgrounds to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Centennial Events Center.

The new facility is enormous, and brings with it awesome potential for future events in Duchesne County.

The building houses four conference rooms, each with a capacity of 65 people or more, along with an indoor arena with bleacher seating for 2,000.

"The possibilities here are endless," said Irene Hansen, Director of the Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce. "We can host conferences here. We can hold corporate retreats. We can have car shows and trade shows and rodeos, even in the middle of the winter. Families will hold reunions here. Brides will be married here. There is really no end to the things we can do."

The weekend-long celebration

kicked off on Friday, Jan. 8, with a luncheon for dignitaries from Duchesne County and all the surrounding areas. An official dedication was held, and the crowd gathered outside the building to watch as the American Flag was raised over the building for the first time.

Celebrations continued on Saturday, Jan. 9, with an open house for the entire community and an Exhibition Rodeo to mark the official opening of the indoor arena.

"We've had 1,500 people here today alone," said Hansen on Saturday. "It's been a constant stream, and that tells me that people can really see the use for something like this in our community. Everyone is excited."

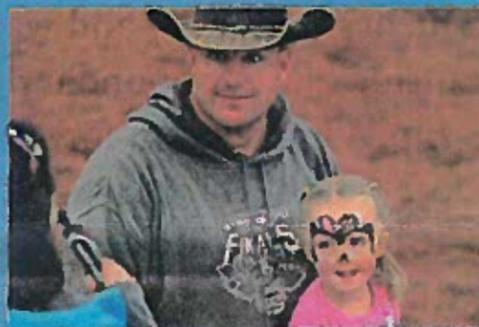
The rodeo kicked off at 8 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and featured a number of local cowboys and girls competing in bull riding, barrel racing and team roping.

"When I walked in here this

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Old Glory was flown inside the new Centennial Events Center arena for the first time last Saturday.



Cowboys and girls of all ages gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Centennial Events Center on Jan. 9. Here, a father and daughter pose for a photograph on horseback inside the new arena.



Casey Kirkham was the first rider on the first bull out of the chutes at the Centennial Events Center area on Saturday, Jan. 9.



An Exhibition Rodeo was held on Saturday, Jan. 9, to celebrate the opening of the new indoor arena at the Centennial Events Center. The rodeo featured several events, including barrel racing.



A pair of team ropers hook a steer in the Exhibition Rodeo at the new Centennial Events Center on Jan. 9.



# Centennial Event Center

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The central location of the Events Center within the Basin makes it ideal for holding events, and its location on the fairgrounds is also ideal.

"There's no better location," Hansen said. "What makes this even cooler is that this is a big part of a huge infrastructure on the county fairgrounds. There's pavement there. There's parking for camp trailers. There's other show barns. There's another outdoor arena with beautiful stands. You could have multiple things going on and have that fair-type atmosphere multiple times a year. The infrastructure is all right there to make that possible. This in and of itself just changes the whole dynamic of what is possible in Duchesne County."

morning and saw horses in the arena, I got emotional," Hansen said. "I just had that feeling of, 'Oh my gosh, this is real.' This is the crown jewel of my career."

Project Manager Kent Peatross spoke briefly about the county's excitement for the new Events Center on Saturday afternoon.

"This has been a dream that's been a long time coming," said Peatross. "There are so many people who have put time and effort and money into making this facility a reality for our county. What a great way to celebrate our Centennial year."

The Centennial Events Center has been a dream of Duchesne County leaders for more than ten years. "Ever since I have been on the commission the idea has been on the capital improvement list," said Peatross. "I caught the vision, but there were always obstacles preventing the county from going forward."

Those obstacles included lack of adequate land for construction of the facility and lack of funding. However, the county was able to attain the necessary property in recent years. The acquisition of \$5.2 million in CIB funds in October 2014 finally helped county leaders cross that last hurdle from dream into reality.

"The Events Center itself has been about ten years in the planning and dreaming stages of trying to see if it could possibly work," said Hansen. "Duchesne is the gateway to the entire Uintah Basin, and it's so close to the Wasatch front that to have

an events center there with an arena right next to the station and basically right on Highway 101. People that are coming through and going to Moab, it's the perfect location to hold events. People from the Wasatch front can get there from Heber in an hour, so it really is the perfect location. It's close for everybody in the Basin to go to. We envision the events center being a real destination. It may take time to generate outside traffic to the events center, according to Hansen, but she doesn't see that as a bad thing. "I think that initially it will be a lot of local use," said Hansen. "We have a pent up demand for an indoor arena. What's exciting about local use is that almost every person who is passionate about a sport, they're affiliated with a larger group from outside. Now that we have a destination, they'll start promoting our location and we'll start to see some of those local events bring in outside people."

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# CIB OKs \$\$\$ for Strawberry Bridge project

The Community Impact Fund Board has (CIB) met earlier this month and approved almost \$1.8 in grants and low interest loans, to assist three rural communities in Utah's Southeast and Uintah Basin regions.

The board awarded the following: Duchesne City - \$462,000 grant as matching funds on a \$1.3 million project to replace the bridge across the Strawberry River and construct an emergency detour road.

Town of Elmo - \$566,000 grant and \$100,000 in a 30 year, 0% interest loan for the construction of a combined town hall and fire station

Eastland Special Services District - \$430,236 grant and \$230,000 in a 30 year, 0% interest loan for improvements to the culinary water system

The CIB is a program of the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development, a division of the Utah Department of Community and Culture. It assists state and local agencies and entities that are impacted by mineral resource development on federal land through grants and low-interest loans for the planning, construction, and maintenance of public facilities. The funds also help community agencies provide public services.

# Commandments shall be returned

By Laric Lehmann  
Uintah Basin Standard

Duchesne City is set to re-establish its ownership of a disputed Ten Commandments monument in Roy Park.

In a unanimous vote last Tuesday, the city council approved a resolution to buy back a private plot of land in the park that it sold in an effort to end a religious sect's lawsuit over the monument. The resolution also declares that the council as a whole has the ability to allow or deny any future requests for other similar monuments.

The move is the latest development in the ongoing fight that two Utah cities have been involved in with Summum, a Salt Lake City-based religion that follows ancient Egyptian teachings and principles.

Members of Summum have claimed that monuments bearing their Seven Aphorisms should be displayed wherever the Ten Commandments are placed - citing their rights to freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

But on Feb. 25, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Summum's monuments do not have the same legal standing as the Ten Commandments. Justice Samuel Alito, in the case of Pleasant Grove v. Summum, wrote that displaying the Commandments is a form of "government speech" and does not follow any obligations for balanced representation of other religions.

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park says displaying the Commandments in Roy Park "isn't religious - it's historical." That's a view shared by many other Utah officials who have so far triumphed in their effort to retain Ten Commandments monuments in public parks.

Park does concede, though, that the latest move by Duchesne is a case of "winning the battle but losing the war" since the Supreme Court has sent the issue back to the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver for further consideration.

Calls to Summum for comment on Duchesne's newest resolution were not returned at press time. The religious group's attorney Brian Barnard, however, has objected in the past to the city's attempts to divest itself of the monu-

ment.

During its legal battle the city tried to deed a 10-foot by 11-foot piece of ground at the park to the Duchesne Eagle's Club in order to accommodate the monument. When that didn't work, it sold the plot of land back to the family of Irvin Cole. The family had originally donated the monument to city in memory of the late Duchesne businessman.

Once the land was sold, a fence was erected to designate it as private property. The city also posted a sign in the park stating that no monuments were allowed there.

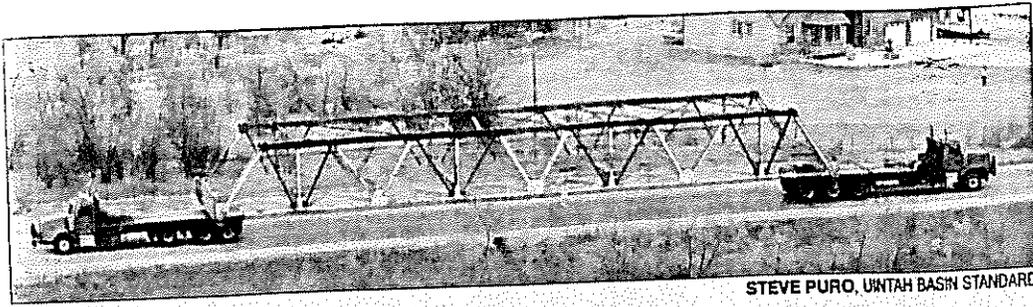
Jay Sekulow, chief council for the American Center for Law and Justice, the firm representing Duchesne in its lawsuit, said in a recent statement that he is satisfied with how the Ten Commandments fight has played out in the courts.

"The Supreme Court's decision...sends a strong message giving government the right to speak for itself and the ability to communicate on behalf of its citizens," Sekulow said.

"A government entity has the right to 'speak for itself,'" he added. "It is not easy to imagine how government could function if it lacked this freedom."

Barnard has said in the past that Summum isn't against the Ten Commandments or religion, but don't want to see government property used as a platform for religious ideals.

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STEVE PURO, UTAH BASIN STANDARD

## Commission updates bridge restoration

Work on the Bridgeland Bridge Relocation project is ongoing. Currently the old lead paint is being stripped from the top half of the structure. They will then repaint the top half. Once that process is complete they will begin stripping and repainting the bottom half. The Contractor will then move to welding the two halves back together. The bridge will be painted

a similar color to its original silver colored paint.

Work on the abutments for the structure has taken place over the past two weeks. The reinforced soil foundation portion of the abutments are ready for the footings to be constructed. Once that process is complete they will be ready for the bridge to be set on the new footings. The bridge is scheduled to move to its final location mid-May.

Even though the bridge is in a different location, the name of the bridge will stay the same. It will still be known as the Old Bridgeland Bridge. In addition, two kiosks are planned that will give a brief history of the bridge. One will be placed at the old site in Bridgeland and one will be located at the new site. The planning and design of these kiosks are underway.

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# County museum given state grant



NANCY SPURLOCK, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce Director of Events Darlene Garrison poses with the original welcome sign at the Pope House Museum that reads, "Welcome to our home – and hobby – look and ask questions, but do not handle. Thanks Fred & Marie." Garrison attained a \$6,000 grant from the Utah Office of Museum Services. She'll use the funds to enclose the dioramas on display inside the museum in an effort to preserve them.

By Nancy Spurlock  
Uintah Basin Standard

**The Pope House Museum** in Duchesne has received a \$6,000 grant from the Utah Office of Museum Services.

Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce Director of Events Darlene Garrison said the money will be used to being enclosing dioramas housed in the museum.

"I don't know how much it's going to take to enclose it all," she said. "Because it's such a small museum and we don't have a huge budget, we can apply for monies to help maintain it or fix it."

The Pope House was originally the home of Fred and Marie Pope. Fred Pope – who passed away over 20 years ago – was a judge, attorney,

and rancher. However it was his hobby, which turned into a lifelong passion for making western-themed dioramas, that made Pope House what it is today.

"The horses and the dolls are obviously plastic, but he made the horse tack, and the clothing," Garrison said. "Some of the backgrounds his wife painted and some are photographs."

Fred Pope had an ingenious way of recycling items to make miniatures for his displays. He used tuna fish cans, added handles and made them into water troughs. He also made bales of hay from carrot tops.

"They had Scout troops and people that came by while they lived here," Duchesne Beautification Committee member Yogi Nielsen said. "They would give

an oral history about all these things that are in here. Then after Fred died, Marie continued that until her death."

Duchesne City owns the Pope House and when Nielsen served on the city council she was an integral part in taking care of it. She too had received a \$2,000 grant.

"I used that to buy fabric and do the curtains," Nielsen said. "I bought the desk and a chair at a little antique store and these two chairs."

"I got some of the older couples around here that knew Fred and Marie Pope," Nielsen said. "They volunteered and they made up a schedule, and we had a grand opening through the week of the (Duchesne County) Fair. They would take people through it. It was really successful and it was all

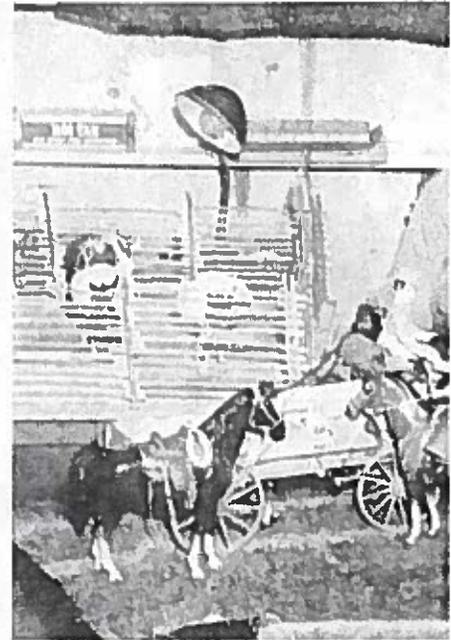
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This archival photograph of Fred and Marie Pope is now on display in the diorama. The diorama is now on display.

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member Sherry Lott appreciates the efforts of the Wells Fargo team.

"Everything was just overgrown and they came and really helped," Lott said, "We painted the window sills and cleaned the inside, but Wells Fargo had a real hand in it and this year they volunteered to come."

The Pope House currently doubles as a Welcome Center for Duchesne County, but Garrison said that is only a temporary situation.

"When we had a welcome center, they would take people and show them the Pope House," Garrison said. "The ladies from the center brought me over and I just fell in love with it. I would hate to take away from what this has to have it stay as the welcome center too."

Garrison expects to receive the grant funds this week, and plans on having Pope House open to the public during the summer.



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This archival photograph of Fred and Marie Pope show them crafting a western-themed diorama. The diorama is now on display in the Pope House Museum in Duchesne.

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# Invasion of Normandy

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**D-DAY BIRTHDAY**--Joseph Clayburn, 80, was involved in the Invasion of Normandy back on June 6, 1944, which was also his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

German E-Boats or subs. Missed by about seven feet."

Eventually the USS Doyle returned to England for more ammunition, fuel and supplies. Part of a story about his return home to Bridgeland is as follows: "Coxswain Joseph R. Clayburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Clayburn, has just returned from overseas, and has

been enjoying an eight day furlough with his many relatives and friends. He has surely had an experience, but has returned home in excellent health. He has been in a number of different countries. . . His ship carries about 267 officers and men. It was one of the first

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three ships to be on the coast of France in the first invasion on D Day. During those first terrible hours of the invasion, members of the his ship went without any rest for 64 hours."

Clayburn doesn't know of anyone else who was in the invasion, and if others in local area were involved he would like to meet them. "I'm the only one I know of in the Uintah Basin."

## RECENTLY HONORED BY FRANCE

# Clayburn recalls Invasion

By Aldon Rachele

Eighty-year-old Joseph Clayburn, Bridgeland, never dreamed he would spend his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, June 6, during the Invasion of Normandy back in 1944 aboard the U.S.S. Destroyer Doyle. The cake and ice cream would have to wait as the United States had World War II to win vs. Nazi Germany and the invasion was the first step to victory. He was born on June 6, 1921.

Clayburn, who is married to Lili, was recently sent a diploma of honor by the country of France for his service during the Invasion of Normandy. It was mailed on the same day as the 9-11-01 disaster in New York City and Washington D.C., and contained a message from Jacques Chirac, President of the Republic of France. It is as follows: "It was with immense shock that France has just learned of these monstrous attacks—there is no other word to describe them. . . . And in these horrifying circumstances, all the French people—and I want to say this here—stand at the side of the American people. They express to them their friendship and solidarity in this tragedy. I, of course, assure President George Bush of my total support."

Back in 1944 Clayburn had the Navy rank of coxswain, and was qualified for sighting of heavy guns, and he said, "It was a wild and scary birthday. We went 64 hours straight firing all our guns, which kept you awake. We were shooting at German artillery guns and bunkers (pillboxes) in ledge rock 300 yards off the beach," he said. "We tried to clean the beach of German guns before our boys landed. All hell broke loose after they landed. A lot of boys were killed on the beach. We took on as many wounded as we could. Bodies were floating around by the ship."

Clayburn reported that he was stationed near the guns with a phone looking for anything that might be approaching the ship. The Germans were dropping mines and torpedoes.

"The Germans were dug back in a hillside so they could fire at the ships and try to destroy them. Three destroyers were lost during that time. We watched one torpedo go under our ship and miss us," he said. "We were part of history. It started us on to victory over Nazi Germany. We had a job to do and did it," he said.

He kept a diary during the Invasion of Normandy, and some items from "D-Day"—June 6, 1944 are as follows: "Leaving Portland, England for the invasion of France. Joined other members of the task force. . . . We are able to see our bombers unloading tons upon tons of bombs along the French coast. We are now about nine miles from the coast. Our planes are to drop 15,000 tons of bombs in six hours and they look like they are doing it. This is twice as many bombs that were dropped on London during the Blitz. As we move in closer to the coast we can see terrific explosions (streams of German firing their guns). We move close to the breakwater and are fired upon by the German 90mm. Our 40mm opened fired and . . . silenced the German guns and also hitting a German gunboat. Two shells from large guns went between our stacks and exploded off our side and another ship was hit repeatedly by German Coastal batteries (just missed the Doyle). Took the surviving soldiers off the side to the Doyle. Landing on Normandy Beach. Soldiers have plenty of guts."

A short note from the next day, June 7, is as follows: "Shelled German troops so our Army could establish beach heads. Torpedoes fired at us by

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Ferrell of Bluebell, Frank Davis of Whiterocks, George Elliott of Myton, Indian farmers, and William Stark of Ouray, mechanical constructor.

The improvement work is divided into five districts, namely, Whiterocks, Fort Duchesne, Myton, Randlett and Altonah.

Mr. Kneal predicts a heavy influx of homeseekers in view of the government's liberality. Mr. Kneal gives some interesting data on the Uintah lands as follows:

"The present improvement fund was created by congressional appropriation on a basis of \$300 per capita, not including the reimbursible fund, which provides for Indians who are willing to improve their own allotment, and amounts to approximately \$100,000. Then in addition to these sums contemplated in the expenditure already provided for there will be derived from the sale of sixty-five pieces of land, averaging eighty acres each, about \$52,000, all of which will be expended in development of water and making land improvements.

"There are at present 1164 Indians entitled to a per capita of \$1,500 derived originally from the sale of lands purchased by the government from the Indians in Colorado.

"To encourage industry among the Indian farmers, the department established the reimbursible fund, which is loaned proportionately to each Indian who has cultivated his allotment, and principally for the purpose of purchasing farm equipment and horses. This loan is required to be paid back by the Indians. Considerable latitude, however is allowed in the matter of reimbursement.

"Great opportunities will be offered to white settlers to lease Indian lands. The reclamation service of the Indian department will extend the irrigation laterals to all Indian allotments, and when this is completed some of the best Indian agricultural lands will be offered for lease on application to the superintendent. Heretofore no money has been allowed lessees, but this is not the case this year, as lessees will be allowed \$5 to \$10 dollars per acre, according to conditions, for cul-

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county governments, the proportion of each to be settled later.

At the meeting Wednesday night Mrs. Pardon Dodds, Jr., and Miss Nellie E. Rodabaugh, a committee from the Thalia club, were present with a plan. This club and perhaps other clubs of the city will help furnish trees to be planted perhaps on Arbor day. The clubs not only agree to furnish the trees, but they will furnish dinner on the day mentioned. All that the men of the city are asked to do is to plant the trees.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN DUCHESNE CITY

Law Library, School and City Records Went up in Smoke

The Pope block in Duchesne City was destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock. The fire started in the rear of the Duchesne Lumber and Hardware company's store. Owing to a lack of water in the town the fire was almost totally destructive.

The Pioneer Supply company carried a stock of general merchandise worth \$6,000, all of which was burned. The Duchesne Lumber company's stock was valued at \$5,000. A few items were saved. This company had some goods stored in another building which was not burned. Both companies carried insurance to cover part of the losses. The jewelry and confectionery store was completely destroyed. Loss about \$700. No insurance.

City Attorney Pope's law library consisting of several hundred volumes was burned, as were all the records of the city and the records and papers of the Duchesne school district. M. B. Pope's loss on law library is about \$3,000. It was not insured.

The total loss on buildings, goods, books, etc., has been estimated as high as \$25,000. The origin of the fire has not yet been learned. The report comes from Duchesne that new buildings will be erected as soon as possible with reinforced concrete and modern interior.

evening the Myton operator may not be in reach. If there is a hurry call for Price there is much annoyance and inconvenience. So he just rigged out that horn business and it works all right. While the Express representative was in the office, after having had a most satisfactory talk with Salt Lake, without a relay, the Price operator pressed the button and the Vernal horn tooted. It's a great thing. The telephone business is getting to be most wonderful. Talk almost any where these days. Just the other day this paper published a long article about the talk from New York to San Francisco.

The writer was much surprised to learn how many calls the Vernal operators receive each and every day on an average. Three thousand. How many users of the Uintah system make the correct answer when a call is put in? Not more than a dozen. What you are called you should not say "hello." If your name happens to be Mr. J. Johnson, you should reply, when called "Mr. J. Johnson." If the party at the other end of the line wants you he will begin to talk at once. If not he will call for the one he wants. Here is the way it takes place some of the time:

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 "Number?"  
 "Give me the Express office."  
 "Hello."  
 "Is this the Express office?"  
 "Yes."  
 "Is there an express package there for me?"  
 "You want the Uintah Railway express office."  
 "Oh."  
 Or it might and perhaps does occur this way.  
 "Give me the express office."  
 "Is this the express office?"  
 "Yes."  
 "What do you charge for butter wrappers?"  
 "You want the Vernal Express Publishing company?"  
 "Oh."  
 Here is about the way it should be done:  
 Ring.  
 "Number?"  
 "2, 4."  
 "Vernal Express."  
 "This is Mrs. Jane Smith."  
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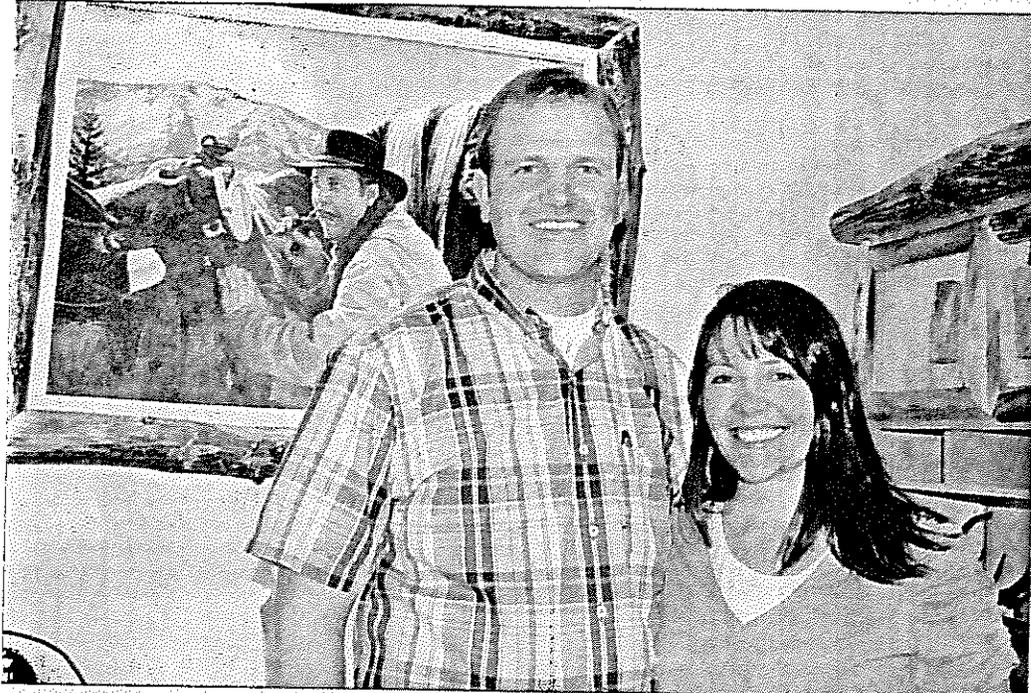
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DEBORAH TRACY, UTAH BASIN STANDARD

Dr. Nathan Turnbow and his wife Carol stand in front of a humorous portrait of the dentist entitled "It Could Be Worse," a reminder to dental patients that back in the old days people often pulled their teeth themselves. The newly built dental office, Lifetime Smiles, in Duchesne began seeing patients last Wednesday. The dental office is different from many in that it incorporates a gift shop along with the dental practice. The office was designed by Turnbow and his wife, who is expecting the couple's sixth daughter this summer. The two did much of the woodwork in the rustic-looking office themselves. Turnbow's great-grandfather homesteaded in the Tabiona area, and after working in Monticello and at a health clinic in Colorado, Turnbow decided to return to this area to build the new business. While the furnishings are rustic, the office has state-of-the-art digital equipment for x-rays, and a heated, vibrating massage chair to help relax patients while they are being treated.

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# Duchesne 'Annex B' bid awarded

Tayco Construction Company, of Duchesne, one of six bidders for the work, submitted a low bid of \$171,211, well below the government estimate of \$219,800.

struction Office and their families. In addition, the annex will also contain a maintenance yard for equipment and a compound for recreational vehicle storage.

The work, which is expected to take 60 days to complete, will consist of clearing and grading of the site, gravel surfacing of road and trailer pads, digging of utility trenches, installation of water, sewage and electrical systems, and erection of chainlink fences.

A \$171,211 construction contract to build the Duchesne Government Annex B was awarded to a local firm by the Bureau of Reclamation, it was announced by Reclamation Upper Colorado Regional Director Clifford Barrett.

The Annex will be located on the north part of the town of Duchesne, and will house additional trailers for employees of the Uintah Basin Con-

The work to be done at this site is a part of the Central Utah Project, which will bring water from the Colorado River to Utah in order to mediate the expanding water needs of the state.

# Duchesne accepts sewer project loan

*Public hearing to come on proposed rate increase*

By Laric Lehmann  
Uintah Basin Standard

The Duchesne City Council has accepted a loan for just over \$2 million that will finalize funding for the city's sewer replacement project.

The loan, from the Permanent Community Impact Board, brings the total available money for the project up to around \$4 million. The city will only need to repay half of the money needed for the project.

Attorneys for the CIB notified council members that while paying off the balance, the city must create a debt service reserve fund to make a final payment of \$86,000 on the loan.

As part of the contract for the loan, city officials agreed to raise sewer rates to make up the bulk of the reserve fund. Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said the increase should be around 7 percent for both business and residential customers, and a notice of a public hearing will be posted before the rates are approved and put into effect.

The city also agreed to pay approximately \$82,000 each year towards the balance, after the costs of maintaining and operating the new sewer are taken care of.

Heading up the project will be Epic Engineering and a subcontractor, DC Excavating. Representatives from both companies walked the council through the sewer project last Tuesday night and expressed confidence that they could complete the work efficiently and within a reasonable time frame.

A formal notice to proceed with the project has been issued by the council, and work may begin as soon as April 27. The

target date for completion is Oct. 1.

Plans call for the work to begin on the south side of Main Street, due to the potential for more standing water on that side of town.

Contractors also promised to do anything necessary to ensure that things will go smoothly. One representative of DC Excavating is going as far as renting a home in Duchesne City, so he can "be a block away 24 hours a day, seven days a week" for whatever issues the city may have.

An inspector will also be on-site five days a week - in order to minimize downtime in case workers encounter anything unexpected during the project.

DC Excavating officials say interruption of sewer service will be brief, and announced well in advance. Homeowners should expect no more than 15 to 20 minute breaks in service during the days that work is being completed in their area.

Posters and notices will follow the work as it progresses, and residents may even get a knock at their door by contractors to keep them informed.

Part of the construction will be done above ground with open trench work, but in areas that require a more delicate touch, "pipe bursting" will be performed. The relatively new technology allows workers to completely replace sewer lines without breaking ground above the sections being serviced.

The new sewer system will be state-of-the-art, complete with a global positioning system integrated into the lines. The GPS markers will allow city crews pinpoint any future problems faster and more effectively.

The date for a public hearing on the proposal to raise sewer rates has not been set.

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# Duchesne awaits city office funds

By Nancy Spurlock  
Uintah Basin Standard

*Proposed building  
would also house  
county welcome center*

Duchesne City is one step away from receiving a \$1.4 million funding package to construct a new municipal office building that will also serve as a welcome center for Duchesne County.

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said the city had approached the state Permanent Community Impact Board seeking a grant for the project; however, the board asked the city to take a 50/50 grant-loan package instead.

"There's \$742,000 loan and approximately \$741,000 will be grants," Park said.

The city was informed in an Aug. 6 letter that the CIB had advanced its project to the prioritization list and will considered final funding approval

at its Oct. 1 board meeting.

Even though placement on the prioritization list does not constitute formal approval or a commitment to finance new city building, Duchesne residents have good reason to remain optimistic, said Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce Director Irene Hansen. She is confident funding will be awarded.

"There's certainly every reason to be optimistic that the funding will go through," Hansen said. "I don't think that there's probably ever been any-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park stands outside the city office building on Center Street. The municipality is awaiting final approval of a \$1.4 million financing package for a new city building that will also serve as a welcome center for Duchesne County.

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anything that's fallen through in that stage."

Once approved, Duchesne City will receive the zero-percent interest, 30-year loan.

"We won't get the funding until the end of October when the funding cycle comes out at that point," Park said. "We have an engineering firm - Sunrise Engineering - that's helping us on it. We had to have them to go to CIB."

The mayor anticipates the drafting of building plans to start in November and construction to start in the spring of 2010.

"We'll know more when the funding becomes available," Park said. "They can do some of it, but it will probably be better if we start in the spring because of the ground work that's to be done putting in the water and sewer and everything else."

"The building will be built in the triangle next to the river as you're going out of Duchesne going toward Roosevelt in the

little park area on the left hand side," Park added. "The city owns that property."

Park is enthusiastic about the project and feels that the city off will be built without having to raise taxes. He also feels the loan can be paid back "pretty easily" at \$24,000 a year.

"I think it's a great step forward for the town of Duchesne as the 'Gateway to the Basin' to have that welcome center back in Duchesne," Park said. "When it was open over here before we had between 30 to

50 people a day stopping by."

Having been without a welcome center for a year has affected the local economy, according to Hansen.

"We are thrilled because it has become very apparent to us this year, not having a visitor information center has definitely, we feel, hurt commerce in Duchesne County," Hansen said. "I think that a friendly face, directions and hospitality and referrals to our local businesses just can't be overemphasized how valuable that is."

"I think the other thing that is even more exciting to me, to be honest with you, than just a welcome center is the partnership with Duchesne City," Hansen continued. "Imagine how nice it's going to be for city residents when they're coming in to just pay their water bill to have the welcome center there. They can come in and learn about the events and activities that are taking place throughout the county."

Park said the current city

hall is too small for the growth Duchesne has experienced.

"At the last city council meeting there was only standing room left, and not enough," Park said. "That left people standing out in the foyer. More people are interested in what's going on in the city, so we'll need a bigger council room."

If the city receives CIB approval in October, and begins construction as planned, Park estimates the project will be completed by the fall of 2010.

# Duchesne celebration may fizzle due to theft

Independence Day in Duchesne City may end not with a bang, but a whimper this year.

That's because someone has stolen the custom-made mortar tubes used by members of the Duchesne Lions Club to launch the fireworks display that closes out the city's annual Fourth of July celebration.

"They're gone — every one of them," Jaime Park said Thursday.

Park's father, former Duchesne City Mayor Clint Park, has put on the fireworks show for years. But Clint Park is serving an LDS Church mission this year, and passed the duty on to his son-in-law, Todd Smith.

The heavy, metal tubes had been stored at Smith's shop in Duchesne. It's unclear how long they were missing before the theft was discovered, Jaime Park said.

The Lions Club isn't sure whether it will be able to have new tubes built in time for the July 4 show, Park said.

"But we're still going to try," she said.

Anyone with information about the missing tubes or interested in donating money to buy new tubes can call Park at 435-738-5362.

— Geoff Liesik, Uintah Basin Standard

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# Duchesne City approves \$5,800 sewer impact fee

By Preston McConkie

New home construction costs in Duchesne will increase \$5,800 in late August now that elected leaders have adopted an impact fee to help pay for laying new and bigger sewer pipes throughout most of the city.

The hike makes Duchesne the second most expensive place to hook up a toilet in the Uintah Basin, with the Ashley Valley Wastewater District charging \$6,200. Still, the elevated fee is more than double most other Basin districts and towns, and

## PLANS 4 PERCENT SEWER RATE INCREASES FOR 2009 AND BEYOND

more than triple Duchesne's current \$1,400 hookup fee.

That's likely to change before long, according to officials from Epic Engineering, who advised the Duchesne's leaders to adopt an even higher fee of \$7,500. Some other rural areas already charge more, such as \$7,500 in Heber and nearly \$10,000 in parts of Summit County, according to Epic's Corey Walker.

In April, Walker said other jurisdictions are expected to start significantly raising their impact fees soon to deal with growth and rising construction costs.

At its April 8, meeting the city council asked Epic to present alternative proposals for lowering the proposed \$7,500 impact fee, which most council members said

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said they considered too high. In order to drop the fee by \$1,700, Epic scaled back its proposed plans for expanding the city's pipe system, eliminating three of 10 major projects.

Epic had advised that \$5,500 was the minimum reasonable fee if the city is to ask the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for a \$3 million grant and \$1 million loan to help rebuild and improve its sewer grid. The total cost of Epic's first proposals was estimated at more than \$10 million.

But according to Epic's Ryan Taylor, before approaching the CIB with such a bold request, Duchesne must also raise sewer rates to help pay for improvements.

During last Tuesday's public hearing, Taylor repeated Epic's recommendation of raising sewer rates by 4 percent every other year. He said user fee increases couldn't be eliminated in favor

of higher hookup fees because it is unlawful to make new users pay the cost of fixing existing infrastructure. Likewise, he said, existing users shouldn't bear the cost of growth.

"There has to be a balance between user fees and impact fees," Taylor said.

Taylor responded to public questions, including whether existing users would be charged to re-connect once decaying 8-inch mains that are expected to be replaced with 10- or 12-inch pipe. Taylor said all current hookups would be upgraded without charge.

But Taylor deferred to the council when two members of the public asked about the status of their long-unused commercial hookups.

Bob Baum, who owns several trailer parks that were closed by city ordinance after tenants moved out during the economic downturn in the '80s, said he and other owners paid the city for the connections when the parks were built.

"Are you going to buy back our hookups?" asked fellow property

owner Dick Timothy.

"If the lot is big enough to put a house on, they will not be charged again," said Duchesne Mayor Clint Park, referring to lot-size minimums that render old trailer-park lots too small to build new homes on.

After the public hearing the council voted unanimously to increase the hookup fee to \$5,800 beginning in 90 days. Although council members expressed their readiness to raise sewer rates, no action was taken because another public hearing would have to be scheduled to consider the matter separately.

Taylor said the council likely could not vote to commit the city to increase its rates every two years, but would have to hold new hearings and vote again every time it raised rates.

Taylor also said there is no need to make changes to the city's sewer lagoons. With new pipes there will be less groundwater leaking into the system and the lagoons will likely be able to handle population growth for three to five decades, he said.

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# Duchesne City Council approves wage increase

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Duchesne City Council voted last Tuesday to increase their monthly salary. Following public hearings and discussion in city council meetings over the past 30 days, the five-member council has agreed to a monthly salary of \$300. In preliminary discussions the council had considered raising their pay to \$400.

Their previous salary of \$200 a month had remained unchanged for the past decade. Since that time there have been no changes to allow for cost of living — something that is typically done in other cities — and the State of Utah began taxing the salaries of public officials.

The salary of Mayor Rojean Rowley was not adjusted.

The city budget is poised to be able to afford the additional \$500-a-month expenditure thanks to improved water sales outside of the Duchesne City limits.

Council members approved the increase but they were not aggressive in their discussions regarding the proposed pay hike. Council member Carol Thomas said when she was elected she was unaware that a monthly salary came with the

position.

During a public hearing Duchesne Realtor Susan Hamilton voiced opposition to the raise, citing decisions made by the council that had a negative impact on her business. However, there appeared to be no clear consensus among the public either for or against the proposed raise.

A check of salaries paid to council members in other rural municipalities shows that Duchesne City's monthly pay at \$300 is not out of line.

Salaries of municipalities are set by their own governing councils and are not regulated by size of municipality or population. Monthly salaries for other rural communities demonstrate the lack of consistency: Helper, \$200; Huntington, \$400; Price, \$864; and Roosevelt City, \$650.

In other council action, the budget for fiscal year 2011 was approved. The new budget begins in July. The approval came after work meetings, public hearings, and discussion in council meetings.

The long-range plan for Duchesne City remains open for public review. Discussion on that plan is planned for future Duchesne City Council meetings.

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Saving the nearly century old Pope House Museum has become a priority for several Duchesne residents. Photo above: Fred and Marie Pope in an undated photo that was likely taken during then 1970s and provided by the Pope House Museum.

## Duchesne City Council holds fate of historic landmark

By JOHN PLESTINA  
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Preserving some of Duchesne County's history that depicts life for early settlers in the Uintah Basin is a priority for a group of local residents, but the Duchesne City Council will ultimately decide the fate of the historic Pope House Museum and where its displays might be housed in the future.

On Tuesday, Duchesne resident Dea Skewes and others asked the council to save the Pope House, located on West 100 North Street adjacent to the Duchesne High School football field. There are concerns that the house and several other buildings that are now in disrepair on the city-owned property could face demolition.

The council asked Skewes to return to the council on Sept. 24

tures scenes during the 1950s and 60s.

Marie Pope's stories about growing up on her family's homestead in the Uintah Basin inspired her husband to build dioramas depicting her early life on the homestead including the cabin she was raised in, pack horses and ranch life. He built everything to scale including wagons that have moving wheels, buildings with doors that open and shut and trees. There is a blacksmith shop with a bearded blacksmith and usable, but tiny, tools.

Plastic horses are used in the miniatures and the Popes ordered dolls that depict people from catalogs. Marie Pope made the doll clothing.

"The man only had three fingers on one hand. He was an interesting man," Skewes said.

"There's a lot of work to do," she said.

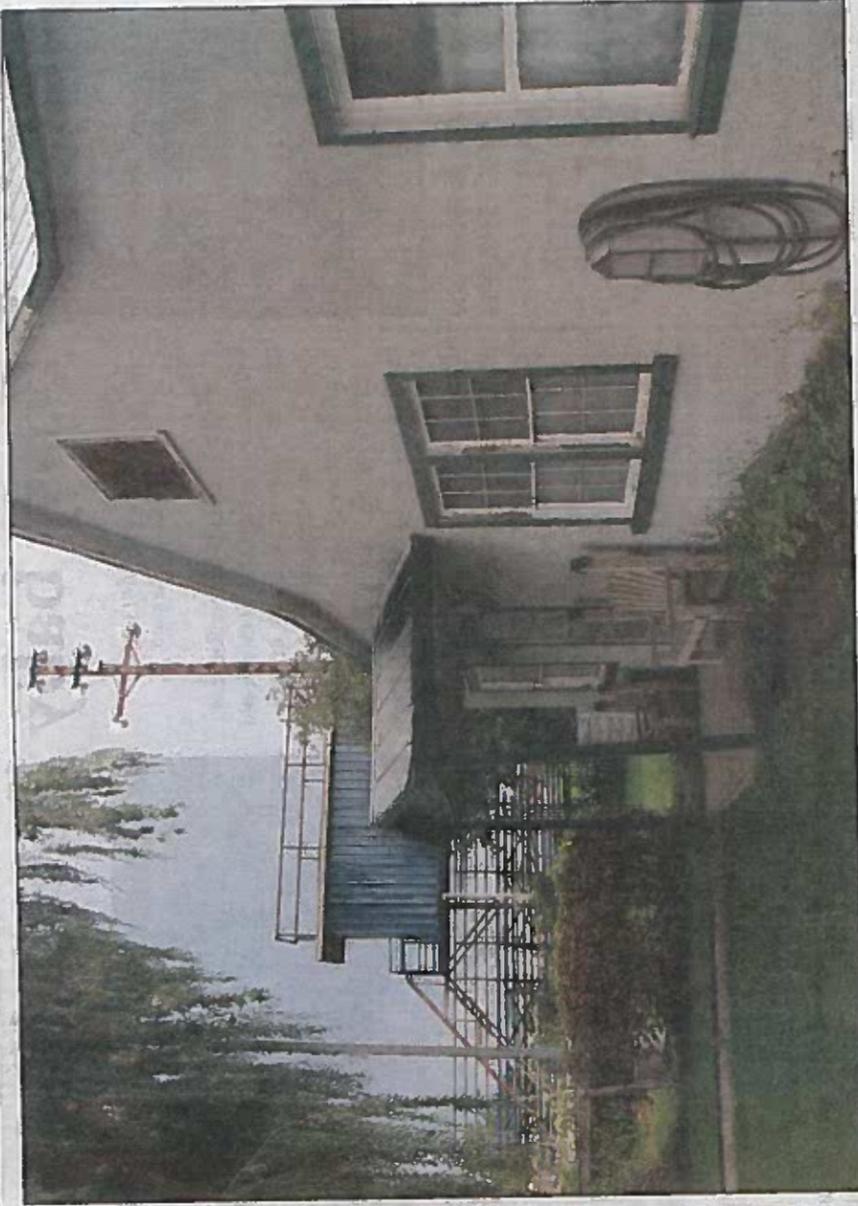
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Dea Skewes

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The front of the Pope House Museum on 100 North Street in Duchesne, just a few steps from the Duchesne High School football field.



house and several other buildings that are now in disrepair on the city-owned property could face demolition.

The council asked Skewes to return to the council on Sept. 24 with ideas of how money could be raised to save the Pope House and keep it operating as a museum.

If the house is torn down, Skewes said the city might move the displays to the new Welcome Center on Highway 40.

The aging house that was the home of Justice Court Judge and rancher **Fred Pope** and his wife, **Marie**, needs work.

Fred Pope died in 1980 at age 75 and his wife died at 90 in 1996.

He meticulously created minia-

“There’s a lot of work to do,” she said.

“The floors are a little soft under the living room and kitchen. Besides, critters are under the house,” Skewes said, adding that skunks, rabbits and other animals have made their homes under the dwelling.

“When I first came into the Pope House, these (miniature displays) were sitting on old kitchen tables,” Darlene Garrison of the Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce said.

At the time, Plexiglass partially covered the dioramas, allowing dust to get onto them.

Also, around the same time a few

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Dea Skewes stands at Fred Pope’s work table with some of the tools and measuring instruments he used to build the dioramas that depict life in the Uintah Basin during the early 1900s. The work table and tools remain in the house.



JOHN PLESTINA, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

The bearded blacksmith at work in the miniature blacksmith shop in one of several displays inside the Pope House. This is one of many dioramas Fred Pope built to scale some 50 to 60 years ago with working miniature tools. He hand crafted the tiny wagon wheel. Marie Pope made the doll clothing.



JOHN PLESTINA, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Fred Pope built this miniature scale cabin that depicts the cabin where his wife, Marie Pope, was born in, 1906. She was the first white female born on the Ute Reservation in the Uintah Basin. The cabin is part of one of many dioramas that are on display inside the Pope House Museum. All of the displays are protected inside glass cases that were built a few years ago.

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years ago, the Utah Division of Arts and Museum Service took an interest in the Pope House.

"I brought them out here and they were thrilled to see these," Garrison said.

The state people advised Garrison to apply for grants to preserve the miniatures. Grant funding paid for the enclosures for the dioramas.

"These are models of implements they used to create Highway 40. All of the pieces work," Garrison said of one of the numerous displays.

Duchesne's Weldon Brown built the display cases. He died in 2012.

"She (Marie Pope) used to let the kids play with them," Skewes said of the dolls and added that there are adults liv-



JOHN PLESTINA, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD  
This vintage wringer washing machine, likely dating some 70 to 90 years, remains in the wash house in the back yard of the Pope House Museum.

ing in Duchesne who remember playing with the dolls more than a half century ago.

Skewes said it would help to have volunteers to water and mow grass on the property.

"I don't know of any other upkeep on it," she said.

She said a long term goal is to refurbish the house and other buildings on the property.

One log cabin is in the backyard of the house, another is city-owned and located on Main Street. Skewes said she would like to see that log cabin and one other log building moved to the Pope House property.

"It's a wonderful place and I'd really like to see it stay here," Skewes said.

The museum is located at 370 West 100 North.

For additional information about the Pope House Museum and to volunteer to help save the museum, contact Skewes at 435-822-5745.



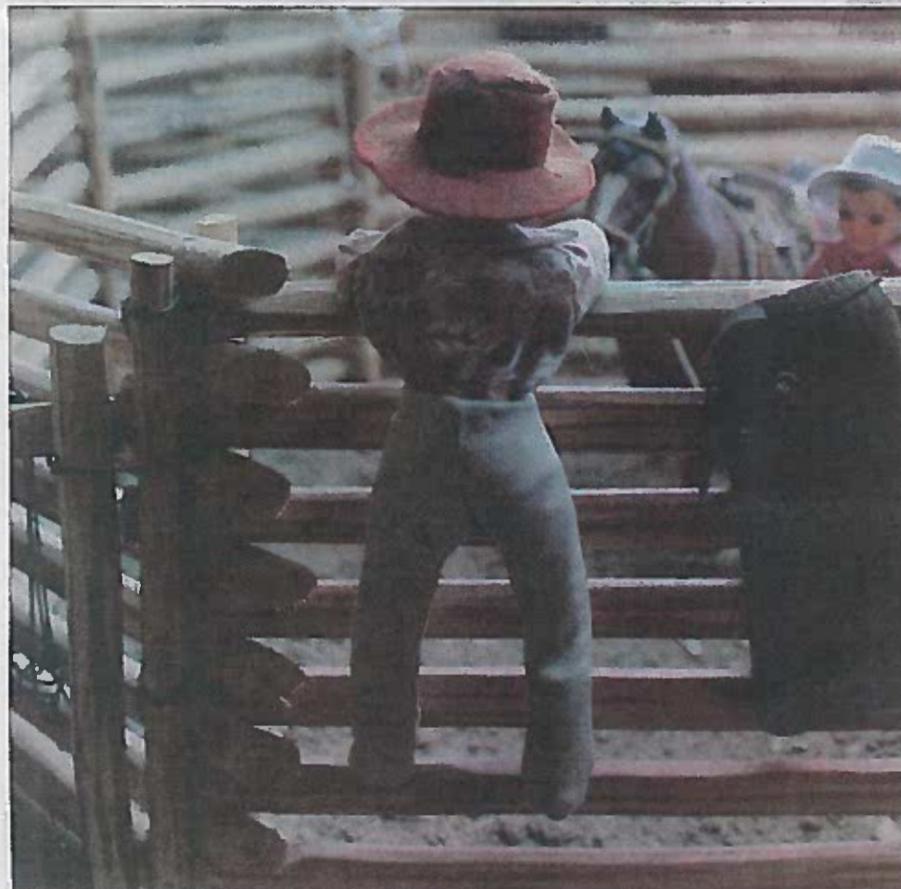
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Darlene Garrison of the Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce points to one of the many miniature displays depicting local history that Fred Pope made during the 1950s and 60s.



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This log cabin is one of several old small buildings in the backyard of the Pope House. Duchesne residents that want to save the museum also hope to relocate two other log buildings to the property.



JOHN PLESTINA, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

This diorama depicts a ranch scene with a horse, cowboys and a branding iron.





STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

## DUCHESNE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN

New members of the Duchesne City Council took the oath of office last Monday afternoon. Being sworn in by Duchesne City Recorder are Becky Muir, Bryce Hamilton, and Darwin L. McKee. Muir and Hamilton are new members to the Duchesne City Council. McKee is a returning incumbent starting his third term of elected service.

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## SUMMUN WANTS TO ERECT OWN MONUMENT AT PARK

# Duchesne City determined to "ride it out" as long as possible

By Lezlee E. Whiting

The Ten Commandment monument that sits in an inconspicuous corner in Roy Park in Duchesne won't be going anywhere for a while. Last week the City Council met with about 15 residents who said they want to see the city try to fight a civil lawsuit that seeks the removal of the monument from government property just a few blocks south of Highway 40.

"The only thing that I can tell you is that the citizens want us to ride it out for a while," said City Council member Diane Miller. "The legality of the monument wasn't discussed at City Council, the only thing we discussed was how everyone felt about it."

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said earlier that city attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs was going to file for "immediate dismissal" of the lawsuit. Barton-Coombs did not return calls for comment. The city has not been officially served with the lawsuit.

Legal precedence set in cities where religious monuments have been ordered off of government property show that Duchesne City could be fighting a losing battle. However, the City Council is holding onto the hope that their decision to deed the monument and the 10 by 11 foot piece of ground around it to the Duchesne Lion's Club, would be viewed by the court as a credible remedy.

The Lions are now responsible for the upkeep of the ground and may erect a fence around the site to separate it from the park. However, the same tactic was already tried in a Ten Commandment monument dispute in Wisconsin but failed when a federal court judge ruled the act was tantamount to deception.

That's the same stand taken by Brian Barnard, the attorney for the Society of Separationists, the group who sued the city in U.S. District Court earlier this month.

"That Duchesne City saw fit a month ago to transfer the land to the Duchesne Lion's Club is an admission that they know the Ten Com-

mandments should not legally be on city land in a city park," he said.

If a judge refuses to dismiss the case and the city doesn't budge, the matter will end up in court. That's where things could get expensive for the community of roughly 1,500 people. If the court rules against the city they could be responsible for paying all court costs and attorney fees for the society. Barnard's fees alone could end up costing the city a

In the most recent development, Summun, a religion based on ancient Egyptian teachings wants the city to erect a monument in Roy Park which details their beliefs.

minimum of \$30,000 to \$40,000, if the matter erupts into a full blown legal fight.

Lawsuits filed by Barnard on behalf of the Society of Separationists and American Civil Liberties Union have been responsible for the removal of ten other Ten Commandment monuments around the state, from government to private property.

In a new twist in what could become a matter of monumental proportions, if the city wants to keep the monument in the park, they may also have to erect a monument which contains the "Seven Aphorisms of Summun." Summun, a Salt Lake City-based religion has written a letter to Park asking that they be given a plot of land right next to the Lion's Club land. They want the monument to be similar in size and shape and material to the Ten Commandment monument.

The Seven Aphorisms pre-date the Ten Commandments and are the basis for ancient Egyptian teachings. Summun believes the Aphorisms

would compliment the Ten Commandments and make Duchesne a better place. (See the Seven Apho-

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Summun also recently asked Pleasant Grove to display the Seven Aphorisms next to the Ten Commandment monument in their community. They city refused and last week the Society of Separationists filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against Pleasant Grove seeking the

removal of that city's Ten Commandment monument from public property.

The Society earlier said they would not sue if Pleasant Grove agreed to allow Summun to erect their monument.

The Ten Commandment monument in Duchesne was donated to the city 23-years ago by the Cole family in memory of their father, the late Irvin Cole. According to Lou Ann Cole, daughter of Irvin and Leona Cole, the monument the family bought is exactly like those donated by the Fraternal Order of Eagles to communities in Utah during the early 1970s.

At first, it was assumed that Duchesne's Ten Commandment monument was a gift from the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The Eagles donated nine monuments to cities that hosted their conventions. When the monument was found in Duchesne, it appeared they may have actually donated ten.

However, according to Lou Ann Cole, that is not the case. She said her parents were familiar with the Eagles and admired the monuments. When her father passed away, the family purchased one and donated it to the city in his memory. It was placed in Roy Park, the summer of 1979, with much fanfare. The monument was donated to the city 23-years ago by the Cole family in memory of their father, the late Irvin Cole. According to Lou Ann Cole, daughter of Irvin and Leona Cole, the monument the family bought is exactly like those donated by the Fraternal Order of Eagles to communities in Utah dur-

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### Summun's seven aphorisms

The seven aphorisms espoused by Summun are based on the religion's grand principle of creation: "Nothing and possibility comes in and out of bond infinite times in a finite moment. The Principles of knowing Creation are Seven; those who know these possess the Magic Key to whose touch all locked Doors open to Creation." The seven aphorisms are:

- The principle of psychokinesis
- The principle of correspondence
- The principle of vibration
- The principle of opposition
- The principle of rhythm
- The principle of cause and effect
- The principle of gender

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# Duchesne City gets \$1.7 million to replace water old water lines

By Lezlee E. Whiting

Over four miles of faulty water lines in Duchesne City will be replaced this summer as part of a \$1.7 million project to improve the city's culinary water system. The project is expected to take several months and will include replacing small and problematic water lines with larger pipe to handle demands for increased delivery throughout the city and into subdivisions springing up outside the city limits.

"This has been needed for a long time," said Duchesne City recorder Diane Miller. "We have

culinary water lines that are constantly breaking on us. We can have some real problems if we don't get it done."

The city's worst water line runs east and west along an alleyway through the length of the city, said Miller. "That's our biggest problem, it's always breaking."

The larger water lines will facilitate increased water pressure to city water users and will serve developments outside the city, including the fast-growing Utah Mini Ranches.

In addition to the replacement of the 24,497 linear feet of water lines, there is money for new fire

hydrants, water tank valves and asphalt to cover cuts made in street pavement.

The Community Impact Board will finalize the funding allocation this week. The city will obtain \$1.3 million in the form of a grant, the remaining \$400,000 will come as a no-interest loan, according to Miller.

Duchesne's City Council has been working on the project for the past two years. They hired Epic Engineering out of Heber City to help them with the groundwork and to prepare their application for CIB funding.

# Duchesne City gets pro bono backing

Duchesne City taxpayers will enjoy a big break when it comes to the costs they would have incurred fighting a dispute over the placement of a Ten Commandment monument on city property. Two conservative Christian law firms will do battle for free for the city when they go up against the Society of Separationists in a federal court.

The American Center for Law and Justice in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the Thomas More Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, are helping Duchesne City and Pleasant Grove as the two communities stand firm in their decision not to remove religious monuments from municipal parks.

Brian Barnard, the attorney for the society, notes that while the law firms are working pro bono, they won't step in if the judge rules against the city and orders them to pay Barnard's legal fees. According to Barnard, that could amount to up to

\$50,000.

The Society of Separationists filed a complaint against Duchesne two months ago, requesting they move

The case is assigned to federal Judge Paul G. Cassell.

the monument from its corner in Roy Park to another location off of city property. The city knew the society was on the lookout for the monument and hoped to be one step ahead of the game by deeding the small plot of land in the corner of the park where the marble monument stands, to the Duchesne Lion's Club.

Now the society plans on amending their complaint against Duchesne City to address their attempt to avoid a possible conflict by transferring ownership of the 10 foot by 11 foot plot of land. Duchesne City leaders maintain that portion of the park is no longer public property and should effectively nix the lawsuit.

Barnard maintains the deed is a sham because the land is still attached to the park, and essentially considered public property. Shortly after the society filed their lawsuit, the group Summun requested they be given a spot in Roy Park to place their own religious monument that would compliment the decalogue.

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said the city would consider the request if Summun wants to donate thousands of volunteer hours to the city beforehand, just as the Lion's Club has done.

The case has been assigned to federal Judge Paul G. Cassell.

In a related case, the 5th Circuit Court last week refused to order the removal of a granite Ten Commandments monument which has stood for more than 40 years just north of the Texas capitol. Their ruling upheld a district court ruling against the legal challenge by a homeless man who said the monument amounted to state endorsement of the Christian and Jewish faiths.

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The judge ruled that "history matters" in the case because the monument has been in Austin for 42 years without causing alarm or complaint. The 5th Circuit Court is based in New Orleans.

The monument was donated to Austin in 1961 by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The monument is Duchesne is modeled after those donated to communities by the Eagles, but was actually presented to the city by a family of Irvin A. Cole in honor of their late father, a former civic leader in Duchesne.



## Duchesne City granted ownership of municipal water

Duchesne City has never owned its own municipal water. That is until last week, when the city was given a deed to its municipal water from the federal government after a lengthy legal battle.

Duchesne has faced this water dilemma for decades. Two of its major water rights relied on to serve the city since 1905 actually were titled in the now non-existent United States Indian Service, a predecessor to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Duchesne, unlike most Utah municipalities, was actually created by the federal government and the water rights for the city were appropriated by Cavalry Captain G. B. Hall. Captain Hall was the commander of the military of nearby Fort Duchesne, and the Indian Agent to the Uintah and Ouray Indians.

Since the 1940s, Duchesne leaders have tried without success to obtain title to these water rights. Well known water lawyers were employed, however, all efforts had failed, including having every property owner in the city quit claim water rights to Duchesne. Local Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials were empathetic, but upper level officials determined that both the Department and the Bureau lacked any authority to convey the rights in question to the City.

It was determined that the only route available to Duchesne was to have a bill that would authorize the

conveyance to the City passed by Congress and signed into law by the president. Obviously, this was a large task for a small city of 2,000 residents. As all journeys begin with a proverbial first step, this odyssey began in Washington, D.C. at the offices of Utah's Congressional delegation and at the Department of Interior's offices near the White House.

Prior to Duchesne City officials visiting Washington, exhaustive historical research was undertaken to demonstrate the intent that the water rights were appropriated for the use and benefit of Duchesne and not for the Ute Tribe or some other federal purpose. Obviously, if the water rights in question were appropriated by Captain Hall to benefit the Tribe, the federal government, or for any purpose other than to provide water for Duchesne City, it would be very difficult to garner both the support and the lack of opposition necessary to pass legislation authorizing the transfer of water rights from the United States to Duchesne City.

Fortunately, the historical research confirmed the purpose for the appropriation by Captain Hall was to provide water for Duchesne City. Also, several independent inventories of the Tribe's water rights demonstrated that the Tribe's right did not include the water rights in question.

The total water right is about 3 cubic feet per second.

# Duchesne City passes zone resolution

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**DUCHESNE-** The Utah Enterprise Zone Resolution 14-4 was discussed and approved at the July 22 Duchesne City Council meeting.

Irene Hansen, executive director at Duchesne County Economic Development, said resolutions for the zone still need to be presented for and approved by Tabiona, Altamont and Myton. The zone application requests an enterprise zone designation that

encompasses all of Duchesne County's unincorporated areas, as well as its five cities and towns.

According to the application, Utah Enterprise Zones are frequently defined by the boundaries of an applicant's industrial and commercial zones.

"The zone has been approved by Roosevelt, Duchesne County and Duchesne City, and it will go to Tabiona, Altamont and Myton in August," Hansen said. "It will help businesses in the community, and make Duchesne County

businesses eligible for certain tax credits. But retail businesses do not qualify."

Hansen said individual resolutions must be passed by each town or city in Duchesne County, and an application would then be submitted to the state of Utah.

"The state approves enterprise zones, and the county is submitting an application to the state that would include the entire county," she said. "That

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means we would need to go to each entity in the county to have them pass individual resolutions, so when we submit that application to the state, we have a unified application. It has to be approved on its merit by the state of Utah, and we'd receive word back in 30 days if it has been approved."

With Duchesne Fire Chief Russ Young present, the council also held a public hearing regarding a grant for a new fire truck. The truck would cost approximately \$450,000, and replace a truck currently held by the city's fire department.

The council proposed going to the CIB Board for the possible grant.

"What we're looking at is a Pierce Saber, and it's a

four-wheel-drive, 2,000-gallon per minute pumper," Young said. "It holds six firefighters and carries 750 gallons of water with it. If you get into the oil field roads, it's a little heavier duty suspension than what we have right now."

Young said they would most likely sell the older truck if the new one is obtained.

"It should go for something, and we might get between \$30,000 and \$50,000 for it," he said. "That's just kind of an estimate of what it would go for, but it may not go for that depending on when they do a pump and engine inspection."

Afterward, the council held a public hearing to discuss possible grant money for repairing roads within the city. Two business licenses were also passed by the council early in the meeting.

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# Duchesne City planning war memorial

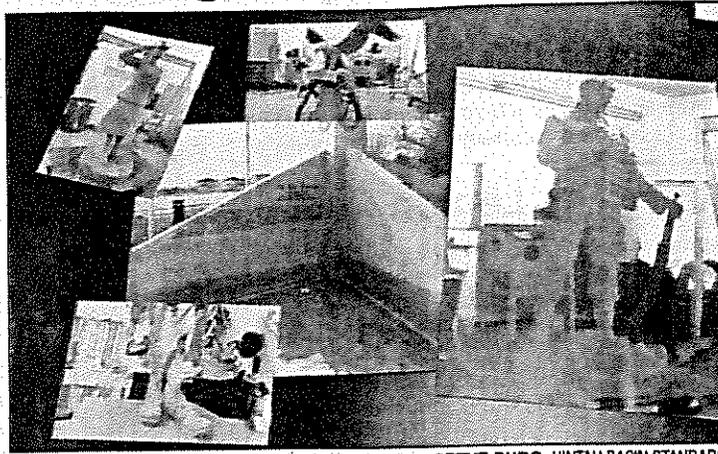
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DUCHESNE —A life-sized soldier standing over the boots of a fallen comrade, a WAC officer in her World War II uniform, an eagle settling on the Liberty Bell, black granite panels bearing the names of all who have served the country through military service, will all be part of a new Veterans Memorial Project in Duchesne City.

The triangle of land between US 40 and River Road west of the Duchesne City offices will be the home of the new Veterans Memorial taking shape.

"The new memorial will be built to

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Photographs of bronze works for the new Veterans Memorial in Duchesne depict the future art which will be placed with five black granite panels, similar to the gray ones in the pictures. The new memorial will be located at the triangle of land west of the Duchesne City offices.

fall, with final work completed in time for a dedication on Memorial Day in May of 2014.

"Horrocks Engineering has donated work for the site plan of the triangle and it is completed," Rowley said. "The Uintah Basin Medical Center, Moon Lake Electric, and other local businesses have contributed to the project."

Jared Robinson is set to donate the earth work for the site and Kielbasas are donating the cement work, Rowley said. "The American Legion is going to donate the flags of each service, the MIA/POW flag and the US Flag," Rowley said.

Individuals and families can contribute to the project and families with members who have served in the military can memorialize their service, past, present and future. Family members and friends can combine finances to sponsor names on the wall. While names can be added in the future, Rowley is hoping to have many of the names and contributions collected at the city offices by December of 2013.

Those interested in learning more about the monument and how they can participate in the project should contact the Duchesne City offices.

"As long as the flag is flying we're free," Rowley said. "Our military members are who keep us free."

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remember people that have died, people that are active, or people that are presently serving," Duchesne City Mayor Rojean Rowley said. "It's to honor all branches of the military. It is such a worthwhile project that has been a long time coming. We need to honor our veterans."

The design calls for five panels of black granite, onto which the names of service members will be engraved. Bronze works will include the soldier, the WAC officer, and the Liberty Bell with eagle. The statues are the creative works of Larry Anderson, of Silver Reef, Utah.

"The soldier and the bell with eagle are already at the foundry," Rowley said. "The final work is being done for the statue of the woman. I think this will be one of the few monuments in the state which recognizes the service of women in the military."

The bell will be at a level where people can touch it and walk under the wings of the eagle.

"As people touch the bronze works, they will help add the patina to the statues," Rowley said. "We wanted people to be able to walk under the wings of the eagle and really enjoy the statue."

Rowley is hopeful the project will break ground this

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Duchesne City Recorder Diane Miller was recently awarded the Office Person of the Year by the Rural Water Association of Utah. The association's annual conference was held in St. George. Miller received the award while attending training at the conference. Duchesne Mayor RoJean Rowley nominated Miller for the award because of the way she performs her duties for the city and its residents.

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# Duchesne City seeks damages in pool law suit

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Duchesne City has elected to pursue a course of legal action against Aquatech, Inc., the contractor for construction of the Duchesne City pool, in order to cover a settlement made over medical damages caused by chlorine fumes inhaled by swimmers in the pool in 2011.

In legal documents obtained by the Uintah Basin Standard, it is outlined that Aquatech submitted to Duchesne City an operation manual for the newly constructed pool in 2004. In that manual it describes the location and function of a flow switch designed to maintain flow of outlet water, thus preventing the build-up and release of chlorine gas in the event of a shutdown of the water circulation system. If water isn't allowed to flow, then chlorine gas can build up near the vents of the pool.

After a swimming incident on July 13, 2011, it was discovered the flow switch was never installed by Aquatech.

According to the legal document, April and Darion Bird, Joey Newell and Dakota Bolton were swimming in the Duchesne City Pool on July 13, 2011 when a power outage caused the circulating system of the pool to stop working, this caused the buildup of chlorine gas near the vents where they were swimming.

The group, named as "Claimants" in the document, suffered difficulties breathing and required medical attention.

Costs for the medical treat-

ment of the claimants were demanded from Duchesne City, who in turn sought financial responsibility from Aquatech.

The document alleges Aquatech refused to help resolve the claims against the city as a result of not including the flow switch in the installation of the system.

After nearly two years of studying the claims, Aquatech alleged it had no responsibility for the injuries sustained by the Claimants. Duchesne City requested Aquatech to take action in response to the claimant's claims last February. Aquatech allegedly denied responsibility and refused to share information regarding its insurance provider.

In June of 2013, Duchesne City entered into negotiations to settle with the claimants and eventually settled for \$99,000, according to a legal document.

The brief now filed by Duchesne City against Aquatech is an effort by the city to reclaim those settlement costs and related legal fees and damages to the city for the alleged failure by Aquatech to install the flow switch indicated in the original plans for the pool.

"We haven't been able to get Aquatech to respond to us, so we have turned to a legal approach to bring them to the table," Duchesne City Mayor RoJean Rowley said. "We have waited for a response. We have tried time and time again to get them to respond."

The legal brief was filed by attorneys for Duchesne City on Aug. 26 in the 8th District Court, Duchesne County.

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Brenda loved working, angel.

# Duchesne City sets new water rates

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

After a series of work meetings and public hearings, Duchesne City moved forward last week and set new water rates for the city.

The new monthly base rates, which include 5,000 gallons of usage, are as follows: City Residential - \$22.75, County Residential - \$41.82, Large Users - \$91.02, Commercial I - \$38.13, and Commercial II - \$22.75.

After the initial 5,000 gallons, water users will be charged by gallons used. Those charge rates are: \$1.20 per thousand gallons up to 10,000 gal. - \$1.40 per thousand gallons up to 20,000 gal.

- \$1.60 per thousand gallons up to 30,000 gal. - \$1.80 per thousand gallons up to 40,000 gal. - and \$2.15 per thousand gallons beyond 40,000 gal. unlimited capacity.

Additional rates were set for county water haulers and commercial water haulers.

County haulers will be charged \$45 per month up to 8,000 gallons and \$5.75 per thousand gallons above 8,000 gal. unlimited usage.

Commercial haulers will have a flat rate of \$4.00 per thousand gallons of water.

The rates, once ratified, went into immediate effect.

New rate sheets are available at the Duchesne City offices.

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# Duchesne City sewer project nearly complete

By Nancy Spurlock  
 Uintah Basin Standard

The finish line is within sight for Epic Engineering workers who are replacing more than 7 miles of failing sewer lines in Duchesne City.

The company is just a couple of months from completing the \$4.28 million Duchesne City Sewer Improvement Project, which also involves the repaving of 1 mile of roads affected by the sewer work.

"They had collapsed and (given) us a lot of trouble," Duchesne City Mayor Clint Park said of the sewer lines. "Now we've got a sewer system that's gonna work."

In May 2008, Duchesne City Council adopted a Sanitary Sewer Capital Facility Plan which identified several major deficiencies within the existing system. Parts of the system were installed as early as 1948, using clay pipes that had reached the end of their design life.

The Capital Facility Plan proposed a number of recommended improvements to prevent infiltration throughout the system, improve capacity, upgrade failing components,

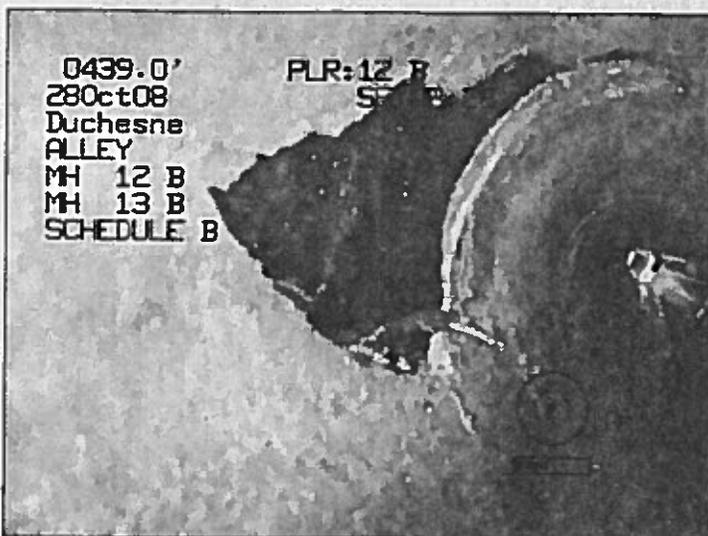
prepare for future growth and protect the overall health and safety of Duchesne City residents.

In November 2008, Duchesne City received funding through the state Permanent Community Impact Fund Board in the amount of \$4.28 million to complete the sewer improvement project, the most urgent of the projects identified in the Capital Facility Plan. The funding package included a \$2.14 million grant accompanied by a \$2.14 million zero-interest loan for 30 years, minimizing the cost to Duchesne City residents.

"The mayor and city council have been fantastic about looking into the foresight of the future of the community and identifying those needs," said Korey C. Walker of Epic Engineering. "They worked great with both funding agencies to be able to come up with something that would work from both the citizens' needs and to be able to meet the long-term needs of the community."

Construction began in early April and completion is expected in October. As sewer improvements are finished, over 1 mile of roads affected by the sewer work will be re-surfaced.

"A lot of the gossip in town is that now we're running short of money and won't have it to finish the roads and stuff," Park said. "I want to assure the people in town that isn't the case. When we get through with this project, the roadways will be redone and upgraded to at least what they were before they started, and in some places it will be new asphalt."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A broken pipe exposing soil is just one of the many pipes that were recently replaced during the Duchesne City Sewer Improvement Project. The project replaced over 7 miles of damaged sewer lines in Duchesne City.



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The new HDPE sewer line replaces over 7 miles of failed and deteriorated sewer lines in Duchesne City. The project should be completed in October 2009.

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has done more toward reforming the public  
than a crowd of noisy, impotent patriots  
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# Duchesne City target of lawsuit over Ten Commandments

By Lezlee E. Whiting

Duchesne City officials gave it a pretty good shot, but their efforts may not stand up in a court of law against precedence in other states. It turns out that Duchesne City has a Ten Commandment monument in Roy Park and the Society of Separatists want it off of city property, or else they sue. The society filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Sept. 16, naming the city, Mayor Clint Park and all six City Council members as defendants.

The city tried to be one step ahead of the movement to order religious monuments off of government property by deeding the 10 foot by 11 foot piece of ground around the monument to the Duchesne Lion's Club just one month before the suit was filed.

Newly hired city attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs recommended the move, but according to Brian Barnard, the attorney for the Maryland-based non-profit Society of Separatists, it's a strategy that has been attempted before in other cities and failed.

"The court says you can't make a pretense that a 10 by 11 plot smack dab in the middle of the city park is no longer part of the city park," said Barnard. "The point is why was this particular plot of land given to the Lions Club? It was given to the Lions Club as a subterfuge to maintain the monument."

Barnard also said the city cannot "willy nilly" give a piece of government property away without having its motives questioned.

Barton-Coombs declined comment, but Park said that for the time being the city has no plans to move the monument.

"We are going to try and leave it where it is for now. Our attorney will go in and file for an immediate dismissal," he said. As far as whether the city would deed land to another group or organization, Park said the city is certainly open to the idea as

long as that group has provided service to the community like the Lion's Club has done for two decades.

"He (Barnard) said he didn't think the city would donate a piece of land to anybody else except the Lion's Club. In the last 20 years they have donated over 20,000 hours to the town and if another organization wants to be recognized for their service that way we would be glad to do that for them," said Park, who is

Mayor Park hopes the donation of the ground where monument stands to Lion's Club stops litigation.

president of the Duchesne Lion's Club, along with being mayor of Duchesne.

He noted that the Lion's Club will be responsible for maintaining the ground around the monument and will erect a fence around the monument if that would satisfy the concerns cited in the lawsuit.

City Council members will discuss their strategy during tonight's (Tuesday, Sept. 24) regularly Council meeting, said Park.

In an interesting twist, it turns out the Ten Commandment monument in Duchesne is not one of the nine donated to cities in Utah by the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in the early 1970s.

However, Barnard's lawsuit mistakenly identifies it as such. The ninth monument had just been located in Brigham City when a member of the Society of Separatists ran across the monument in Duchesne. The monument is framed by three trees in the park's northwest corner at 250 South Center Street — the road that leads to the county fairgrounds.

Park said he was surprised the

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NOT GOING TO BUDGE ... YET — Duchesne Mayor Clint Park (left) and City Council member Diane Miller stand by the Ten Commandment monument in Roy Park. The Society of Separationists recently filed a lawsuit against the city for civil rights violations and want the monument moved from the park. The monument was donated to the city in 1979 by the Cole family. It is modeled after the monuments which the Fraternal Order of Eagles have given to other Utah cities as gifts. At the same time the Cole family donated the monument they also donated a flag pole to the city. The flag pole is also in Roy Park.

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monument wasn't spotted earlier, given its location. "I thought someone had found it a long time ago, we had the county fair last month and it's right there where everyone can see it."

According to Duchesne City records, the monument was erected in 1979 — the year after Duchesne civic leader Irvin A. Cole passed away. Cole's wife Leona purchased the monument at a cost of between \$2,500 to \$3,000. She asked if she could donate it to the city and received their approval to have it placed in Roy Park.

The inscription at the bottom of the monument reads, "In loving memory of our husband and father Irvin A. Cole — Leona Cole, wife, daughter of Rae Donna, Lou Ann, and a half terms as mayor of Duchesne in the 1980s."

Although the monument wasn't given to the city by the Eagles, it does have a strong tie to the service organization, explained Lou Ann Cole Larson, who resides in Tooele.

"My husband and I were both past presidents of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Tooele and my folks were impressed that the Fraternal Order of the Eagles were donating those (Ten Commandment monuments) to each city they had a convention in, clear across the United States," Larson said.

"They had seen them in Tooele ... they both talked about it before my dad died and then when he died my mother decided to buy one and place it in the park with the approval of the city. It was dedicated during the county fair of 1979. My parents did a lot of things for a lot of people and they just felt like this would help the community."

It's hard for Larson to believe that such a fuse is being raised about the monument now, after it has stood

in the park for 23 years. Her parents were people who taught their children "that you take care of people" and happily opened their home to others throughout their lives, she said.

Larson said that since the lawsuit was filed, her family has had several offers from people in Duchesne volunteering to display the monument on their property.

Bernard said his clients aren't against the Ten Commandments or religion, but don't want to see government property used as a platform for religious ideals.

According to Bernard, Duchesne City officials can put a quick end to the lawsuit by moving the monument. He suggested that it be moved to a location on private property where it can be more prominently displayed. He referred to a similar situation in Tooele where the Ten Commandment monument was moved from city property to the front lawn of a mortuary on the city's main street to avoid litigation.

"Is the goal to say we have the Ten Commandments on government property, or is the goal to say that in our town the Ten Commandments are displayed more prominently?" Bernard questioned.

Duchesne is in good company when it comes to being targeted by a lawsuit over the separation of church and state. Salt Lake City and Ogden are previous defendants in similar suits. Pleasant Grove was told this month by the group, Summon, that they can avoid litigation by allowing them to erect their own monument near the city's Ten Commandment display.

The Utah-based religious group, would like to build monuments depicting their Egyptian-based beliefs in other Utah cities where Ten Commandment monuments have been placed.

Pleasant Grove officials are still considering what course of action they will take.

In neighborhoods around St. George, about 500 Ten Commandment signs are being planted in lawns and placed in living room windows by Robert Anderson, a retired salesman who is on a one-man crusade to promote moral standards.

Anderson said he placed an order for the signs because he was inspired to take action after attending a rally in St. George to show support for Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who refused to remove the Ten Commandments monument from its place in the capital rotunda.

# Duchesne City Veterans memorial bronzes ready for location

By STEVE PURO  
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DUCHESNE - Planning, fund raising and a commitment to Veterans of Duchesne City and Duchesne County are nearing completion as the bronze works for the new Veterans Memorial in Duchesne City have arrived and are awaiting to be moved to their final destination.

Crafted and cast by Jerry Anderson, Silver Reef, the life size bronze statues include a soldier standing over the boots of a fallen comrade, a NAVE WAVE, and an eagle perched on the Liberty Bell.

"I think this may be one of the only memorials which recognizes the service of women in the mili-

tary," Duchesne City Mayor RoJean Rowley said. "It's exciting to see the statue and the bluish patina of the bronze uniform she is wearing."

Dedication of the new Veterans memorial, located west of the city offices on the triangle of land between River Road and U.S. 40, will take place on May 24, the Saturday before Memorial Day according to Rowley.

"We have a military band coming out to perform at the dedication," Rowley said. "There will also be guest speakers."

Walker monument, Orem, will set the granite slabs of the monument and sculptor Jerry Anderson will come to place the statues prior to the ceremony.

"We have charged \$200 for each name placed on the granite panels," Rowley said. "We have around 2,000 names which are ready to be engraved into the black granite panels."

Names can be added in the future, though any added in the next thirty days won't make it onto the statue in time for the dedication according to Rowley.

"Names will continue to be accepted and can be for anyone serving in the military who has a connection to Duchesne County, living or deceased," Rowley said. "The monument company will come out several times a year as needed to engrave names on the granite."

Though located in the county seat, the memorial is intended to serve all

Veterans.

"The people of Duchesne County have been so generous," Rowley said. "It's overwhelming. When we have been short on funds, people have stepped up like two gentlemen who knew we were short on concrete money came forward with checks for \$7500 each to help. Their names will be listed on the monument with other contributors and sponsors."

Companies are continuing to donate to the project to see it reach completion and to help with the care of the memorial.

Anyone desiring to contribute to the project or to honor a Veteran on the wall should contact Duchesne City, Mayor RoJean Rowley, or Yogi Nielsen through the city offices, 435-738-2464.

"It's going to be a wonderful addition to our community and the county," Rowley said.



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An eagle on the Liberty Bell will be placed above the granite walls of the new Veterans memorial.



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Duchesne City Mayor RoJean Rowley stands between the life-sized bronze statues of a G.I. and a WAVE. The statues will find a home at the new Veterans memorial being placed at the east end of Duchesne in the triangle of land between River Road and U.S. 40. Dedication is set for May 24.



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# Duchesne city water work nears completion

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Water improvement projects in Duchesne City which began with a \$5 million Community Impact Board grant and loan approval in May of 2011 are moving toward completion.

Problems faced by Duchesne City in their water system included failing underground transite pipe, and a closed end system in many areas which restricted flows, pressure, and had no water flow redundancies.

As the projects have moved forward this year, two contractors have worked in separate areas north and south of U.S. Highway 40, according to Byron Colton, engineer with Horrocks Engineering.

"The whole project will replace the transite pipes, which contain asbestos, and consolidate the water lines into a single water system with built-in loops to help regulate pressure and even flows," Colton said.

Test holes dug in preliminary studies of the proposed project during 2011 revealed failure of culinary water lines into surrounding ground water. The risk for contamination to the culinary water was one of the motivating factors for the project.

With the project underway, other subsurface problems have been identified.

"The biggest challenge hasn't started yet," Colton said. "We're going to have some contaminated soil issues to deal with."

The 50 South alley pipeline feeds water to the south side of Main Street, and that will be a challenge, according to Colton. Work in that section will begin in a month.

As the new pipe has been laid, substandard connections to resi-

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dents have been identified. Those connections have all been replaced and upgraded as the work has taken place around Duchesne City.

"Any home we have passed has received a new line from the main line to the property," Colton said.

The CIB funding from last year will fund phases one and two which are now under construction. However, to complete phase three the city may have to contribute additional money to see it through, Colton said.

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**Duchesne City's attorney in monument case says appeal is being considered**

One of the attorneys who represented Duchesne City in federal court in their fight to keep a monument to ancient Egyptian religious beliefs out of Roy Park, said the judge's ruling against the city may be appealed.

The case over the alleged First Amendment rights violation, which was won by the religious group Summum on a "technical violation," is one that Edward White believes likely will be appealed, pending the judge's written order.

"It's one of the things we are considering," said White, who works for the Thomas More Law Center, and represents Duchesne City on a pro-bono basis. "Once the order is put into place by the judge, then sometime within the next 30 days we will make a decision."

Summum has also indicated they will consider appealing as well, said White.

U.S. District Judge Dee Benson ruled earlier this month that Duchesne City had violated the

First Amendment rights of Summum when they ignored their requests to allow a monolith of the Seven Aphorisms in the city-owned park. The Salt Lake City-based religious group said the monument would make a nice addition to Roy Park, which already contained a Ten Commandment monument.

Before the case went to court, the Duchesne City Council placed Roy Park off-limits to any other religious monuments, and sold the plot of land containing the Ten Commandment monument to the Cole family who donated it to the city in 1979. Because of that, Judge Benson dismissed another suit filed against Duchesne City by Summum.

In the case involving the violation of free speech, Summum asked for \$20 in damages and attorneys fee. According to Summum attorney Brian Bernard, attorneys fees amount to about \$79,000, but will most likely be substantially reduced.

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# Duchesne dedicates municipal building

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Dignitaries from around the region and a standing room only crowd set the stage Friday for the official dedication of the new municipal building in Duchesne City.

New U.S. and Utah flags for the building were donated and presented by the American Legion Post 22 as they posted the colors. After the posting of the colors, an invocation was offered by Paul Tanner with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Duchesne High School Student Body President Becca Peatross.

Following an a cappella performance of The National Anthem by Sherry Lott, Duchesne Mayor RoJean Rowley recounted some history of Duchesne City and then introduced Senior U.S. District Judge David Sam.

"How wonderful to be in this building," said Sam, who was appointed to the federal bench by President Ronald Regan in 1985.

"I was so impressed as we came down the highway and saw this building," he said. "It's just magnificent. It's just beautiful."

Sam came to Duchesne — "where it all began," he told the audience — in 1963 with his wife and their three children. A friend had told him it was the county seat and there were no lawyers there, he said.

"Every dream I ever had as far as



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Senior U.S. District Judge David Sam visited Duchesne to dedicate the new city building Friday. Sam began his legal career in Duchesne and offered the dedicatory prayer for the building, which also houses a visitor center.

a professional, came to pass out here among you," Sam said. "And so I thank you for the beginning that you gave me."

Sam earned his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University and his law degree from the University of Utah before serving in the Air Force as a judge advocate general from 1961 to 1963. He was Duchesne County attorney from 1966 to 1972 and a Duchesne County commissioner from 1972 to 1974, returning to private practice in 1973. Then, in 1976, he was appointed as a

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Public officials and community members celebrated the formal dedication of the Duchesne City building Friday. City workers moved into the building in January.

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state court judge in the 4th Judicial District.

"I'm here representing you as a former member of this community that loves you and appreciates the great honor and privilege of being among you," Sam said. "Thank you again for what you have done to contribute to my professional career."

During the dedication, Sam

expressed his appreciation for the pioneers who settled Duchesne and asked that the building "stand as a monument of goodness" for the community.

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# Duchesne Elementary School wins one of two state awards

By Dona Hansen, Duchesne Elementary School

Duchesne Elementary School has won one of the two annual state awards given by the Utah Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance during the UEA Convention each year to outstanding total school physical education programs. Accepting the citation for the school October 15 in the Salt Palace was Arlo White, Duchesne Elementary School staff member who has, for the past 17 years, been involved in teaching dancing skills to the students at the school.

Beginning with third graders,

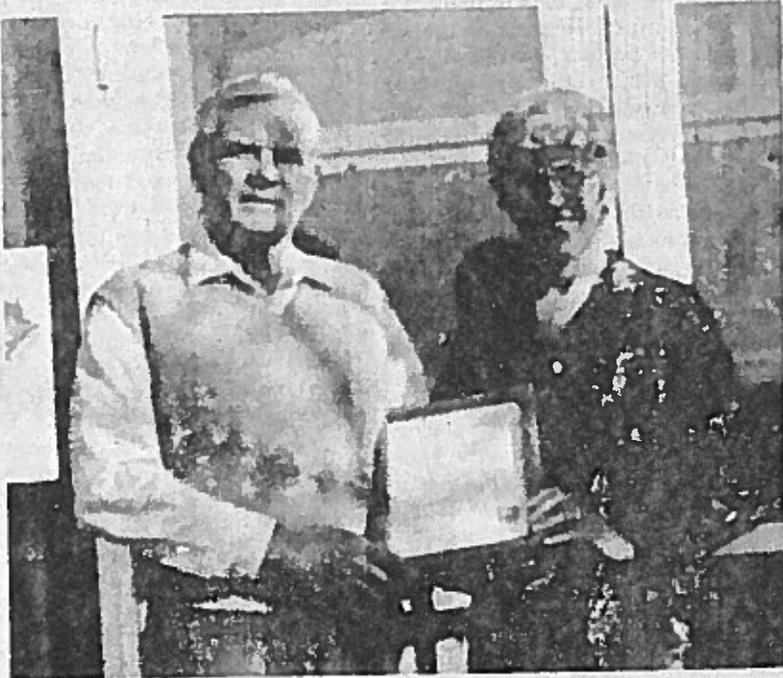
Mrs. White instructs the youngsters in folk and round dancing. During the fourth grade it's "allemande left" and "do-se-do" as the skills are further developed by the kids' learning square dancing. For the past several years this activity has involved the pupils in presenting programs to other schools both in and out of the Basin, as well as to additional interested audiences. The fourth graders are decked out in gingham square dance dresses for the girls, and matching appropriate square dance clothes for the boys. Mrs. White was instrumental in acquiring these costumes, and sewed many of the dresses herself. Fifth grade students at the school

learn basic ballroom steps, while the sixth graders concentrate on more modern dances as well as those in the country-western mode. The dance program at Duchesne Elementary was initially started by Mrs. White and Leo Foy, who was principal of the school at that time. Younger children are taught dances appropriate to their age levels by their classroom teachers.

Current principal of the school, Lowell Caldwell, assists with other aspects of the Physical Education Program, teaching State Core Curriculum athletic skills to the fifth and sixth graders on a regular basis during schools time. The winter months bring increased activity when he organizes basketball teams involving these classes. Practicing before and after regular school hours, he develops teams of fifth grade girls, sixth grade girls, fifth grade boys, and sixth grade boys who compete in tournaments as well as learn basic basketball skills and rules. Other teachers at the school instruct their classes in Core Curriculum Physical Education skills.

"We've noticed increased self-esteem among our students as they learn physical education and dancing skills," says Caldwell, who notes that on dancing days "our kids love to dress up, and to learn many social graces in the process. We appreciate and are proud to have earned this citation."

The other school cited for an outstanding total school physical education program was Hillcrest Junior High in Murray. Individual physical education teachers were also recognized at the awards ceremony.



DANCING AWARD--Arlo White and Lowell Caldwell, Duchesne Elementary, are credited with dance programs that have earned the school some high recognition. DES photo.



**DONATIONS FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN** — Altamont Elementary students raised almost \$200 to donate to children in Afghanistan. The students earned the money themselves and then put it in collection jars in their classrooms.

## Duchesne Elementary sends almost \$200 to help Afghan children

Students at Duchesne Elementary responded to President Bush when they gave their hard earned dollars to children in Afghanistan last Wednesday.

“When our conscientious students learned that the President of the United States had asked each child in America to earn a dollar and then to give it to the children of war torn

Afghanistan, they went to work,” said principal Fred Arko.

They earned their money and put it in the jars in classrooms.

“When our school secretary counted the money our students had earned 196.75! Duchesne Elementary mailed the dollars to the President this week so that our dollars can be used to help children far away,” he said.



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Honor guards salute Georg Adams one last time as he is taken to his final resting place in the Duchesne City cemetery last Saturday afternoon. Honor units from across the region and state took place in the memorial service.

# Duchesne Fire Chief laid to rest Saturday

By Steve Puro  
 Uintah Basin Standard

A gentle wind moved the weeds and the blossoming rabbit bush.

The sound of a diesel engine could be heard faintly around the bend, yet out of sight.

A bagpipe droned lonely on the breeze.

On Saturday, the fire engine honor guard for former Duchesne City Fire Chief **Georg Adams** came into view at Duchesne City Cemetery, leading a slow moving procession of emergency vehicles

and friends who had come to pay their last respects to Adams, who succumbed to his four-year battle with cancer last week.

Adams was a fighter and an inspiration to those around him. He came to America from Rhodesia where he had served in the army during the civil war there.

"I had been blown up twice. I said to myself, this is nuts," he told the Basin Standard in a June interview earlier this summer. Duchesne City Assistant Fire Chief Rodney Rowley remembers

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Jenny Adams, wife of former Duchesne City Fire Chief Georg Adams, receives Adam's helmet, memorial flag, and a final salute during memorial services held last Saturday afternoon.

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that Adams taught him great lessons about being patriotic and being loyal to the government of this country, even though the lessons were learned while serving in Africa.

During his 28 years of work for Duchesne County, Adams touched the lives of many who worked with him.

"He was a good man, a hard worker, always trying to move things forward," Roosevelt City Councilman David Labrum said of Adams.

Adams served in the Duchesne City Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years. He was recognized for his service to his community this past June.

"He cared a lot about his community," said Terry Stephenson, Duchesne City

assistant fire chief said. "He always cared about everybody else. He was a good chief and we're going to miss him."

Honor guards came from across the region and state to honor Adams last Saturday.

"He was always there trying to do what needed to be done," Roosevelt Fire Chief Lee Rockwood said.

Adams always fought the good fight and kept his eye on the future for his wife, Jenny, and his two sons.

"I have projects here that I want to see come to completion, I want to see how these things work out," he told the Basin Standard in June. Adams was laid to rest in Duchesne City cemetery.

With the memorial service completed, the bagpipes sent Amazing Grace out on the canyon breeze.

Last call from dispatch for Georg Adams arrives: 12:48 p.m. Sept. 22, 2012.

# Duchesne Fire needs equipment

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DUCHESNE - In a presentation to the Duchesne City Council on March 11, Fire Chief Russ Young reported that the Duchesne Fire Department is in need of new equipment in order to continue to do their jobs effectively.

"We have had 16 incidents so far in 2014," Young told the council. "Two or three of those were significant. We've also had several oil well fires."

He indicated that things are going very well for the Fire Department in Duchesne.

"We're at 97 percent meeting attendance," he reported, an impressive statistic for a volunteer fire department. "There are 21 people in the department, and by May, all but two will be certified fire fighters. That's the highest percentage of any fire department in the Basin, and it's right up there with the best in the state."

However, the department is in need of new equipment if it is going to be able to continue to serve Duchesne and the surrounding area effectively.

"We have a 1986 Pierce Arrow engine at the station that is now out of compliance," Young reported. "We also have that new three-story hotel going in, and we don't have equipment to serve it. We don't have anything that will reach the top floor."

The fire department is currently in possession of a 35-foot ground ladder, but that will fall several feet short of the third floor windows in the new hotel building. In order to serve that building in the event of a fire, they would need an aerial ladder truck.

Young also indicated that the engines the department has now are being worn out quickly by the rough oilfield roads they often have to travel.

Fire Chief Young came prepared with suggestions for where to begin when purchasing new equipment.

"We can refurbish the Arrow we have now," he said. "That would cost between

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rebuild the pump-and-valves, and close the cab. That would bring it into compliance."

Unfortunately, it will be impossible to address the need for an aerial ladder and a tougher engine to handle the oil field roads with the same vehicle.

"The ladder would just get beaten to pieces on those oil field roads," Young stated. "It can't be on the same truck."

He presented options that addressed both issues.

"Pierce makes an engine called a Saber. It sits a little higher, has bigger tires, and has four-wheel drive. It would be good for the oil field roads," Young told the council. The price for a new Saber engine is \$430,000.

"There's also a truck called a 75-foot Quint," Young reported. "It does five things: aerial ladder, pump, booster tank, hose, and ground ladders." The

price for a new Quint is \$720,000.

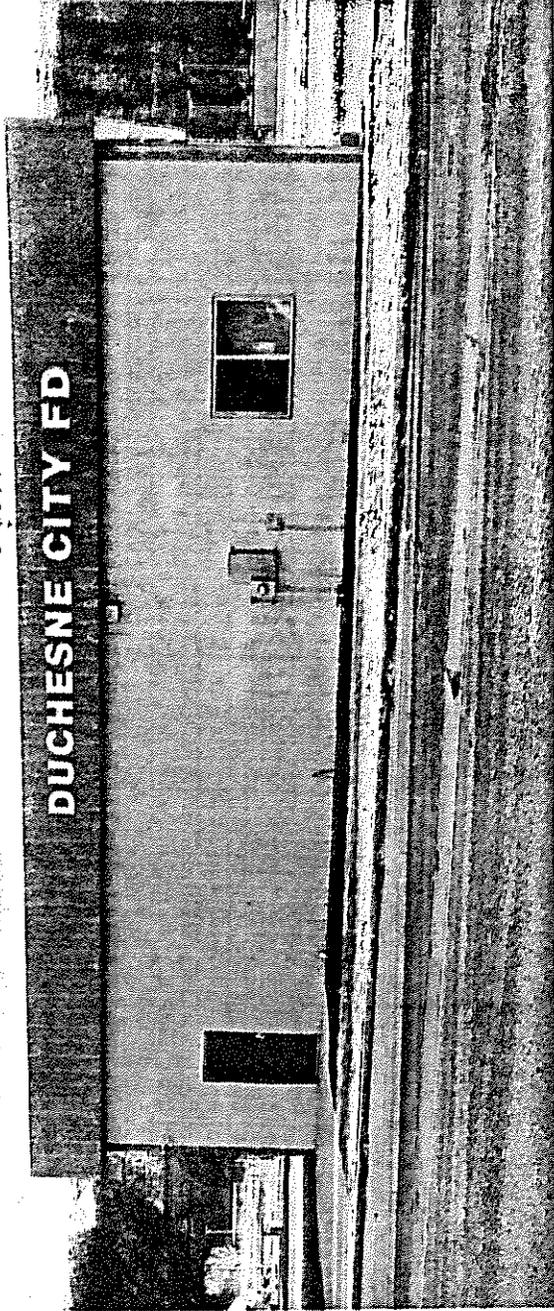
Young stated that he was aware that the needed equipment is expensive, and that there was no immediate solution to the problem.

"My goal is to start a plan now," he said, "because we're already behind the ball."

Young indicated that the best place to start would be with the tougher engine equipped for the rough oilfield roads.

"So many of our incidents are out in the oilfield," said Young. "I think we need to start there. But we also need to start thinking ahead for when we start getting bigger buildings in the city."

The fire department and city council will seek CIB funding, as well as grant money, to help cover the cost of the needed fire equipment. Duchesne County may also be willing to contribute funds, as the Duchesne City Fire Department services so much of the county at large.



The Duchesne City Fire Department needs updated equipment to continue to meet the needs of their service area.

# Duchesne gets \$400,000 in CIB money for pool remodel

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By Katie Hansen

Duchesne City recently received \$400,000 to install a brand new swimming pool and do some major remodeling on their existing swimming pool office. The money was allocated by the Community Impact Board in the form of a grant/loan combination financing package.

At 32-years old the Duchesne City swimming pool is pretty worn out, commented Mayor Clint Park. "It is just one of those things that needs done," he explained. Duchesne City Recorder Diane Miller noted that upkeep of the current pool has been very expensive. Last year the city had to put about \$32,000 into the pool just to keep it going for the season, she said.

Park said that the CIB loan/grant combination — \$200,000 no-interest loan and \$200,000 grant — will help pay most of the cost of demolishing the old pool and build a new one. The improvements will ease the burdensome utilities and equipment maintenance upkeep costs the city has been paying on the out-dated swimming pool. The city will make yearly repayments of \$10,000 on the loan, through Revitalization funds made available to the city from the county and from the Duchesne City

water and sewer budget. In addition, Duchesne City "will gratefully accept all donations toward the new swimming pool."

"We are excited," Miller said, adding that when the contractor is announced, possibly sometime this month, work will be able to begin on the new pool. It is estimated that the entire project will take 90 days to complete.

The new swimming pool will be L-shaped with a "zero entrance" which is similar to the gradual slope of an ocean or a lake, so that swimmers will be able to walk right into the water which gradually gets deeper. Other amenities include a diving area in the deep end and a fountain for kids in the shallow end. New shower rooms will be built in the existing pool building after it is gutted. "Everything will be up to date," Miller said.

The construction work will delay the pool's traditional Memorial Day weekend opening. A tentative opening date is the first or fourth of July, explained Miller, adding that city officials hope work will progress at a speed that will allow it to open sooner. More good news for pool-goers is that currently the city isn't expecting to raise the \$2.50 daily admission fee.

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A Heber City construction company has been relocating waterlines in Duchesne since April to bring the city's water and sewer system into compliance with state code.

## Duchesne nears end of waterline repair

Rick J. Carda

An old change in state code has Duchesne City tearing up its streets to move waterlines.

Since April, J.B. Gordon Construction out of Heber City has been replacing the waterlines, according to Duchesne City Manager Diane Miller, after a renewal of the city's general plan revealed that its water and sewer lines were too close together.

"During the initial stages the city was updating its general plan, Epic Engineering discovered that the city's water and sewer lines were no longer in line with state code and had to be replaced," Miller said.

It is believed that the lines were probably within code in the 1960s when the lines were put in, but a lot has changed in the code since then, Miller said. The city expects it to take two to three more months to finish the waterlines.

During the first part of the repairs the city had to shut down the water storage tank on D Hill and get its water from the storage tank on Blue Bench, just past the Duchesne County Jail.

"This caused some inconvenience when water demand in town was highest," Miller said. "During those times the city

was using more water than the storage tanks could replenish."

Miller said water pressure would drop as a result of the high summer demand and the use of only one storage tank.

Work is almost completed on the D Hill storage tank, which has allowed the city to bring it back online.

Dennis Miller, Duchesne City water supervisor, has been manually filling the tank for the last three weeks while waiting for parts for an altitude valve. An altitude valve is like the float in toilet, when the water drops to a predetermined level the valve opens, allowing the tank to fill.

"Once we get the parts, the electrician can finish putting it together and it will begin filling automatically," Dennis Miller said.

Once the waterline project is completed, the city will start working on the sewer line. Officials estimate that the sewer project won't take as long as the waterlines, but like any construction project, knows that anything can happen once they start digging.

"We want to thank all the residents for being so patient and hope they'll bear with us for a little while longer," Diane Miller said.

# Duchesne officials take oath as mayor looks to 2014

By STEVE PURO  
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DUCHESNE—Duchesne City Recorder Diane Miller administered the oaths of office for officials voted into the city government in the November election.

Incumbent Mayor RoJean Rowley took the office for another term and Jeannie Mecham and Carol Thomas took the oath to serve as city council members.

Looking to 2014, Mayor Rowley outlined major projects for 2014.

"First of all we want to complete our Veterans Memorial and we are on target to complete that by Memorial Day, Monday May 26 in 2014," Rowley said. "The bronzes are almost ready and the black granite is ordered



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Diane Miller, Duchesne City recorder, administers the oath of office to Mayor RoJean Rowley, and Councilors Jeannie Mecham and Carol Thomas. Incumbent Mayor Rowley sees completion of the new Veterans Memorial and bringing a new water storage tank on line as major goals for 2014.

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and is absolutely beautiful."

Residents interested in contributing to the project or recognizing military family members can still contact the Duchesne City offices to learn more about the project.

"We have a large water storage tank, 750,000 gallons, located near the

water treatment plant at Starvation Reservoir, which we will refurbish this year," Rowley said. "We have advertised for the pipe line connecting to the tank and soon we will bid out the refurbishment of the tank."

The past several years have seen Duchesne City improve its sewer and water lines.

"The new sewer lines and water lines are in and we are ready to work on

the surface," Rowley said. "The next thing to look at will be improving some of our roads and getting some asphalt down on roads that need it."

Work on the Duchesne City Airport runways has been complete with the resurfacing of the runway and aprons. The pilots lounge has also be refurbished.

"Now we hope to fence the airport to make it more secure," Rowley said.

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## Duchesne River to be studied CUWCD board meets in Duchesne, tours area

By Mike Ross

Duchesne City, in connection with the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Forest Service, has made a significant addition to the attractions now available to locals as well as tourists.

The "Duchesne Riverwalk," a totally accessible trail along side the Duchesne River south of the fairgrounds, beginning at the Indian Canyon Bridge and ending 1/2 mile to the east, is nearing completion. The \$270,000 project is being financed by the Bureau of Reclamation, but built by the U.S. Forest Service.

"We had problems at first with plans for construction," said Duchesne City Mayor RoJean Addley. "But through the American's Disability Act, our Riverwalk is almost finished and is accessible to everyone."

The trail is made up mostly of paved walkways with boarded sidewalks intermingled. Two small bridges towards the eastern end of the trail keep riverwalkers above the water enabling them to stay along the river's edge and off private property.

Along the trail are strategically placed wooden or paved decks where fishermen may drop their line in a deep fishing hole, or riverwalkers can see the beauties of the flow of one of nature's rivers.

Joe Bistrzyski, Duchesne District Ranger, Ashley National Forest, explained the background of the trail. "Under the Central Utah Project when Starvation Reservoir was built, accessibility for fishing was taken away. The Bureau has

purchased easements along the Duchesne River from Starvation Dam all the way to the confluents near Highway 40 to provide for the missing accessibility."

"Back in 1984 during the flooding times," said Bistrzyski, "A huge dike was built along side the river to protect Duchesne City from flooding. The foundation of that dike has been used, where possible, to construct the trail, giving it added strength. Plus, the Starvation Dam controls the flow of water

so flooding conditions are better controlled now."

"The Bureau asked us [Forest Service] to build the trail because of prior experience of constructing total accessible trails in the mountains."

Huge boulders have been placed in the river's middle to provide holes for fish to hide, while the river's banks have been rip-rapped (lined) with smaller boulders to prevent erosion and give direction

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to the flow of water, said Bistryski. Reseeding of the river's banks as well as the placement of deflectors and seals, methods used in the river to help slow water flow or divert the energy of the water, have also been used.

Duchesne County Commissioners were given an update on the trail's progress on Wednesday while Basin West 2000 action team members took a small tour on the Riverwalk on Thursday. Everyone agreed that it would add to the magnetism of Duchesne City's attractions as well as hold additional appeal during the Duchesne County Fair.

Not only will the trail be totally accessible to handicapped individuals, but horses and their riders may still cross a designated spot of the trail and river to explore the southern hills of Duchesne City.

Two pavilions, restroom facilities, and picnic tables will also be constructed this fall or early next spring southeast of the rodeo grounds, adding to the Riverwalk's flavor of amenities.

"The Forest Service is to be complimented," said Jerry Lisonbee, Duchesne City councilman. "They have a big impact on our community."

It works for everyone involved," added Bistryski. "Duchesne gets a beautiful riverwalk while the Bureau fulfills its obligation to provide for the disabled."

The Forest Service also has a similar trail in the Rock Creek area where blind people can obtain a tape cassette and tour the trail alone by listening and touching their way along the trail.

"Duchesne County is becoming a model for other Utah counties," said Bistryski. "The county is providing access to all and is developing a theme of total accessibility."

The river area from the dam to Highway 40 may be fishing's best-kept secret as 18 inch and above brown trout and rainbow trout can be reeled in by old and young alike.

Duchesne City hopes to extend the trail to Highway 40 in the future. A grand opening will be held later this fall or early next spring to officially open the Riverwalk. The city will maintain the trail once it is completed.

"CUTE TRICK NUMBER TWO" SAYS ATTORNEY

# Duchesne sells part of park, trying to keep the Commandments

By Lezlee E. Whiting

An attorney for Duchesne City believes a federal court judge will approve of the city's sale of public property as a means of resolving the conflict that centers around the Ten Commandment monument in Roy Park.

Earlier this month the Duchesne City Council sold the monument and the land that surrounds it for \$250 to the three surviving daughters of Irvin Cole, a former Duchesne civic leader.

Edward White III, said city council members also passed an ordinance that should invalidate opposition from Summum, the Salt Lake City-based religious group that is petitioning the court for approval to erect an edifice in Roy Park to their own

faith.

White, an attorney with the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., is representing Duchesne City on a pro-bono basis. Duchesne City officials and city attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs are referring all calls to White.

"It's private speech on private property," said White. "The (new) ordinances filed with the court made it clear that the town never intended for this to become an open forum. Out of respect to the Cole family, who donated it in 1979, there will be a fence put around it and a disclaimer sign that says in effect this is private property on public property."

At the same time, Summum's attorney Brian Barnard, said rather

than solving the problem the city has only "opened a new can of worms."

The city had earlier donated the same land to the Duchesne Lion's Club in an attempt to remove the religious monument from public property. The Lion's Club also planned to place a sign and a fence around the plot of land.

When it became obvious that U.S. District Judge Dee Benson most likely wasn't going to go along with the land transfer — he called the maneuver a "cute trick" in court — the city changed tactics, but it won't work, predicted Barnard.

"Summum does not want the Ten Commandment monument re-

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moved," said Barnard. "Summum wants equal access to a forum. Summum wants to be treated like the Coles were before 2003, like the Lions' Club was in 2003 and now as the Cole daughters are being treated," he said. "How can the city pick and chose who should be able to buy prominent space formerly part of a city park?"

According to Barnard, the decision to sell publically-owned land to private individuals further shows the city's "true colors ... they support the display of only one set of religious ideals. That is religious bigotry pure and simple."

White said a legal precedent has already been set that favors Duchesne City. The 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals sided with a city in Wisconsin where a statue of Jesus Christ, which stood in a public park was sold along with land surrounding it, to the original donor.

The Appellate Court upheld a lower court ruling that said if the property inside the park had proper demarcation and signage to show it was private property it was not violating the Constitution, said White.

However, according to Barnard, that case is not similar to what Duchesne City is trying to do. He said that the city in Wisconsin sold a much larger section of land than the 10 foot by 11 foot piece of property Duchesne City recently sold to the Cole family. The lawsuit was also brought by people who wanted the statue removed from public property.

But to Duchesne City officials and White there's no discrimination going on. The fact that the land was sold to the Coles should be no different than if the monument were picked up and moved ten feet across the street.

No future court dates have been set as Judge Benson reviews the latest documents filed in the case.

"Everything is proceeding and we will expect a decision sometime in the next several months," said White.

Barnard said Summum fails to see the reason behind the city council's decision to prohibit others their freedom of speech. "The world will not come to an end if the ideals of

a second or third or fourth religion are displayed in the City Park," he said.

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# Duchesne sidewalk comes up a bit short

By Nancy Spurlock  
Uintah Basin Standard

The Utah Department of Transportation is only weeks away from completing part of a sidewalk project along state Highway 87 near the Scotch Pine subdivision in Duchesne.

The project - built with federal stimulus funds - was divided into several phases in an effort to lower costs. Now those funds have been exhausted, which means the sidewalk won't be built in its entirety.

"Once you divide up a project it tends to make it a more

competitive bidding process because you now have contractors bidding on multiple projects and that usually tends to lower the price on some of these sidewalk projects," said UDOT spokesman Adan Carrillo.

"(With) the money that we have, we thought that we'd be able to extend it a little more to perhaps fund the whole thing, but apparently it wasn't enough to cover all projects," Carrillo said of the sidewalk. "So we'll be building one this year and as more money becomes available next year we'll finish whatever portions are left."

The project, which is almost halfway finished, cost more

than expected due to the excessive amount of grading that had to be done in the initial stage area.

"This was the area that was the hardest to get the grading for and one area that needed it the most," Carrillo said. "So the subsequent phases will probably be less in price."

Duchesne City Mayor Clinton Park said the city applied for funds from the Pedestrian Safety Project, a program that's specifically provided for pedestrian projects on state highways.

"(We) did receive \$30,000," Park said. "However, UDOT

took the funding back and awarded the project to DC Construction and this particular project was built with stimulus money instead."

Despite the budget limitation there is a grant available through UDOT's Safe Sidewalk Program that may be a way to get the project completed in 2010.

"As residents go to city council they can say, 'Hey there's a sidewalk project that needs to be done and when it's time for you to go and apply for these grants, would you please consider this project to be put into those applications,'" Carrillo

said.

If Duchesne City were to apply for the grant for the sidewalk in question, and is awarded funds, subsequent construction phases would be completed as the grant monies are received.

"We don't dictate to cities which projects to build next," Carrillo said. "The cities probably know better where they need sidewalks the most. They can definitely submit this project for funding through the Safe Sidewalk Program though."

"If need be, we will apply to fund the rest of the project," Park said.

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1925-1927; John Henry Jensen, 1927-1929, and William L. Kilpack, 1929-1930. On Dec. 31, 1930, the Driggs Ward had 627 members, including 143 children. The total population of the Driggs Precinct was 874 in 1930; of these 719 resided in Driggs.

**DRY CREEK.** See Lehi, Alpine Stake.

**DUBLAN** (or **COLONIA DUBLAN**), Juarez Stake, state of Chihuahua, Mexico, the largest colony of Latter-day Saints in Mexico in 1930, is situated on the Ferrocarril Nor-oeste de Mexico (Mexican Northwestern Railroad), in Casas Grandes Valley, 16 miles northeast of Colonia Juarez and 150 miles west of El Paso, Texas. The products of the colony are alfalfa, wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, sugar cane, apples, and a very fine quality of cheese. The saints in Dublan own a fine meeting house, recently completed.

George M. Brown, formerly of Provo, Utah, in search of a place to locate his family, entered into negotiations in the fall of 1887 with a German-Mexican, who owned a large tract of land in Casas Grandes Valley. Instead of disposing of a small section of land, the owner made quite liberal terms, if Brother Brown could induce colonists to the number of 500 to locate in the district. In counsel with Alexander M. Macdonald, Elder Brown returned to Utah and invited colonists to locate on the proposed purchase. Soon quite a number of L. D. S. families arrived in the Casas Grandes Valley, who on April 14, 1889, were organized as a branch of the Church with Frederick W. Jones as presiding Elder. The settlement became known as San Francisco. The settlers commenced to plant fruit and shade trees and raised crops of corn, wheat, oats and other cereals and also potatoes and other garden products. They pronounced the climate ideal, the winters being without snow and the summers agreeable.

In December, 1890, a townsite was surveyed by Alexander F. Macdonald to which the name of Dublan was given

in honor of Emanuel Dublan, secretary and treasurer of the Mexican Republic.

On July 18, 1891, upon a visit of Apostle George Teasdale, a ward organization was effected with Winslow Farr as Bishop. At this time there were fifty Mormon families in the settlement, or 351 souls. Winslow Farr was succeeded as Bishop of the Dublan Ward in 1899 by Samuel John Robinson, who in 1907 was succeeded by Albert D. Thurber, who presided until the exodus of the saints from Mexico in July, 1912. After the place was resettled in 1914, Niels Frederiksen was chosen as presiding Elder of the Dublan Branch which was reorganized into a ward in 1915, with Anson B. Call as Bishop. He acted in that capacity Dec. 31, 1930, on which date the total membership of the ward was 335, including 116 children.

**DUBLIN CONFERENCE**, Ireland, British Mission, was organized in 1850 and consisted of the Dublin Branch and scattered members of the Church in the southern part of Ireland. This district is largely inhabited by Catholics. Dublin Conference was discontinued in 1867 and until September 30, 1923 the whole of Ireland was known as the Irish Conference of the British Mission.

**DUCHESNE STAKE OF ZION** consists of Latter-day Saints residing in the west part of Duchesne County, Utah, extending north to the summit of the Uintah Mountains, east to the Roosevelt Stake, south to the so-called Bad Land Cliffs, and west to the boundary line between Duchesne and Wasatch counties. The headquarters of the stake in 1930 were at Mount Emmons, and the stake consisted of the following wards: Altonah, Arcadia, Bluebell, Boneta, Duchesne, Midview, Mount Emmons, Mountain Home, Redcliff, Strawberry, Tabiona, Talmage and Upalco. The inhabitants within the limits of the stake are mostly engaged in farming and stock raising. Some of the lands in that part of Utah are fertile, though the surface of the

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country is somewhat broken or rolling; the altitude varies from 4,000 to 7,000 feet.

Most of the country now included in the Duchesne Stake constituted a part of the Uintah Indian Reservation until 1905, which accounts for the fact that it was not settled before, or until, at least a part of it was thrown open for white settlers, but the Indians were given the privilege of homesteading or claiming the best sections of land. When the whites, mostly Latter-day Saints, commenced to make homes on what had formerly been the Indian Reservation, they belonged to the Uintah Stake of Zion, but at a stake conference held at Vernal, Sept. 14, 1910, the Uintah Stake was divided and the west part, or the Indian Reservation, was organized as the Duchesne Stake. William H. Smart, who had presided over the Eastern States Mission, was chosen as president of the Duchesne Stake, with Ephraim Lambert as his first, and Joseph H. Hardy as second counselor; William H. Gagon was chosen as stake clerk. At the time of its organization the Duchesne Stake consisted of the following bishop's wards and branches: Boneta, Hayden, Roosevelt, Tabiona and Theodore.

At a stake conference held June 27, 1920, the Duchesne Stake of Zion was divided and the eastern part of the same, containing Alterra, Bennett, Cedar View, Hayden, Ioka, Myton, Neola, Randlett and Roosevelt, were organized as the Roosevelt Stake of Zion, with William H. Smart, formerly president of the Duchesne Stake, as president. The wards of Altonah, Arcadia, Bluebell, Boneta, Duchesne, Midview, Mount Emmons, Mountain Home, Redcliff, Strawberry, Tabiona, Talmage, Upalco and Uahn were retained in the Duchesne Stake, and embraced the west part of the Uintah Basin. Owen Bennion was chosen as president of the diminished Duchesne Stake, with George V. Billings (Bishop of the Duchesne Ward) as first, and Ira B. Cannon (Bishop of the Mt. Emmons Ward) as second counselor.

In the organization of the new stake the northern, western, and southern stake lines remained the same as before, but the east line running north and south separating the Duchesne Stake from the Roosevelt Stake was established at the so-called Dry Gulch, about five miles east of Bluebell Ward, part of the way running southeast toward Lake Fork River. In the south part of the stake the east boundary line follows the course of Lake Fork River until the point where that river empties into the Duchesne River, thence the boundary line runs due south until it connects with the southern line running east and west.

Following is a list of the presidents, counselors and stake clerks of the Duchesne Stake: Presidents: William H. Smart, 1910-1920, and Owen Bennion, 1920-1930. First counselors: Ephraim Lambert, 1910-1916; Paul S. Hanson 1916-1920, and George V. Billings, 1920-1930. Second counselors: Joseph H. Hardy, 1910-1918; Owen Bennion, 1918-1920, and Ira B. Cannon, 1920-1930. Stake clerks: William H. Gagon, 1910-1912; Ernest H. Burgess, 1912-1914; Harden Bennion, 1914-1916; Joseph H. Hardy, 1916-1917; Douglas M. Todd, jun., 1917-1920; Leroy W. Rust, 1920-1930, and F. Earl Case, 1930. The Church membership of the Duchesne Stake Dec. 31, 1930, was 3,215, including 803 children.

**DUCHESNE WARD,** Duchesne Stake, Duchesne Co., Utah, consists of Latter-day Saints residing in and near the city of Duchesne, the seat of Duchesne County, situated at the junction of Strawberry Creek with the Duchesne River, 25 miles southwest of Roosevelt, 50 miles southwest of Vernal, Uintah Co., and 60 miles southeast of Heber City.

The first branch of the Church on the Uintah Indian Reservation was called the Duchesne Branch of the Wasatch Stake. It was organized Nov. 30, 1905, by Pres. Joseph R. Murdock of Wasatch Stake, with Silas D. Smith as presiding Elder. He was succeeded by

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# Duchesne to tackle water, airport projects

## Runway work set for 2016 rescheduled for this year

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Duchesne City is taking on new projects that will improve its infrastructure over the course of the next year.

The projects include the construction of a new water filling station above the city to the north and improvements to the runway at the airport.

The current filling station has proven inadequate to meet demand and some citizens have complained about safety concerns with the large oil-field water trucks always on the move in a residential area. Duchesne Mayor RoJean Rowley has seen the racks lined up.

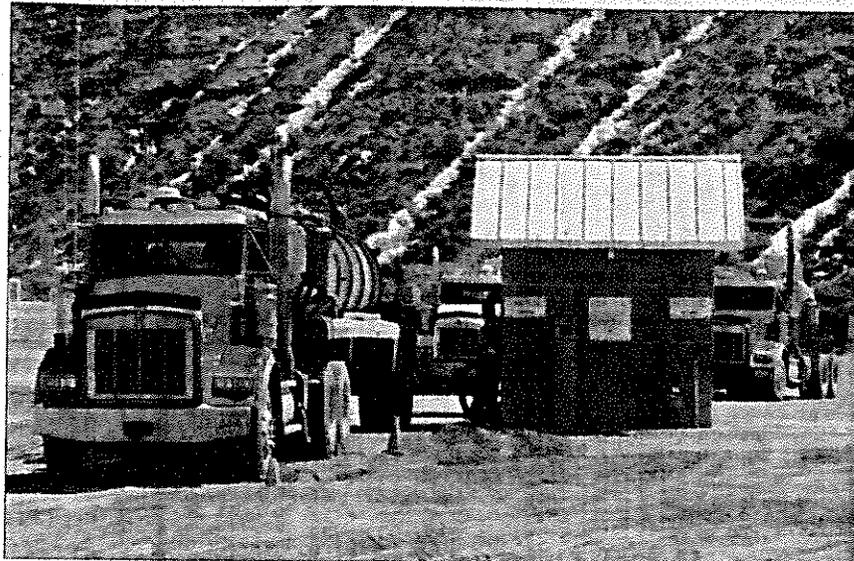
"Sometimes we've got 10 or 12 trucks backed up down there," she said.

Duchesne County has four acres of land and is willing to exchange with the city. In exchange, the county would keep the land where the existing water well is located by the fairgrounds.

"We have wanted to move the water fill station from down by the fair ground up ... north of the new school bus garage, up by the justice center," Rowley said.

"What we would do is put four stations to fill trucks and have one station separate so that the residential people would have a place to fill up," she added.

The timing seems right for the project. Not only is the land available, but an energy industry firm is offering to



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Trucker line up at the water filling station in Duchesne. The city plans to build a new station on land acquired through a swap with Duchesne County. The city will also contribute \$31,000 to an FAA project at the airport, pictured below.

contribute towards the project, whose estimated total cost is \$180,000 "on the high end," according to Rowley.

The Duchesne City Airport has been in great need of upgrades as well. Recently the city improved the restrooms in the building at the airport, but the runway and aprons are in disrepair.

Improvements were scheduled with the Federal Aviation Administration for 2016, but Rowley shared photographs with FAA planners at a recent meeting and asked for a "Band-aid" to make the runway safer and smoother.

Repairs would include "mulching" the existing runway and putting it back down as base and covering that with four inches of asphalt.

The FAA has agreed to move the Duchesne project up in the schedule to this summer. The total estimated cost for the project is \$1.2 million, with the city contributing \$31,000.



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

The bid award for the project should happen in late April.

Many times the Duchesne Airport is the only regional airport not fogged in and planes have to reroute to land there, Rowley said.

"We have small jets fly in here all the time to go fly fishing, or to Falcon's Ledge," Rowley said. "Second Nature has a lot of high-profile people that fly into that airport. I think it's necessary for our community to keep it maintained."

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Girl born with genetic disorders improves despite dire prognosis

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Dental hygienist passes on skills to students in Uganda, Rwanda

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*Reputation is what other people know about you.  
Honor is what you know about yourself.*

— Lois McMaster Bujold

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## Lady Cougars down Utes

Union makes crucial  
plays against rivals



# Duchesne told to raise fees

By Preston McConkie

Duchesne City may find itself the first municipality in the Uintah Basin to radically raise sewer connection fees as it prepares to ask the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for millions of dollars to rebuild its decaying sewer system.

"CIB doesn't want to give money to benefit development," Corey Walker of Epic Engineering told the Duchesne City Council last Tuesday. "They want to see cities charging impact fees."

In other words, explained Walker and his colleague Ryan Taylor, Duchesne and other cities can't ask the CIB for millions in grants and loans unless they can prove they are doing everything to gather money from other available sources, namely consumers. That means cities must insist developers build their own pipeline extensions, and begin charging higher connection fees to pay other costs of new growth.

With its quartet of 65-year-old sewer treatment lagoons and a city full of pipelines at least as old, Duchesne hired Epic Engineering in 2007 to prepare an

economic and wastewater capital improvement plan. On April 8, Walker and Taylor explained it would cost at least \$4 million to replace the city's sewer pipes.

Currently the sewer grid is plagued by pipes corroded down to narrow, calcified channels surrounded by rusty dirt. Old manholes with earthen bottoms allow groundwater to flow into sewer channels, acting as a flush valve for the valley and overloading lagoons with water Taylor described as "cleaner than it should be."

While Walker admits its an "ambitious request," he recommends the city ask the CIB for a \$3 million grant and a \$1 million interest-free loan to pay for the improvements. To justify such a bold request, he said, Duchesne needs to quickly implement sewer connection fees on new construction of between \$5,500 and \$7,500.

"If you don't want to charge that, you need to find money somewhere else or pare down the services," Walker said.

Walker and Taylor responded to questions from the city council

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and members of the public, explaining that impact fees cannot be used to pay for repairs to the old system, but that part of serving new growth means installing larger main lines in the center of the city. Therefore, impact fees might be used to pay the difference between replacing existing 8-inch pipes with higher capacity 12-inch pipes.

However, if the council does not want to charge the highest justifiable impact fee, it may have to scrimp on "up front" improvements and just use connection fees to pay for line extensions. Meanwhile, money to replace existing infrastructure would likely come from whatever the CIB was willing to contribute, plus user fees.

In any event, Taylor said the city should begin raising its monthly sewer fees by about 4 percent a year.

Duchesne currently charges \$1,700 for a new sewer connection, and while raising that fee to \$7,500 would make Duchesne's connections the most expensive in the Basin, other municipalities

and districts are bound to raise theirs too, and soon, according to Walker and Taylor.

The visiting engineers said Roosevelt's sewer impact fee is \$4,800, while the Ashley Valley Sewer District now charges \$6,200, with the fees in rural counties closer to the Wasatch Front even higher. They said Heber Valley currently charges \$7,500 for a connection and the Summit County fee approaches \$10,000.

The alternative to aggressive impact fees, the engineers warned, is for the town to only be able to afford minimal repairs and improvements, and push expansions and critically needed improvements farther into the future.

"We're here so you can hand this off to the next generation of leadership in a thoughtful, prepared way instead of in a deficit," Taylor said.

The council agreed they would advertise for a public hearing for its April 22 meeting so it could discuss and set a higher impact fee as soon as possible.

"This is a lot to swallow, but I don't want to see current residents paying for new growth," said Councilman Paul Tanner.

# Duchesne traffic light ready to power up

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Traffic patterns in Duchesne City are getting ready for a change as a new traffic light comes on line at the corner of Center Street and US 40.

Foundation work for the intersection took place in March.

"These foundations are 12 feet in the ground," Cache Valley Electric project foreman Bret Mair said. "Because of the ground that they were dug in, the holes kept getting bigger. Usually the foundations have about three and a quarter yards of concrete. These have about five yards."

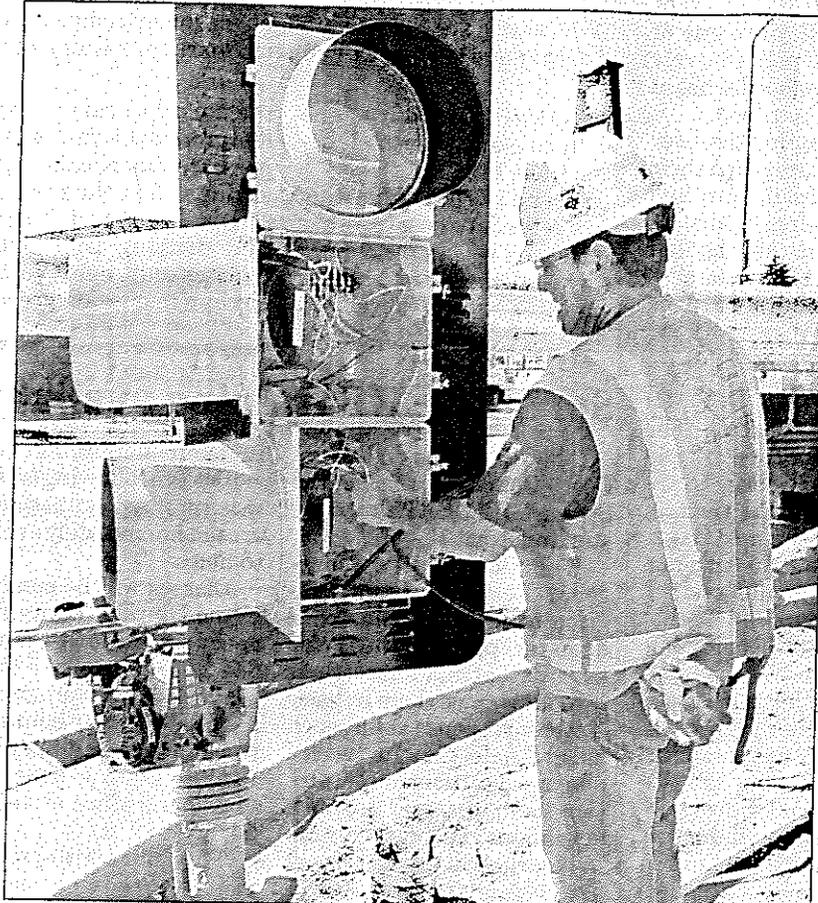
The new lights are set to clear the high load minimums for a limited access highway, which is 19 feet above the road surface.

Because of the height, the new lights are deceptive in size.

"Most people are surprised at the size of the signals," Mair said. "People see us working on them and they'll say, 'Man are they really that big?'"

The signal poles over US 40 are already wired for a turn lane signal in the future if traffic ever warrants such a light, according to Mair.

The light installation was completed at the end of last week. Now the signal are just awaiting to be hooked up to power.



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

The first of the new traffic signals in Duchesne City gets wired for action. Cache Valley Electric foreman Bret Mair said that most people are surprised by the size of the signals when they see them on the ground being worked on.

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# Duchesne visitor center spotlights energy

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DUCHESNE—Energy industry partners are combining efforts to create a one-of-a-kind interpretive display at the Duchesne County Visitors Center, located at the Duchesne City office building in Duchesne.

"For the last 20 years we have been doing tourism promotion for our county," Duchesne County Chamber Director Irene Hansen said. "Starting about 10 years ago we were able to find locations to have a visitor center at the gateway to the county, stop travelers, give them great information and send them on their way."

One of the challenges the county has faced has been not having services the visitors needed.

"Many couldn't spend the night, but we could tell them about our best-kept secrets," Hansen said. "Like the homemade soup at Cowan's Café, scones at the Frontier Grill, or milkshakes at Marion's. We would often talk them into making one more stop before leaving the county and impact our economy

through their visit."

Hansen said it worked. Prepared with surveys and gift certificates, and other tools, visitors were convinced to linger in the county.

"These are visitors that are already here," Hansen said. "The extra moments we take with the visitor standing in front of us makes a huge difference."

In recent years the local economy has changed and become healthy and vibrant.

"We saw people come in and naturally have questions about the industries that are here," Hansen said. "We could talk about agriculture, we could talk about retail, we could talk about the tribe, but one of the over-riding questions was always about the energy industry."

Visitors now come to the visitor center asking questions about where America gets its domestic oil from and the questions about the industry are becoming more and more complex. "Sometimes we are talking to advocates of the energy industry and sometimes we are talking to people who don't know anything about the industry," Hansen said. "We knew we weren't the experts."

As the chamber talked with leaders in the energy industry, they realized they were in need of some tools to help tell the energy story.

"Darlene Garrison, who also works on chamber events and the visitor center, would take it on herself to visit with energy leaders, wherever we were," Hansen said. "She would ask them about materials and information to help us tell the energy story of the Basin."

After several years, the county commissioners also recognized that it would be important for us to tell that story locally. They became strong supporters about telling the economic story, energy, agriculture, history, tourism, retail and all the things that make the county what it is. "What we lacked were tools to tell the energy story," Hansen said.

"Much to our surprise the energy leaders came forward with an unbelievable offer, which was to make a one of a kind display special for Duchesne County, but could literally be state of the art for anywhere in America," Hansen said. "It would be an energy center, a place where visitors could see things in action and do interpretive things."

About six months ago, members of the energy industry came to Hansen with a draft proposal

"They had hired a firm to put together their interpretation of what the display should look like," Hansen said. "Again, this is something that doesn't exist anywhere else in America."

The effort was spearheaded by the Utah Petroleum Association.

"What makes that so incredible is that the UPA represent refineries, pipelines, some of the largest production companies in the world, so this is a big deal that they would pick Duchesne County for this exhibit," Hansen said.

Since that presentation, local partners are now stepping up and are matching some of the donations.

"We don't have a solid timeline yet, but we know it is coming," Hansen said.

Hansen believes this may be the start of developing an interpretive destination.

"People will come to see this," Hansen said. "Someone in Price, on a trip, may consider this worthwhile to come see. It may become its own destination. We are very excited about this."

A special dinner was held on Thursday Oct. 31 at the Crossroads Center, with about 60 leaders in the energy industry who came to discuss fund raising for the exhibit.

"We don't know what the exact dollar figure is yet, but they are doing fund raising and have already gathered a substantial amount," Hansen said. "This energy exhibit will set Duchesne City and Duchesne County apart from any other visitor center in the United States."

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Explorers, trappers and traders, were here before Brigham Young sent a group in 1861 to prepare the way for Mormon colonization, but in October 1861 the U. S. government set apart Uintah Valley for Indian Reservation. In 1905 a portion was opened for white settlement. June 6, 1905, A. M. Murdock, Daughter Dora, and Sugoosie Jack (Indian) with 52 men organized a town called Dora, later Theodore, then Duchesne. This bell was used for school, Church, curfew, and as fire alarm for many years.

Camp Theodore Duchesne County

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The little city of Duchesne, Uintah County, is located just above and between the junction of the Strawberry and Duchesne rivers. In 1905, the United States government opened the reservation for white filings of 160 acres each. Registrations were made in Price, Provo, and Grand Junction, in August 1905. Drawings were made for filing numbers, filings were made at the Vernal Land Office. The first general gathering took place June 1st of that year.

A. M. Murdock, then an Indian trader at White Rocks, got permission from the government to set up a post between the junction of the Duchesne and Strawberry rivers. By the 6th of June, 1905, Mr. Murdock had pitched a large circus tent west of the Murdock residence and had it well supplied with hay, grain and food supplies. This was the beginning of the colonization of Duchesne. The first cabin was built by Arthur Marsh from logs secured in Indian Canyon.

A small courthouse was erected in the settlement where Judge J. R. Wilson dealt in law and real estate. The first school was taught in a tent by Bernice Peterson. In the late summer of 1906, A. M. Murdock furnished the logs and the men of the community erected the first school building. Organization of the LDS Church was effected in December 1906. Ephraim Lambert was sustained leader of the Theodore Ward but on February 6, 1907 A. M. Murdock became Duchesne's first Bishop.

This monument dedicated in June, 1955, stands on the location of the first elementary school in Duchesne.

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This beautiful significant achievement

# Enchanted Forest tree auction helps preserve Pope House

By JOHN PLESTINA  
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**DUCHESNE**—With \$9,500 raised at the Enchanted Forest Charity Auction on Nov. 21 and support from Duchesne City, the Duchesne Pope Historical Museum will

remain open. Commonly known as the Pope House, the museum was at risk of permanent closure and demolition a few months ago.

At that time during the summer, Duchesne resident Dea Skewes and others asked the City

Council to save the historic house located on West 100 North Street adjacent to the Duchesne High School football field. There were concerns that the house and several other buildings on the city-owned property could have been facing demolition because they have

fallen into disrepair. Skewes said if the house had been torn down, the city might have relocated the displays in the Pope House to the new Welcome Center on Highway 40. An oil and gas industry display is likely to be placed there. The most successful

House and sold for \$9,500. That funding will pay to have the house rewired, a major portion of necessary maintenance to keep the museum open to the public.

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### POPE

Continued from A1 standard and we will be able to do it with that money, and boy do we appreciate it," Skewes said. She is hoping the Pope House will open to the public on a regular basis after the electrical work is completed.

She said a City Council member asked Skewes how much she thinks could be raised and told her a city match is a possibility. "We're going to give it a shot," she said.

There have been other efforts to preserve the Pope House.

The Utah Division of Arts and Museum Service took an interest in the museum several years ago after Darlene Garrison of

the Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce asked them to send a representative to Duchesne to tour it. The state people advised Garrison to apply for grants to preserve the miniature displays. Grant funding paid for the late Weldon Brown of Duchesne to build enclosures that now protect the dioramas.

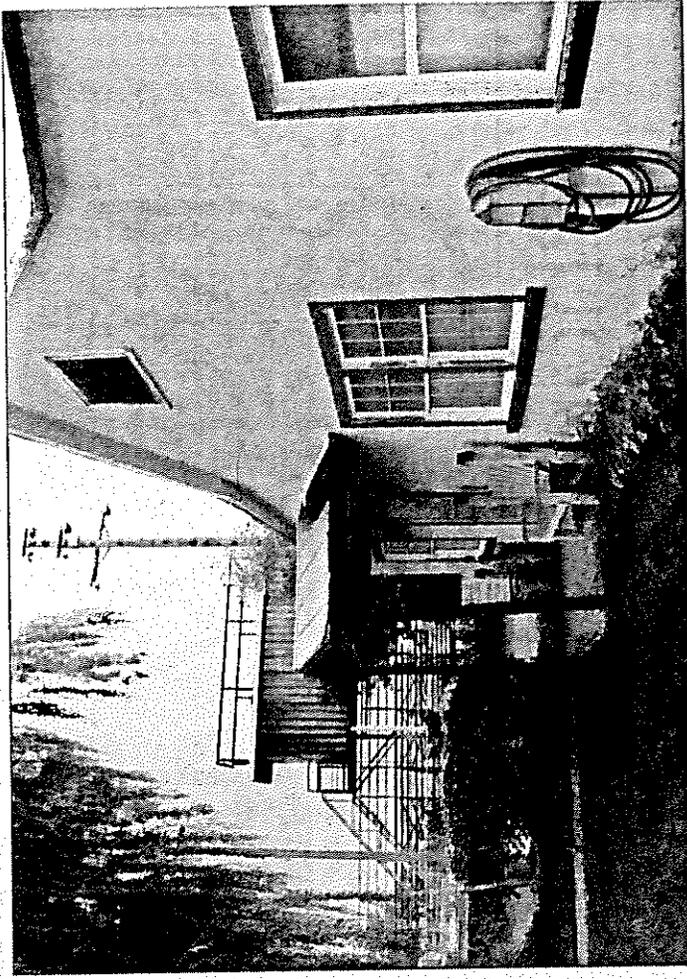
"Thanks to those who have helped us out with money. We appreciate it and we are going to do all we can to open," Skewes said.

The aging house was the home of Justice Court Judge and rancher Fred Pope and his wife, Marie. Fred Pope died in 1980 at age 75 and his wife died at 90 in 1996.

Fred Pope created the scale dioramas during the

1950s and 60s that depict pioneer life in the Uintah Basin. His wife's stories about growing up on her family's homestead in the Basin during the early 1900s inspired him. The miniature scenes that are enclosed in cases with plexiglass fronts include wagons that have moving wheels, tiny usable tools, buildings with doors that open and shut, trees, plastic horses and dolls dressed in period clothing that Marie Pope made. The tiny tools include working implements modeled after those used to create Highway 40 decades ago.

For additional information, to volunteer or donate to the Duchesne Pope Historical Museum, contact Skewes at 435-822-5745.



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The Pope House in Duchesne is benefiting from the Enchanted Forest auction.

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# FAA awards grants to Roosevelt, Duchesne

The Federal Aviation Administration announced last week that \$2.5 million in grants have been awarded to Utah's rural airports and two Duchesne County airfields are on the list.

Roosevelt and Duchesne cities will both receive FAA monies to improve safety, conduct maintenance and build new taxiways at their airports.

"You have to be in the loop for [the money] and apply for it over time," said Roosevelt City Manager Brad Hancock.

The city will receive \$317,293 to relocate the airport access road and increase the clear zones around the runway. Hancock said the city has finished acquiring the land it needs to complete the project.

Duchesne City will get \$150,000 in grant money to help rehabilitate the existing lighting system and enhance airport operations. Mayor Clint Park said improvements to the lighting system will include relocating the lights to allow for widening of the runway.

"Our runway is only 60 feet

wide and we're going to widen it to 75 feet wide to make it a bigger, better runway," he said.

Park also noted that the city has been contacted by an individual who wants to establish a fixed base of operations at the airstrip. The talks are still in the preliminary stage, but the mayor said the individual wants to set up a shop to perform basic airplane maintenance and provide service to the airport's customers.

"I think that'll be a big help for Duchesne to have somebody in here," Park said. "He got quite a bit of clientele he's already told us and he'll be bringing airplanes in and repairing them."

Last year, Vernal's airport received a \$350,000 grant to assist in the acquisition of private property around the airfield. The added land around the complex will allow for the expansion of visual safety zones at the airport. The land purchases are expected to be completed by 2006 with construction on the runway and taxiway beginning in 2007.

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# Family Dollar store goes up in Duchesne

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

The ground work is complete and the steel framing is going up on the new Family Dollar store in Duchesne.

Joshua Braverman, public relations manager for Family Dollar, said the store is expected to open in early September.

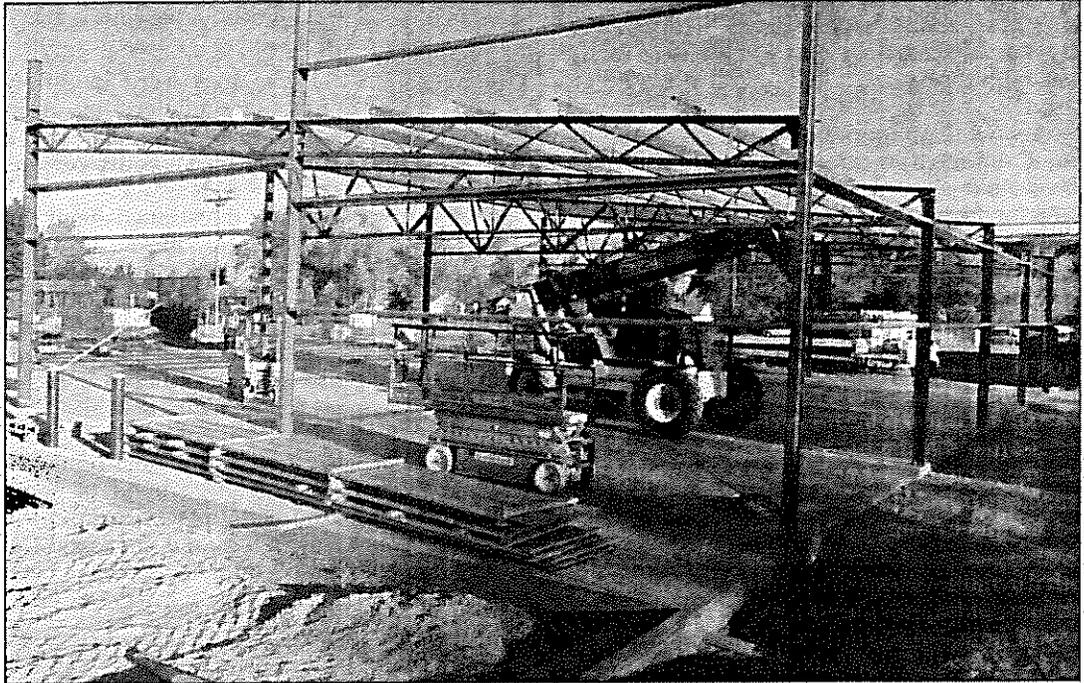
Duchesne should benefit from the new business with an increase in job opportunities because the store's employees are largely expected to come from the community.

"We do our best to hire the store teams from the community where our stores are located," Braverman said. "We pride ourselves with being a neighborhood store, and nobody knows the neighborhood better than those that live there."

Family Dollar expects to staff the store with five to seven employees.

Management has not been announced yet for the store. Where possible, management candidates are chosen from the field of local applicants. If a suitable manager cannot be found locally, then another manager may be brought in from another regional store to assist in the opening.

"We have many senior managers who got their start in the store and we're proud of being able to provide opportunities to all of our team members,"



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

The framework of the new Family Dollar store in Duchesne continues to take shape on Main Street. The store is expected to open in September.

Braverman said.

"We're very excited to bring our great value and convenience to Duchesne," he added. "In this economy, we help people save money on

the items they use and need everyday, without giving up the quality they expect. We take that responsibility very seriously and look forward to serving the community."

At the conclusion of its current fiscal year, which ends in August, Family Dollar will have opened 200 new stores nationwide.

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## Moving the Monument?

### Father Escalante may have a new 'home'

A monument to one of the first explorers to put Duchesne City on the map may have a new home.

It was 1936 when the Duchesne County chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers erected a monument to Spanish explorer and Catholic Priest, Father Silvestre Velez de Escalante. Now DUP leaders would like to see the

historical marker that details Escalante's travels in the area moved.

The metal plaque with an inscription which pays homage to the 18<sup>th</sup> century explorer sits atop a large, cement pedestal just off old Highway 40 at the entrance to Duchesne. DUP members are suggesting that the city allow it to be moved, perhaps to a parcel of city-owned property in the "triangle" just across the road from where it now sits.

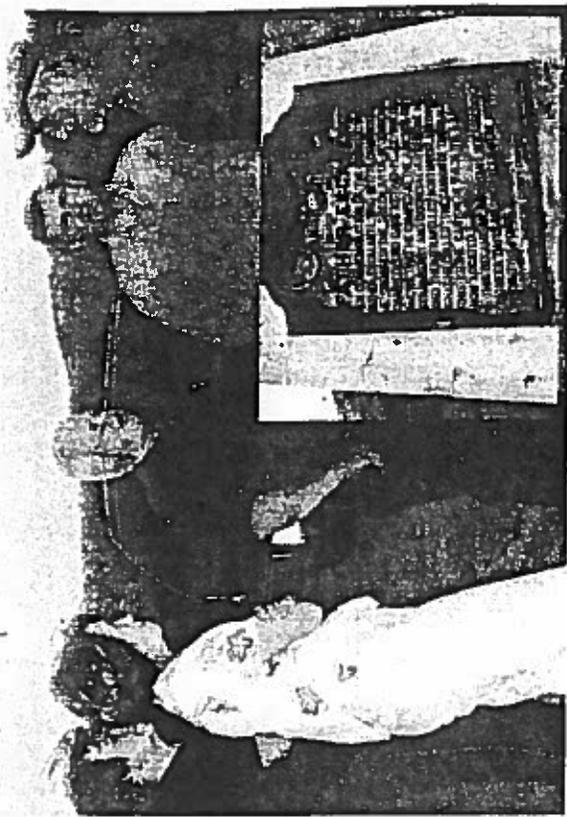
DUP captain LaRae Baily said her research found that there should be nothing standing in the way of relocating the marker. "It's a historical monument so we won't get into any problems because it's not church related," Baily informed the Duchesne City Council when she met with them last week, referencing a recent dispute over religious monuments in Roy Park that has made headlines for over a year now.

"We'd like to move the monument, upgrade it, put a facade on it," she said. "Maybe put some benches there and eventually hope UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) would put a historical monument marker," on Highway 40 to point the way to where the monument sits.

Baily said that when the relocation project is approved volunteers will be needed, along with donations of money and supplies.

"None of us object to moving it," said Mayor Clint Park. "I think right now we don't know where to move it." Park said the proposed relocation of the monument could be included as a goal in the city's "5-year plan."

Baily said Eagle Scout candidate Jared Bruton had talked to her about using the relocation of the monument for his Eagle project, however since that time



**SCOPING IT ALL OUT** — Duchesne City leaders discuss a proposal to move the Father Escalante historical marker from where it stands along old Highway 40 to city property just across the road. Pictured left to right are Helen Park (mayor's wife), council member Yordis Nielsen, Mayor Clint Park, council member Darwin McKee and Mike Jenkins, who oversees parks and the city cemetery.

(The marker reads as follows: *"In commemoration of the Catholic Priest, Father Escalante who in 1776 came into Utah he crossed the Green River at Jensen and camped two days at that place. His diary shows that he camped at the junction of the Strawberry and Duchesne river one night and then*

*traveled northwest up through what he called the Canyon of the Swallows. This is the canyon in which Ivie's ranch is now located. This became an important intersection in pioneer days as distances were reckoned from this point."*)

project, however since that time he has found another project. Bruton did say his Duchesne troop still wants to tackle the relocation of the Father Escalante monument to give the historical marker better exposure.

After their regular meeting last Tuesday, City Council members went to see the monument and looked at the property where it may be moved for better access. They said they will further discuss the proposal to move the historic marker at their next City Council meeting which is scheduled for June 14.

# Father of Duchesne leased Basin in 1875

A. M. or Al Murdock is often called the grandfather of the Uintah Basin and the father of Duchesne. Except for the early explorer and fur trappers, and those connected with the Indian service, he was the first white man to make the Basin his home and to make any sort of permanent and constructive use of its lands and resources.

Murdock came to the Basin as early as 1875. Interest in livestock became the deciding factor in A. M.'s decision and was responsible for his entry into the Uintah Basin. He and a companion, Jim Clyde, grazed a thousand head of cattle belonging to Heber ranches in the Strawberry Valley. In 1875 when the feed in Strawberry Valley was inadequate, A. M. and Jim Clyde decided to investigate the Basin where the season was a little longer. The entire Basin, much of which was held as an Indian reservation, was leased by A. M., Jim Clyde, and a third man, Charles Carter. The following year their herd increased to 3,000 head of cattle. A. M. was still in his teens when he first set foot in the Basin.

He worked with his father in Heber, their ventures including a livery business and a stage line to Park City. A. M. and his wife were married in Salt Lake in 1877.

It was about 1890 that Murdock decided to establish a trading post at Whitlocks, and took his wife and three daughters there to live. During the three years Murdock operated the Whitlocks trading post, he built part of the building used by the Mormon trading post. He later sold

out, and moved his family back to Heber.

By the time the Basin was thrown open to homesteaders in 1906, A. M. was well known and established both in Heber and the Basin, among Indians and whites alike. On the day before the opening, A. M., by special permit, was allowed to come in to establish a store and other accommodations to provide for the expected settlers. He brought in two wagons and a circus tent, which he set up beside an old cabin which he bought from an Indian, Saguisu Jack.

In the cabin he kept the merchandise, while the tent became the store, boarding house and community center for the homesteader.

On the second night of the opening a huge bonfire was built near the tent, around which were gathered 62 men, and Dora, Murdock's daughter, and the only woman on the townsite. In honor of the occasion, the crowd voted to call the settlement Dora. Murdock moved his family out the following spring to establish his home.

A. M. never homesteaded a ranch himself. He later acquired 160 acres filed and known as "No. 1", the homestead entry of Roy Daniels who was number 1 in the drawing, and situated just north of the townsite.

A. M. Murdock earned the title and honor of father of Duchesne. He was the first settler, his daughter was the first woman, he ran the first post office, and mail route, he was the first bishop of the LDS ward, the first mayor of the town, he owned and operated the first store, and ran the first stage line.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following material was condensed from articles published in the Uintah Basin Standard Jan. 22, 1976, as part

## From Dora...to Theodore...to Duchesne

The following is condensed from "Early History of Duchesne County", preserved by the Duchesne Chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, copyright 1948. Although the article contains some apparent inaccuracies, which are left as published, it has great historic value.

A few weeks after the opening of the reservation, government surveyors laid out the townsite at the present location of Duchesne. The surveyors gave the townsite the name of Duchesne. The name was not accepted at first, and the people called it Theodore (for Theodore Roosevelt). After Roosevelt was named, to avoid confusion with the mail, people had to call it Duchesne. This was in September, 1911.

Murdock's store served as the social center the winter of 1906. It was built in the late fall of that year, and was the first business there. By 1906 the town had a saw mill, saloon, barber shop, eating place (a dugout with a tent behind it), meat market and drug store. Murdock's Pioneer Store was the first building of any importance. It was large, two stories, and located on the north side of main street.

Since Theodore still belonged to Wasatch County, there was a small court house built from lumber donated by Bud and Earl Winslow. In 1906 the town men

school was started. The elementary school was constructed in 1926, and the high school building in 1936.

Bernice Peterson Meacham described life in Theodore, "Steele and Munz had one of the first saloons, all modern, brass rail, cupiders, coal oil lamps and hitching rail in front. A schooner of beer was five cents, with a free lunch thrown in. The well dressed man wore German sox, inside overhoses, ear muffs, mufflers, mittens, turtle neck sweaters and sheepskin lined coats. Suits were cheap. One boy bragged that his wedding suit was good, and it ought to be, it cost \$11. The well dressed lady wore a fascinator, high topped shoes, and her dress touched the floor. Calico was five cents a yard, and a two cent stamp took your letter anywhere in the United States. Shoes for the baby cost \$1.50, and mom's did not cost much more. Mens overalls were 75 cents."

Four large hotels burned in the early days of Duchesne. In 1907 James Grant and his family set up a tent hotel. The first hotel in Theodore was the Arlington Hotel. It was built in 1908, and destroyed by fire four or five years later. The Odokirk Hotel was built about 1914. This burned about

1919. Another hotel and store burned in 1921.

In 1914, a group of people from Topeka, Kansas came into Duchesne. The Deans, Billings and Greys organized the Bank of Duchesne. This bank went into the hands of the receivers during the panic following the first world war.

George Kohl came to Theodore in 1905. In 1916 he opened a store in the Murdock building. After a few months he took Tom Firth in as a partner, and they moved down to the present location of Kohl's Market.

March 13, 1914 the Wasatch County Commissioners advocated the creation of a new county. Inconvenience to the larger part of the county, lack of representation, over use of dis-patches and apparent geographical conditions were given as the main reasons. An argument arose over where the county seat would be located. A spirited election named Duchesne as county seat. County officers were elected and took office as the new county became official January 1, 1915.

Duchesne aspired to become a city in 1917. A petition was filed with the county, and a vote was taken and the city approved.

## Started Out As Gas Station

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# Food Town owner, Carl Wilkerson sells business after 48 years

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By Aldon Rachele

After 48 years, Carl Wilkerson is calling its quits by selling Food Town, a grocery store in Duchesne, to Alan & Clair Poulson of Duchesne and Doug Swasey, who owns Swasey's in Altamont. The new owners will take over Food Town on March 30. According to Wilkerson the purchase price is over one million dollars, which includes property plus inventory.

"I been there since 1950. I started with \$600, and traded my equity in a farm for the old Duchesne Motor Company. In 1950 Duchesne had 13 gas stations with 11 in operation, and I had one. Now there are three left," Wilkerson said.

During Wilkerson's first year of business where he sold gasoline, did repair work, etc., he stayed open 24 hours a day. His wife Donna did the book work. Throughout the years, he sold Dodge cars and International trucks.

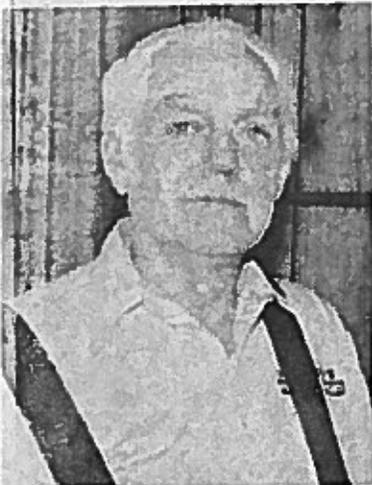
"The business was just my brother and myself. We each took 36 hour shifts, and would be off 12 hours. There was a little room where we could take a catnap. We would turn off the pumps, put an axle against the door as our alarm clock. When a customer opened the door they would knock over the axle and wake us up," Wilkerson said. "We stayed open 24 hours because we wanted the business, and I had 10 compet-

itors."

After the first year, Wilkerson was able to afford to hire some additional help, but added, "During one 24-hour period we took in \$1.50. There was a big storm with the road closed and no one was out driving."

The grocery part of the business was added in the late 1960s. Wilkerson gave credit to his wife, Donna for the success of his business, and also to his two sons, Gene, who has been the manager for the past ten years and Lance, an attorney, who does all the tax work.

Wilkerson estimated that during his 48 years in business that he paid out 100 million dollars to utility companies, had a light bill of



Carl Wilkerson

"I've made a lot of money. I'm not ashamed. I made it the old fashion way," he commented.

Highway 40 was the main road across the USA back in the 1950s, and the summertime was the busy time of the year with people going to the high country and various lakes. However, the I-80 freeway above and I-70 below took a great deal of the traffic away.

"The traffic is about the same as it was 50 years ago as now people drive to Vernal, Roosevelt and Duchesne more. In the past they were just driving through. Now there are places to go and things to do," he said.

Wilkerson was also the mayor of Duchesne City in the 1970s. During his term of office, Duchesne City won a cash prize and award for being the most improved city in the State of Utah, and acquired funds

for a swimming pool.

"We were going against Roosevelt and its golf course, and we beat them out for funds," Wilkerson said. "I had some good help from Donna Hanson, our secretary, who did background work and took before-and-after pictures. Jim Cowan was the councilman in charge of the cleanup project."

When asked what he is going to do with all of the free time on his hands, Wilkerson said, "I'm not going into a retail business. I might develop some land. I will be 70 years old this fall, and feel like I don't really have to do anything unless I want to."

Wilkerson expressed appreciation to all the people, who have supported him over the years and hope they support the new owners.

\$4000 a month and the State of Utah took over \$10,000 per month in sales tax.

political rhetoric, aside, the already disproportionate burden on the highest earners has been growing. Except for "the rich," Americans tend to be getting more for less.

This matters, because paying taxes should be a civic duty. It gives Americans a stake in our country, and gives us a reason to keep a skeptical

every day about creating jobs and growing our economy. So why do they also implement policies that punish success by over-taxing "the rich"?

We'd better figure that out — and stop it — before we kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

*Ed Feulner is the president of The Heritage Foundation.*

## Former resident lauds the Basin

Dear Editor,

I have been thinking for a while now about the great place of which I come from. Duchesne City is little known to many people outside of the Uintah Basin. Some might say with good reason, for such a small town surely doesn't have much to do and a town without a Walmart nor a McDonald's is no town at all.

I've heard it all and explained to many people where

the Basin is located. And it got me thinking, why do I even like this town? I'd like to tell you why.

I was going to write about something like the history of how Duchesne came to be or the notion that this town is perfect in every way. However I can't write all that and tell you something that might not be. So this is coming straight from me. I do love the small-town atmosphere; the open arms of its people; the simple fact that if I need a place to stay, someone will offer me their couch; the friends who allow me to work

on their vehicles when really I don't know too much about fixing cars; those great people who offer me a Coke, just to pass the time and talk about what's gone on; the benefit from all the hard work I have done not only on my farm but farms of others. Also the volunteer work I did in high school.

I enjoy reading about the students of today accomplishing many great things and knowing that Duchesne will be well represented in the future in both academic and sports. To see people of the community pull together and help someone that has lost someone dear to them makes me feel hope. To walk into Al's knowing full well that just to buy a newspaper will take me at least an hour. To fill the car up with gas takes about the same amount of time. I love this town.

Now this is not only Duchesne, but also the surrounding areas. Without the fine people in Bridgeland, Arcadia, Myton, Roosevelt and other areas as well, I know I wouldn't be where I'm at today.

I tell everyone I meet where I'm from and explain where it is. I let them know I love that place. And even though it's an hour away from the nearest Wendy's, I wouldn't change where I'm from, not for nothing.

Now this is not something I read or copied from a book. This is how I feel. I will continue telling of this great area called the Basin.

Will James Hicken  
Glendale, Ariz.

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# It's the volunteers who make Duchesne's Gateway Senior Center the place to be

By Lezlee E. Whiting

There's definitely a "homey" atmosphere at the Gateway Senior Center in Duchesne. With one large room to congregate in, it's not very difficult to find yourself feeling like family in no time at all. And that's just what the senior citizens who frequent the Gateway said it feels like ... family. Of course, without the quarreling. Just good friends having a good time spending their hours helping and teaching each other, eating meals together,

getting a good card game going, visiting and volunteering whenever the opportunity arrives.

Mary Jeys writes the monthly newsletter. She and her husband Frank moved to Duchesne about five years ago after Frank retired. The Jeys said upon moving to town they "noticed the Gateway Center and checked it out." They are now counted among the regulars — seniors who attend the center a few times a week.

"It's good, there are good people here," Mary will tell you.

"The atmosphere is really friendly. We're on our best behavior. This is how we always behave," said Joyce Keysaw, who helps Mary put the newsletter together, and serves as president of the Joint Advisory Council for the Gateway and Crossroads senior centers.

There's no shortage of things to do at the Gateway Center — from specialized crafts to Swedish weaving, card clubs, painting, quilting, floral arranging, bingo, pool, and more. (For a daily list of activities see the society section in this issue of the Standard.)

Lunch is served daily at the center, but it's Thursday that the place is packed for the noon meal. That's the day when seniors from near and far gather for a good hot meal followed by a few games of bingo. "It's kind of a tradition," Mary informed.

Bingo is so popular that people from Roosevelt head to Duchesne on Thursdays to try their luck and win some prizes. The center is currently holding a fund raiser to purchase a new bingo machine.

Jean Landers is the head cook. In addition to cooking for the daily crowd at the Gateway Center, Jean and her sister Janet Heed, provide meals for about 30 to 35 people Monday through Friday with the Meals of Wheels program.

All meals are carefully planned with the help of a nutritionist. Jean has been cooking for the Duchesne seniors since 1985 and has seen the program expand a great deal; moving from the old "blue building" at the Duchesne County Fair Grounds, into their headquarters in the Duchesne County administration building.

Bonnie Athas, the regional director for the State Division of Aging and Administrative Services, makes yearly visits to the senior centers in her territory and has nothing but praise for the Gateway Center.

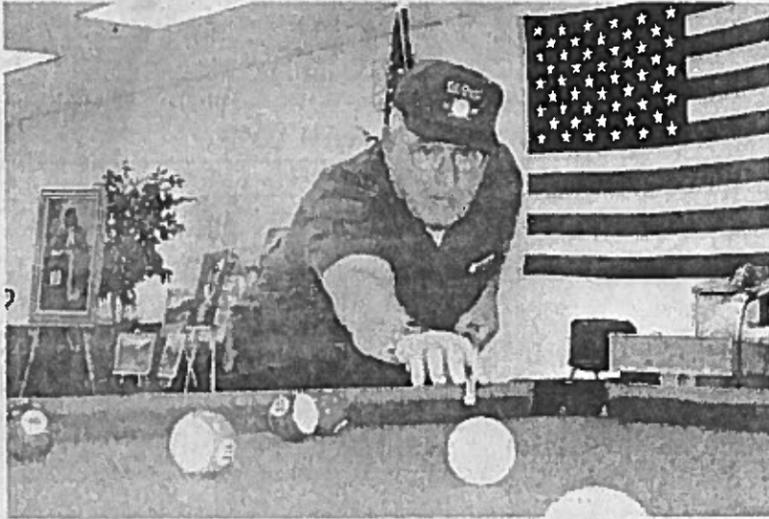
"They have many programs out here and people who give 110 percent. It makes my job so much easier," she said.

Bonnie stressed the importance of the Meals of Wheels program for homebound seniors. Just last week, a family learned that their elderly parent, who was living on cornflakes three times a day, will now be able to have a hot meal brought into his home, thanks to the program.

"Heart disease, cancer and depression are the three leading causes of death in seniors, and they all have to do with nutrition," said Bonnie. "This (Meals on Wheels) is such a marvelous program for seniors who neglect themselves either because they don't have the money to buy food, or they lack the nutritional knowledge they need."

Like all programs operated through the Gateway Center, Meals on Wheels depends heavily on volunteers. The Gateway Center is known for their impressive volunteerism. Approximately 700 to 1,000 volunteer hours a month are given by Duchesne area seniors either to the center or to other programs such as Foster Grandparents.

The Gateway Senior Center is located at 734 North Center Street in Duchesne. The phone number is (435) 738-1170. New faces are welcome anytime.



**A REAL "HUSTLER"** — Frank Jeys comes to the Gateway Senior Center a couple times a week to shoot pool and is looking forward to an upcoming pool tournament. An admitted pool hustler — especially in his younger days — Jeys has enjoyed the game for 30 years. He says Morris Schmoltz is the center's "pool champ," but he claims second place. Jeys is a retired aircraft mechanic. He and his wife moved to Duchesne five years ago to be closer to their children in Salt Lake.

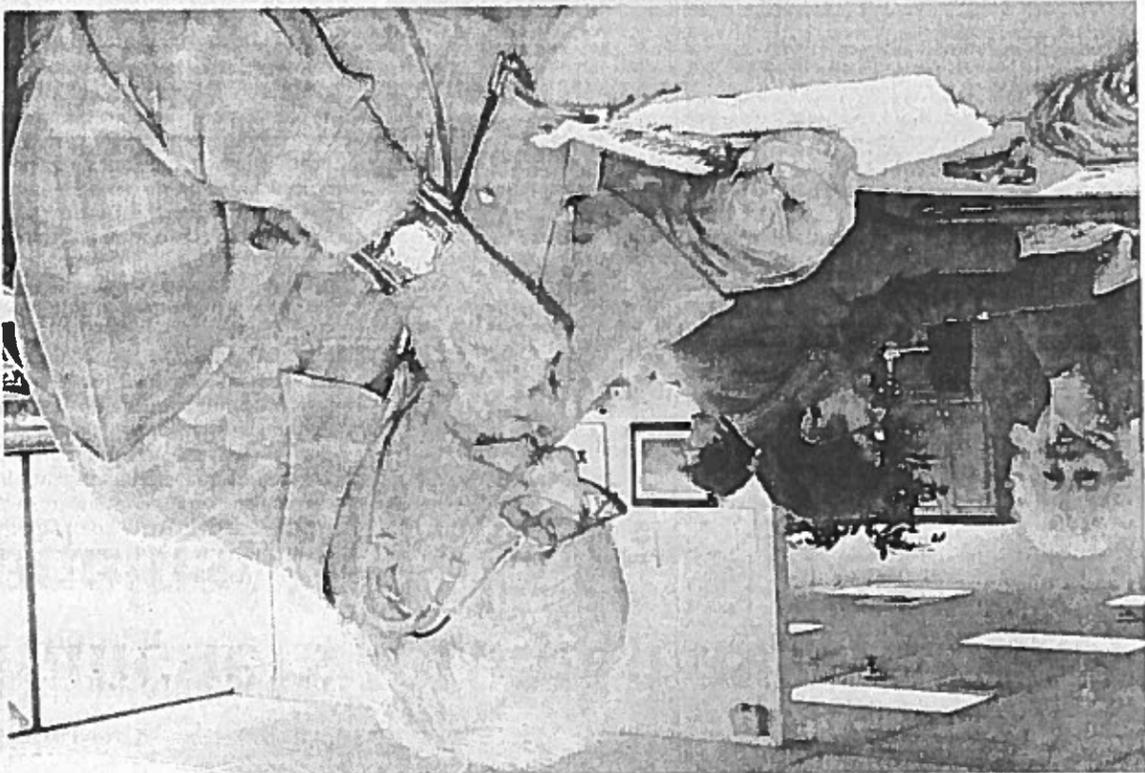


**SHOWING OFF HIS HANDIWORK** — George Bullock, of Duchesne, has mastered the art of Swedish weaving. Since taking up the hobby after learning it through a class at the Gateway Center in Duchesne, he has completed a blanket and is starting on pillows.



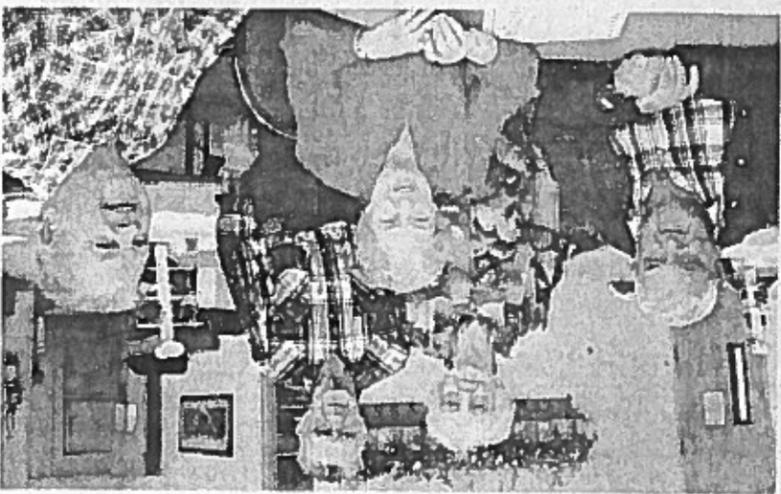
**SELFLESS VOLUNTEERS** — The numerous activities that take place each week at the Gateway Senior Center in Duchesne "wouldn't work without all of the volunteer effort" put in by the seniors themselves, said Diana Jenson, AAA specialist for Duchesne and Dagget counties. Pictured left to right are DeLoris Walton, Diana Jenson, and Sue Wilde. Walton is a "24 - 7 volunteer," Wilde is the interim manager at the center.

**CONCENTRATION** — "Luge" Lugenbeel began learning how to do Swedish weaving just three weeks ago, but he's hooked on the craft! The 80-year old man says the hobby is relaxing, although hard on his eyes. Pictured in the background are Joyce Keysaw (left) and Orinda Gee playing Pinochle with friends. The women never miss a chance to play card games with their friends at the Gateway Senior Center in Duchesne.



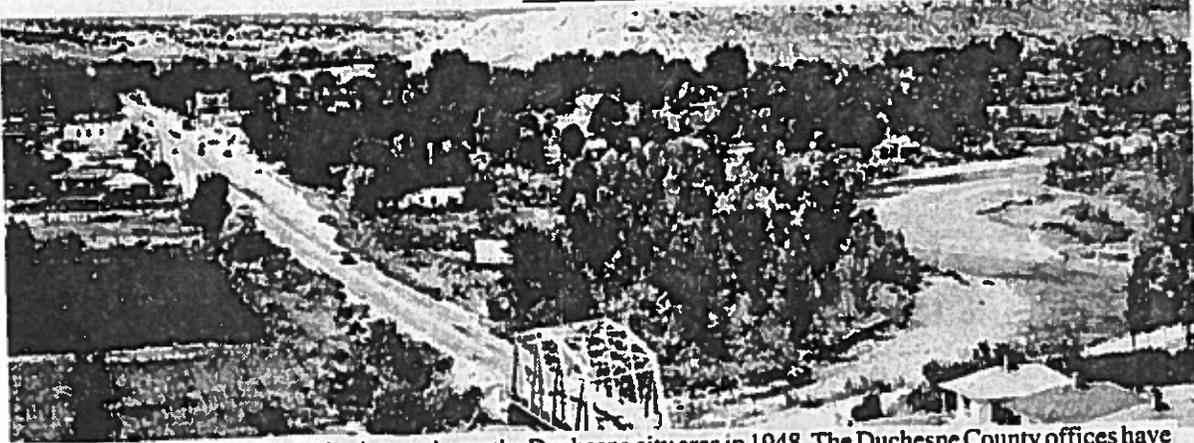
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**OLD FRIENDS ARE THE BEST FRIENDS** — This group has been friends since most of them can remember. Zola and Ferris Sweal (standing) and Mary and Ray Baum (seated at right) are from Fruitland. Warren Mechem (left) claims Fruitland as his home, too, but says he is still a "foreigner" because he hasn't lived there as long as his friends.



**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE** — Donna Ries volunteers her time at the Gateway Senior Center where she teaches art classes. She moved to Duchesne two years ago from Kearns. She is standing next to some of the paintings she has done, as well as those done by her students Jolene Archibald and Ralph Smith. Donna's paintings have captured top honors at the Duchesne County Fair.





GOING BACK IN TIME--This picture shows the Duchesne city area in 1948. The Duchesne County offices have changed places about four times since the county was formed in 1915. They recently moved to new headquarters on Blue Bench.

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# Grant money funds Pope Museum improvements

By Cheryl Meehan  
Utah Basin Standard

The western theme diorama crafted by Fred and Marie Pope have been preserved behind fully enclosed glass cases at the Pope House Museum in Duchesne thanks to two \$6,000

grants from the Utah Office of Museum Services.

The first grant, received in June 2009, began the project of enclosing the extensive works of the Duchesne pioneers who built the miniature, true-to-scale replicas of vehicles, farm machinery, and log cabins that

depict the lifestyle of the early Utah Basin.

The second grant, received in June 2010, completed the project, which also included new carpet for a portion of the home at 370 W. 100 North, which serves as the museum. The home was donated to

Duchesne City by the Popes' children.

Weldon Brown, a Duchesne rancher turned craftsman, completed the preservation project earlier this month. Brown constructed the display boxes framed in red oak at his wood shop and installed them at the museum. He estimates he has spent nearly 300 hours on the project. The new wood and glass boxes line the Pope House Museum living room.

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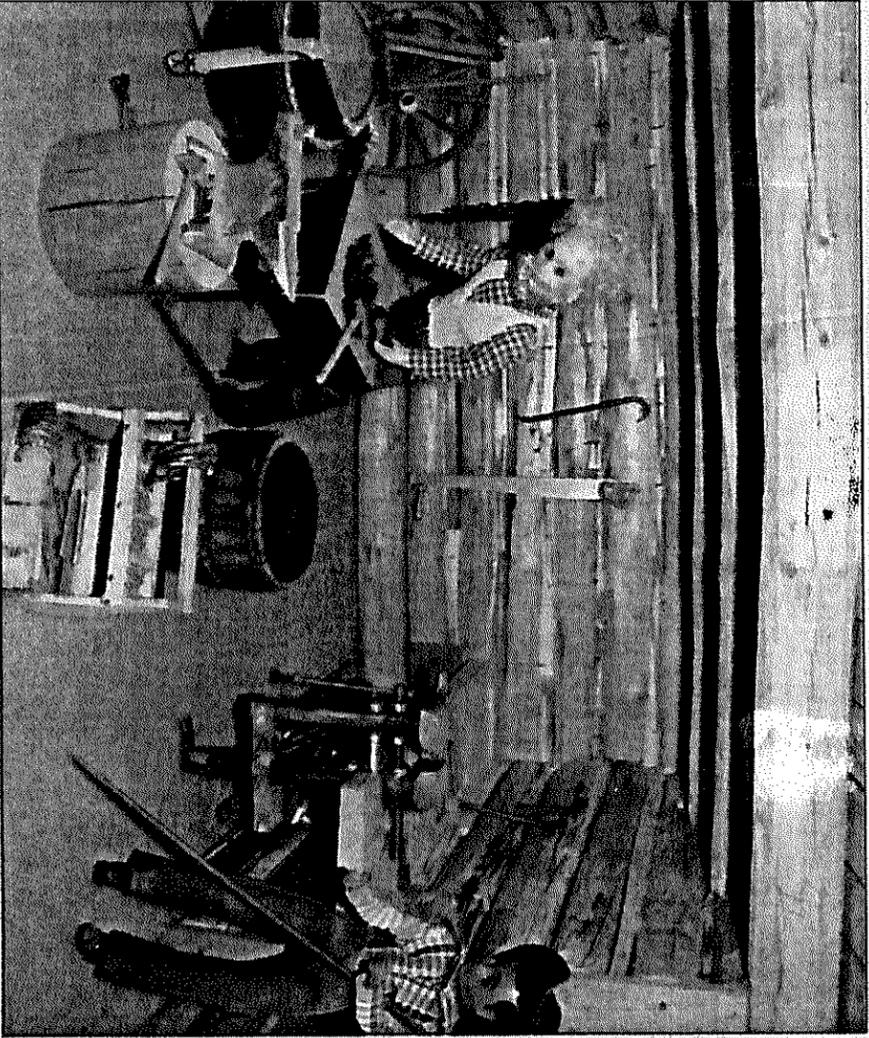
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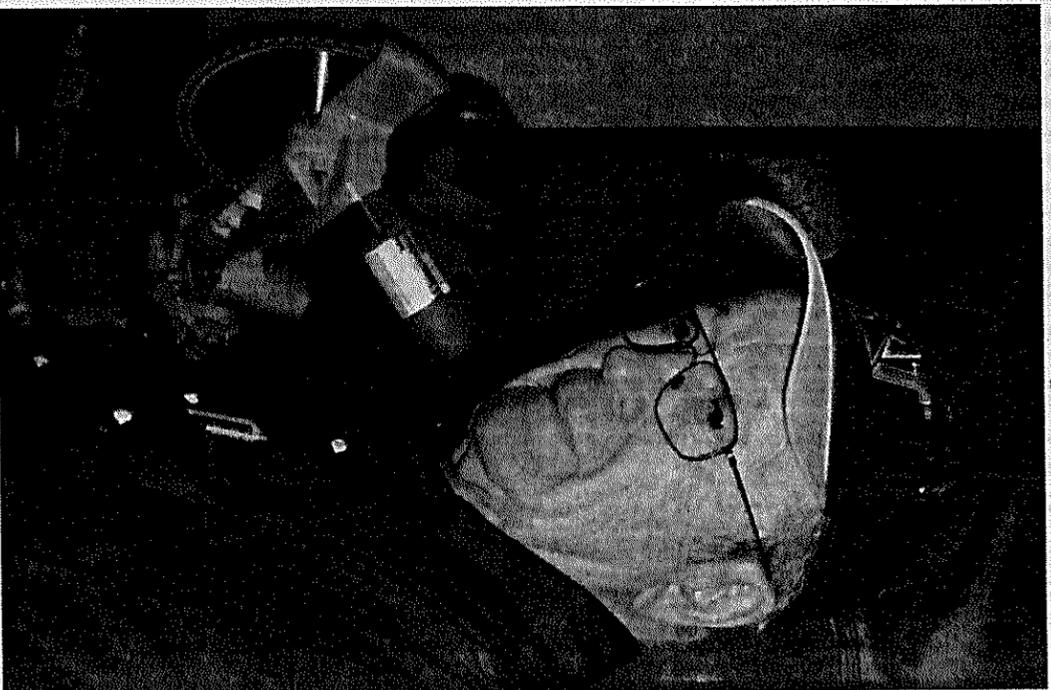
"The (new) lights in the cases show every detail and the difference is phenomenal," said Darlene Garrison, director of events for the Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce, explaining that the cases are now lit by a fluorescent light fixture that runs the full length of each case.

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wooden press crushed carrot tops from the Popes' garden into bales of hay.

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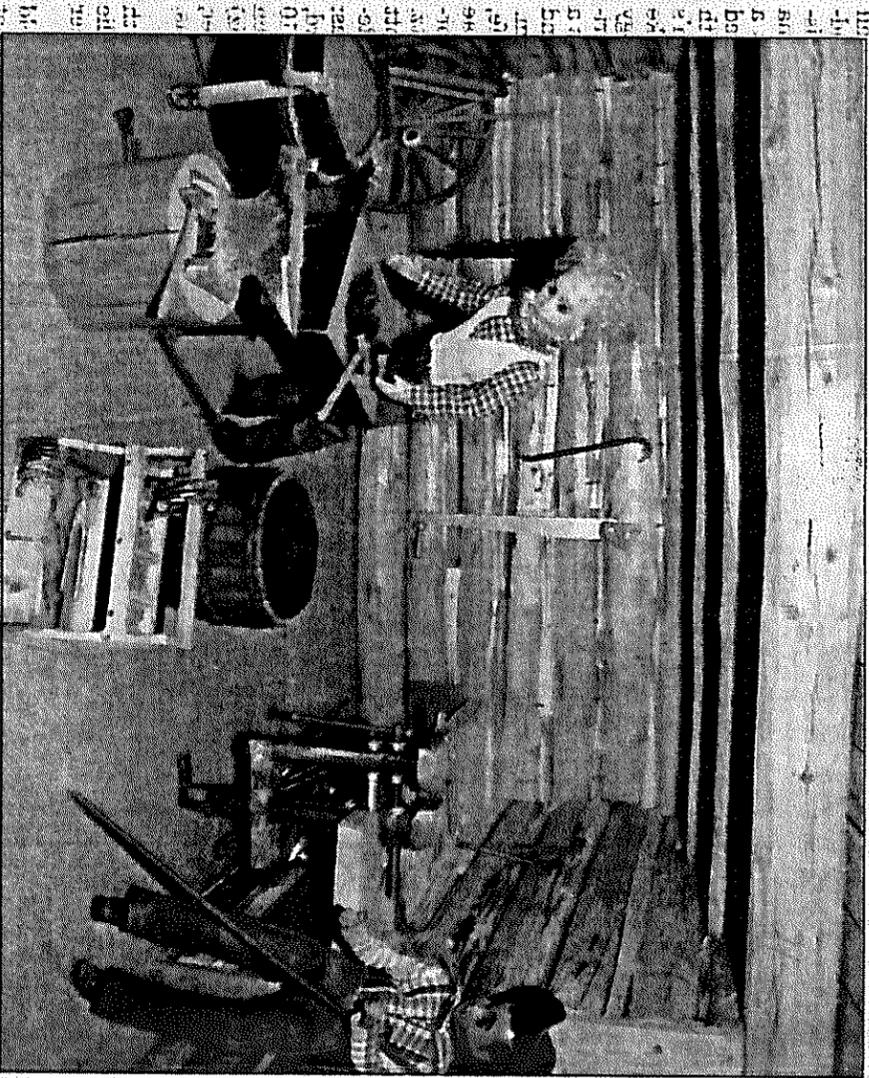
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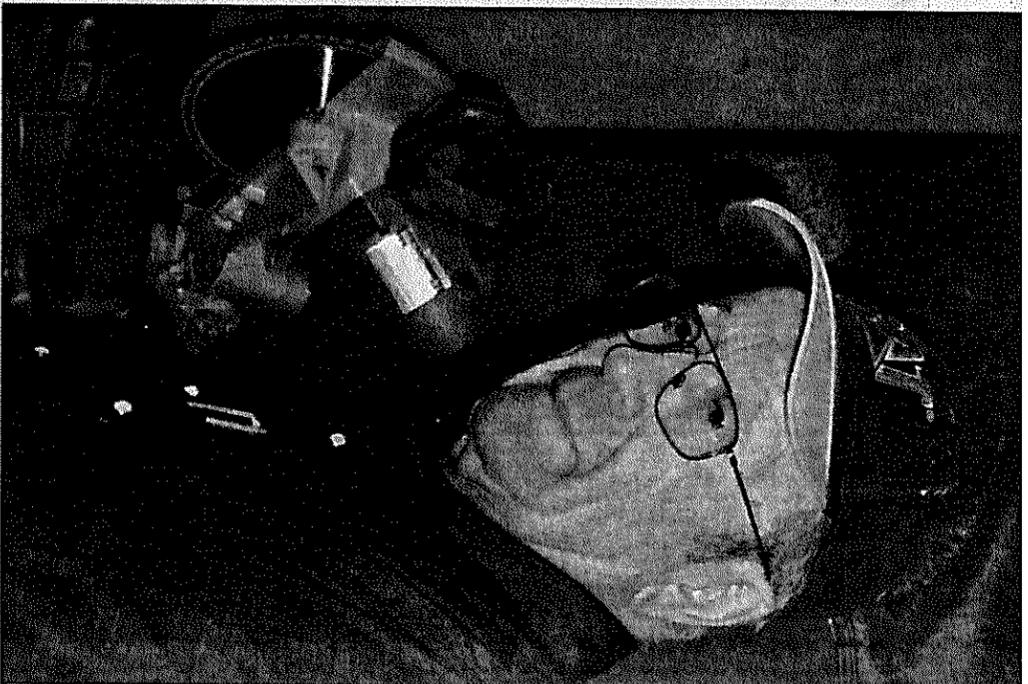
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"I was just tickled to see the difference," said Garrison, who applied for the state grants. Dee Skewes, who lives next to the Pope House Museum, serves as a volunteer caretaker, cleaning the home and caring for the grounds. Skewes said the models are not only beautiful but have working parts.

"The brakes work on the wagons," she said. Skewes said Marie Pope allowed her children to play with the models when they were young. She displayed the special tools that Fred Pope made that gave him the ability to create wagon wheels. A handmade



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Many of the doll faces were also aged by heat to appear tan and weathered. Costumes were created and sewn. Tiny, perfect leather harnesses were made and held together with hand soldered buckles. Miniature farm implements were made of metal and wood.

Within the Pope House itself are a few of the personal belongings of the family, volumes of books in the office, a few outdated kitchen implements and many historical items that have been donated by residents

of Duchesne. The Pope House has always been a draw. Scout troops, school children, and interested individuals visited the couple to hear an oral history and see their collection as it grew.

After Fred Pope died, his wife continued to allow people to visit until her death. Although the city owns Pope House, it takes dozens of volunteer hours to keep it open. The Wells Fargo Bank branch in Duchesne has helped maintain and beautify the museum grounds with flowers as part of its community service.

Once the new carpet is laid the Pope House Museum will be reopened, Garrison said, and the usual schedule will resume. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum can be reached by calling 435-738-2464 or 435-738-5154.

# Great project management completes memorial on time

By STEVE PURO  
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A desire to create a public monument and the actual completion of such a dream, while not diametrically opposed, are definitely two different things.

"Quite a few years ago, some gentlemen approached us about putting up a freedom wall in the high school, and so our beautification committee helped with that." Duchesne City Mayor Rod Jean Rowley said. "Then our group decided it would be great to do a veterans memorial."

The group began saving money, but the project really took shape a year ago when a committee was formed to make it happen. Founding members were Rod Harrison, Kathy Harrison, Darwin McKee, Carol Thomas, Yogi Nelson, Susan Peatross, Pamela Peterson, Vern Peterson, Dee Skewes, Russ Cowan, Bob Ketterer and Jill Ketterer.

"We feel like there was divine intervention as everything fell into place,"



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Steady hands and smooth crane skills help guide a commemorative panel into its final resting place at the Duchesne City Veterans Memorial. Designer and manager Bob Giessing taps shirts in next to the panel to help keep it level before it is mortared in place.

Rowley said. "We are so grateful people were so free with their money and contributing their time."

Brian Giessing, designer, manager, and co-owner of Walker Monument, Orem, came with the crew to begin installing the black granite panels on Thursday, just two days before the dedication of the monument.

"We've put countless hours into this project over the last two months," Giessing said. "In the last two weeks we have worked non-stop about 14 hours a day."

Giessing and crew used a crane to maneuver the 3,000 pound panels into position to be wedged and set.

Protective coverings were removed and then the panels were allowed to wet

overnight.

Names can be added in the future using portable compressors and sand blasting equipment, according to Giessing.

On the morning of Friday, May 23, sculptor Jerry Anderson, Silver Reef, arrived to place the bronze statues.

"Studio work is like this," Anderson said. "For long periods of time nothing happens and then you are immersed in a project." Anderson estimates that each statue took about two months to complete.

Once the statues were in place, Anderson, his wife Fawn and others, caulked the bases, wiped the bronzes clean and covered them to await their unveiling 24 hours later.

"This has been an amazing journey," Rowley said.



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Protective wrappings are removed from a black granite panel revealing the emblems, names and shiny surface of the granite.



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Sculptor Jerry Anderson surrounds the bronze statue of a soldier on Friday, May 23 in anticipation of the official unveiling and dedication of the memorial on Saturday May 24



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

A crane lowers one of the five 3,000 pound black granite panels onto a support for final preparations for placement at the new Duchesne City Veterans Memorial on Thursday, May 22.

# Group protests security gate at Duchesne airport; Mayor stresses security need

By DUSTIN HUGHES  
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DUCHESNE - There was turbulence at the Duchesne City Council meeting Tuesday night. It all had to do with a proposed security gate the mayor wants installed at the municipal airport, and a citizen's group who thinks that gate would shut them out of a publicly-owned facility. In the end, a meeting was called for to hash out issues between the city and the citizen group.

The Airport Users Group had signed up to talk at the March 26 meeting to protest the gate and to float a proposed agreement of volunteer work they could do at the airport. That was after a proposal to install a security gate at the entrance of the airport was brought

up at the previous council meeting.

Duchesne resident Dick Timothy said a gate would cut the public off from the airport - a publicly owned facility. He presented a petition with what he said were about 260 signatures to the city councilors echoing that sentiment.

"These are your voters," Timothy said. "These are the people in town. I don't think they should be ignored."

Duchesne Mayor Ro-Jean Rowley said she did not want to shut the airport down, but it needed to be kept secure from potential acts of vandalism or other acts that could cause a safety hazard.

"I never want to see the airport closed off, but I want to see it secure," she said.

Other members of the

Airport Users Group noted that they did trash cleanup and cleared weeds from the area on a volunteer basis.

They presented a list of possible volunteer activities, ranging from trash cleanup to changing of runway lights, for the city.

Rowley said she was concerned about the insurance liability for some of the work the group proposed. She also noted during the meeting that not all the

members of the Airport Users Group were licensed pilots and questioned why someone who has no direct connection to the airport should be allowed admittance.

A further meeting between the city and the user's group was called for to study the matter further. No action on the issue was taken at the Tuesday meeting.

## I. RAMSEY

Iris Mae Davis Ramsey, age 58, of Roosevelt, passed away March 31, 2013, at the Uintah Basin Medical Center from complications of a longtime illness. She

## Union drive

By ALDON RACHE  
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Union scored five victories in the fourth to close gap to two runs, 9-7 vs Emery last week, but

# Emergency unemployment to face sequester R

states to begin reducing EUC claimant's week maximum benefit an on or after March 31. Though states are allowed to choose the date of implementation, the percentage will increase the longer it takes for states to implement the reduction.

The Utah Department of Workforce Services administers the unemployment insurance program in Utah. Two weeks before implementation, the department will send notices to about 4,000

be updated by that time.

This reduction applies to all current and future claimants eligible for EUC on or after the target date of April 28. This reduction will not impact regular state unemployment insurance benefit amounts.

As part of the Budget Control Act of 2011, also known as sequestration, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) directed

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Federal sequestration will prompt a reduction in Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) for Utahns beginning in late April. The Utah Department of Workforce Services plans to implement the 12.8 percent reduction on April 28, provided the computer system that administers the program can

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# Hats off to Sherry Lott who helps beautify Duchesne

BY VIANN PRESTWICH

Some people retire and the TV becomes a beloved companion. Sherry Lott retired after 29 years as a Duchesne County School District employee and went to work.

"I started doing things that I didn't have time to do before," Lott laughed. "I don't much like sitting still."

"She's like this little energizer bunny," Kleinme Lott Ponath said of her mother. "Sometimes she's a muddy bunny, but she never stops. Sometimes she tries to get me involved in all her stuff and I say, 'Uh, no, Mom. I don't want to be down there digging up sprinklers, and, please, don't interrupt my nap tell-

ing me all the things you're doing."

The 70-year-old Lott laughed when she heard her daughter's statement "I wasn't down there fixing the sprinklers on my own. There are several women who help and I'm not the oldest either."

Seven years ago, Lott left her position as director of the preschool at ConA-more. She qualified for this position by going back to school in her late 30's and getting her degree from Utah State University.

Three of her six children were still living at home when she started driving over to Roosevelt and Vernal three or four nights a week. Steve, her husband and high school sweetheart, supported her

new endeavor and cooked supper for the family.

After retirement, her schedule really accelerated. Lott's first goal was to create a "Green Team" and beautify Duchesne. She started with the city council and explained what a beautification committee could do.

"We presented to the council and that night people gave me \$20 bills to get started," Lott remembered. "I don't think any of them knew how big it was going to get."

"There is something wonderful about Duchesne," Lott said. "If people find out there is something worthy or good, they will help and contribute." For the first few years, Lott mounted a little four-

wheeler equipped with a tank to water the plants.

When Lott noticed city sprinklers which were not working properly or buried, she would carefully measure from sprinkler to sprinkler and dig up the offending head.

Eventually, she left more and more of the work in other hands as she started the Arts Council which sponsors four events a year including the Fourth of July free concert.

"We help write grants and provide scholarships to sponsor kids to go to summer music programs," Lott listed some of the agenda items for the council.

Her personal rose garden is manicured in what time Lott has left after adding county delegate

and member of the library board to her present duties.

"She's a good mother," Ponath said. "She's a great individual. She will go help anyone. She is an incredible woman."

Lott downplays her daughter's comments. "I love our community," the energetic woman said. "And the best thing about our community is that people are coming back to live. My two daughters are. When I was going to high school to be successful you had to leave. People didn't stay. Now people are making the choice to come back. That tickles me to see our town grow and prosper."

Hats off to Sherry Lott for the beauty and culture she has brought to Duchesne which makes coming



Sherry Lott

back to live in the community more appealing.

*Anyone who has a suggestion of someone who deserves a "Hats Off," please, email viannprestwich@comcast.net*

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# High court to decide Ten Commandments issue

The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will take up the constitutionality of Ten Commandments displays on government land and buildings, a surprise announcement that puts justices in the middle of a politically sensitive issue.

Justices have repeatedly refused to revisit issues raised by their 1980 decision that banned the posting of copies of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

In the meantime, lower courts have reached a hodgepodge of conflicting rulings that allow displays in some instances but not in others.

The high court will hear appeals early next year involving displays in Kentucky and Texas.

In the Texas case, the justices will decide if a Ten Commandments monument on the state Capitol grounds is an unconstitutional attempt to establish state-sponsored religion.

A homeless man, Thomas Van Orden, lost his lawsuit to have the 6-foot tall red granite statue removed. The Fraternal Order of Eagles donated the monument to the state in 1961. The group gave scores of similar monuments to American towns during the 1950s and '60s, and those have been the subject of multiple court fights.

Separately, the justices will consider whether a lower court wrongly barred the posting of the Ten Commandments in Kentucky courthouses.

McCreary and Pulaski county officials hung framed copies of the Ten

Commandments in their courthouses and later added other documents, such as the Magna Carta and Declaration of Independence, after the display was challenged.

"The Ten Commandments case could be the blockbuster religious liberty case that the Supreme Court has seen in a really long time," said Mathew Staver of the conservative law group Liberty Counsel, who represents the Kentucky counties. "It's finally here."

Last week, the justices rejected an appeal from a high-profile crusader for Ten Commandment monuments, ousted Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who lost his job after defying a federal order to dismantle a Ten Commandments monument.

Staver said some courts have allowed monuments, others have ordered their removal. A divided appeals court panel sided with the American Civil Liberties Union in the Kentucky case.

"It's part of our American heritage. People are upset when they see that being removed," Staver said.

The Rev. Barry W. Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State said Tuesday that he hopes the court uses the cases to declare government displays of religious documents and symbols unconstitutional.

"It's clear that the Ten Commandments is a religious document. Its display is appropriate in houses of worship but not at the seat of government," Lynn said.

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**WILL NEW LANDSCAPING WIN A COURT RULING?** — A federal court judge could rule sometime this week if the Ten Commandment monument can stay in Roy Park in Duchesne City. The monument is now surrounded by a fence which was erected by a private family to show it is not part of the public park. The city was taken to court because they refused to allow the religious group Sumnum to erect a monument to their beliefs in the park. The monument, which was donated to Duchesne in 1979 in memory of community leader Irvin Cole, became part of a statewide controversy over whether city government should be allowed to keep religious monuments on public property. Cole's daughters recently purchased the small plot around the monument from Duchesne in an effort to thwart Sumnum's case against the city.

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# History of historic Bridgeland Bridge a bit hazy

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The historic Bridgeland Bridge is going to get a new life when the steel structure is removed from the present location in

Bridgeland and moved to Duchesne City. The actual history of the bridge is, however, rather hazy.

Bridgeland is a scattered agricultural community nine miles east of Duchesne on the old highway

which is now US-86.

The community center is located where the highway crosses the river. The bridge drew neighboring communities Antelope and Arcadia closer together.

Some records suggest

the bridge was built in 1909. Another history puts the data as late as 1939.

One woman knew when the bridge was built because she was born the same year in 1916.

An exhaustive search

of historic newspapers in Duchesne County and Uintah County produced not a single reference to the construction of the "Bridgeland Bridge." The details of many other bridges were reported. No "Bridgeland

Bridge."

A CCC camp was stationed in Bridgeland starting in 1935. There is no mention of this group helping to build a "Bridgeland Bridge."

Oral accounts explain the necessity of the bridge. When the river was high, floods forced the earlier settlers to move their tents and dwellings to higher ground. During these flood stages and for several months or weeks after, the river was unsafe to cross. For the Antelope and Midview resident of the early 1900's, the bridge was a necessity.

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Roger Clayburn lives a couple miles from where the historic bridge is still located. His mother, Lilimay, felt strongly the bridge should be preserved. For her and many of the residents, having a safe way to cross the bridge meant that people living across the river from one another could more easily associate.

Clayburn recalled stories of how his grandfather had an apple orchard in the Midview area. During the times when the river was safe, residents from the community of Antelope would cross the river to go to church. On their way through the orchard, they would help themselves to apples.

"He didn't care," Clayburn explained. "He was the Bishop and glad people could come."

The need for the bridge can be assumed, but the date of construction is a little more difficult. One explanation for the lack of historical evidence of the bridge's construction might be because the bridge was not built under the present name.

William Smart was an LDS Stake President in the area who was committed to building up communities. He spent much of his personal monies to create a Midview-Antelope church and community center. After much negotiating, property was obtained and a small meeting house moved into the area. On March 16, 1931, the ward celebrated with a house-warming.

Citizens suggested the center be named after Smart, but he declined the honor. He was, however, still concerned enough about the area to provide a small post office and a post mistress.

According to Smart's personal journal the post office should be moved to the new community center by the bridge and the community called Bridgeland.

These accounts seem to suggest the Bridge would have been called by another name during construction and for at least a few years after construction. Once the Midview-Antelope community center was developed and Smart chose the name Bridgeland, the name of the bridge apparently followed suit.

According to Clayburn, there is a similarly constructed bridge across the Lakes Fork River. He wonders if this structure should be moved to be a companion bridge for the Bridgeland Bridge in Duchesne.

Once in place, the "historic bridge" could be used for cars. The bridge which came from Lakes Fork could safely carry pedestrians from the parking lot on the south side of the Strawberry River to the future events center.

History Discussion Group visit to Duchesne City.

On March 18, \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Patrick's Day, at 11:00 o'clock, fifteen Senior Citizens left the Golden Age Center in their newly painted Red and white bus for Duchesne. Milt Wooley drove the bus.

The morning had begun so cloudy we really believed that at last we were to receive some moisture.. Even before time to leave the Center, the sun came out to warm us and the storm had once again passed us by.

After a pleasant hour and a half of visiting and sight-seeing, we arrived at Duchesne. Leaving the bus the wind helped us to hurry inside the Cowan's Cafe where we had planned to eat our own lunch. Here we found tables surrounded by yellow trimmed chairs set ready for us and two efficient waitresses to serve our meals. The food was very appetizing with more than enough in each serving to satisfy our hunger.

After eating we proceeded a short distance to the Senior Citizen Center where 3 men and a lady were waiting to welcome us. We all shook hands and expressed our pleasure at meeting them and were comfortably seated when we heard our voices which had been recorded on a tape, played back to us.

Mr. Fred Jones, the director of the Duchesne Center told us that they had Mr. Cliff Mickelson to give us information on the Early History of Duchesne. Also two other leaders of the center, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Merkley.

Duchesne City located just above and between the junction of the Strawberry and Duchesne rivers was first called "Dora". In 1905, the U.S. Government opened the reservation for white people to file on 160 acres each. Drawings were made for filing numbers at the Vernal Land Office at 1 A.M. June 14, 1905. Andrew Murdock drew No. 1. He had permission to set up a post supplied with hay, grain, and food supplies west of his residence and soon a small group began the colonization of Duchesne, which at that time they decided to call Dora after Murdock's

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daughter. This name not being accepted, it was later called Theodore after Theodore Roosevelt/ afterwards it was just called Roosevelt to avoid confusion in the mail. Theodore was changed to the name of Duchesne.

On July 13, 1914, Duchesne County was created out of the eastern part of Wasatch County. Mr. Mickleson showed us a picture of the first County officers and told us more about the County's growth, also why it was called the richest county in Utah.

They will exchange county history with us later when he compiles more.

The D.U.P. was to hold a meeting in the building and we left and went for bus ride out to Starvation Lake with Mr. Mickleson as our guide. He told us many interesting things about Duchesne's early frontier life, also events in the building of the Starvation Reservoir.

Written by Iva Gray

cellent pedigree, which follows:

The calf's sire is Hollywood Tetonkye Lyons, one of the good Bull Associations bulls in the Hyrum-Paradise Bull Association. The dam of the calf is Johanna Newman De Kol, who has a cow test Association record at three years of 522 pounds of butter. She was first prize cow at the Cache County Fair in 1928. The granddaughters of the Bacon Brothers bull are King Lyons 3rd and King Newman De Kol Kornelyke, two richly bred bulls. The granddaughters are Hollywood Segis Tetonkye, who has a Junior two year old record of 753 pounds of butter in a year, and Misqually Olgo Johanna, with a cow testing record at seven years of 700 pounds of butter.

With these good bulls at the head of the herd, with the good grade cows they now have, and with records they are keeping, and the study they are making these men are on the right road, going straight ahead, to produce, profitable dairymen.

Other things observed about the place was its neatness, the machinery all in the shed, wood chopped for a stormy day, the manure piles cleaned out and the fields plowed.

The barn is not expensive but provides shelter.

Summarizing: Here we have a dairy farm plant which is progressive in its attitude. It has a good pure bred dairy sire, records are being kept, young stock are being grown out, the farm is neat and attractive, the manure piles are hauled out and the land is fall plowed.

Why not run out and get acquainted with the Bacon Brothers.

### Ten Dairy Tel-u-grams

The Wisconsin Dairy Herd Improvement News Letter offers the following:

1. A cow well fed on pasture and grain in summer is two-thirds wintered.
2. A cow well fed in winter is one-half pastured.
3. A cow buyer complained because the cow he bought did not milk as much as the farmer promised. The seller replied, "You should have bought my pasture, too."
4. It takes all winter for a good cow to recover from the effects of poor pasture and no grain.
5. Wisconsin cows don't starve to death on pasture alone because the summer is too short.
6. If the cow makes her record when she stands dry, she must be fed well to make a good record.
7. Culling one-fourth of the herd and feeding the rest more liberally helps to increase the profits.
8. A man cannot be stingy at the feed bin if his cows are to be liberal at the milk pail.
9. A horse doing field work always gets his feed of grain. You wouldn't think of just turning him out to pasture. He couldn't keep up on grass alone. The energy used in making milk and repairing body tissues calls for even more grain than the horse gets.
10. A good bull is half the herd. A poor bull is the whole herd. Let the bull be the better half.

### Farm Crop Situation On December First

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### MASONS AND EASTERN STAR HOLD ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The annual installation of officers for the ensuing year in Basin Lodge No. F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star were held in Myton on December 17.

The new officers of the Masonic Lodge No. 20 are as follows:

E. L. Jumer of Myton, Worshipful Master.

Dr. D. P. Whitmore of Roosevelt, Senior Warden.

Robert G. Porter of Duchesne, Junior Warden.

Wm. Ruppel of Roosevelt, Senior Deacon.

Joseph Dudley of Ft. Duchesne, Junior Deacon.

Emil Munz of Duchesne, Senior Steward.

Joseph Moysch of Roosevelt, the retiring Worshipful Master as Junior Steward.

Following the installation of officers the annual banquet was held at the Myton Hotel, presided over by Joseph Moysch as toastmaster. There were about 70 people at the banquet including a considerable number from Duchesne.

year ago. The crop output as a whole is not up to last year's but is only slightly below the 10-year average.

"There has been a general tendency toward a rather prompt movement of farm products to market this fall. This has extended even to the early run of hogs, July to September slaughter having been 20 per cent larger than during the same months last year.

World supplies of wheat for the current season appear to be from 300,000,000 to 350,000,000 bushels less than the 1928-29 crop.

"The supply of feed grains for the current season is materially lower than last year's as a result of shorter harvests compared with a year ago. Prices of all grains have declined since the first of August, but corn prices are 2 to 3 cents per bushel higher than a year ago, oats prices are 3 to 4 cents per bushel more at the principal markets than at this time last season.

"Prices for orchard fruits, potatoes, and some other vegetables have been higher than last season, but for onions, cabbage, and many of the truck crops of which acreage had been increased they have been lower. There is a tendency for butter prices to climb slightly, following the most radical price declines in November for many years. Egg prices are ranging around several cents per dozen higher than a year ago."

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war stopped everything and largely again for the last the little city has been given now has a good graveled road No. 40, that makes a and quick transportation to City and to the Colorado east. It is now striving to roads to the outlying town tracts that are contiguous Tabiona, Hanna, Arcadia, Bluebell, Mt. Enmons, Alameda, Mt. Home and Talmage, which Duchesne desires to do to add in order to build up a more and cohesive unit, for the benefit of all of the communities concerned.

A city is where the roads meet at Duchesne. It is the best water power in the county, lying right inside of limits. It will sometime be a manufacturing city. Cheap power makes a community.

Also the Blue Bench that nose inside the city limits is a mere tract of rich land, half of it is not yet watered, and it is desirable agricultural land with facing the sun as there is to the west. The water is here to be and flowing by, and since the Dam is to be built the right lower river are released and the country stands free from all on water for either power or flood.

Duchesne has good schools they will be better in the future in the past. It has churches, saw mill, a creamery, and a and plenty of possibilities for mills. Immense coal beds are a distance of 35 or 40 miles Fruitland district that as yet touched, and this potential is great, and particularly so in the same vicinity are great deposits. Land and water is cheap is the place for the stock general farmer and the dairy the world take notice that the great possibilities and opportunities for the city of Duchesne, and outlying country and town, a time to get in is when prices be bad at reasonable prices.

### MOTORIST'S DIARY

Sunday—The new car is polished, dusted, oiled and runs over 20 miles an hour.

Monday—The new car is polished, dusted, oiled and not doing over 20 miles an hour.

Grain grown here yields a heavy return per acre. It is too high for much fruit, but very fine vegetables are produced by several of the residents, especially William Wadleigh and Bert White.

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### History of Duchesne

Duchesne, Utah, is past 24 years old. It was and is a government townsite, and opened up for settlement in 1905, with the Uintah Indian reservation, by a proclamation of President Theodore Roosevelt. It is an ideal location for a little city. It is where the roads meet, and the rivers too. The Strawberry and Duchesne, join at the east end of town, both strong streams, and you can neither leave nor come to Duchesne without crossing one of five bridges, all of them substantial and a credit to the city and to the whole country adjacent.

Some of the pioneer settlers were George Hemphill, Wm. Sweetman, Winslow Bros., B. V. Barlow, M. L. Marsling, G. S. Bowers, Dan Powell, M. M. Smith, Emil Munz, and Lulu Hood. (Now Mrs. Munz), Chris Merkle, E. C. Abbott, Mm. Jolley, Burton Bros., P. W. Fouse, John Watters, J. D. Wimmer, Joe Lewis, O. C. Steele, M. B. Pope, Rock Pope, A. M. Murdock, Wm. H. Fitzwater and Fred Curran, and most of them had their families with them. About half of them are still here and the others are gone. They were a high class of citizens and worked faithfully for success and to develop the latent resources of the country.

The great hope for the basin was the Moffatt railroad, and the death of Dave Moffat of Denver, early in 1911, was a severe blow to the basin, followed in 1914, by the great world war which diverted all money to the war, and a readjustment of the economic situation with the rapid development of automobiles and consequent good roads, changed the railroad trend. But in 1914, Duchesne county was cut off from Wasatch county, and in a fight for the county seat, Duchesne won over Roosevelt, and Myton by a very substantial plurality.

In 1914 and for several years preceding there was a general stagnation of business over the country. However, Duchesne in 1914 had several new people from the outside that spent a little money in building—and the town started a decisive building period that lasted several years, in spite of the stagnation on the outside. The

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# Inmate pleads guilty to 2012 escape

On Sept. 19, 2012, two Uintah County Jail inmates escaped the newly constructed structure through a vent leading to the outside from the jail laundry room vent

On Wednesday, Dallas Ephraim Derrick, 32, pleaded guilty in Vernal's court to charges of escaping from official custody; a third-degree felony, and damage to jails; a class A misdemeanor.

Under terms of the plea agreement, Derrick's charges were reduced from a second- and a third-degree felonies.

Derrick and 21-year-old Jason Max Braham "on the day in question removed vent grates and left the jail," County Attorney Mark Thomas told the court.

The men had been assigned to the county jail to serve their sentences as trustees of the Utah Department of Corrections.

In fleeing the county, the pair stole a Chevy Tahoe in Naples and proceeded to steal a series of vehicles before being appre-

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hended in Nebraska, according to police reports.

The Lincoln Police Department of Nebraska caught the duo in Lancaster County when an officer stopped to help Derrick and Braham fix one of the stolen cars they'd been driving.

The deputy became suspicious when they were unable to produce identification.

Nebraska officials say the pair stole at least five vehicles in their travel between Uintah and Lancaster counties.

Derrick will be sentenced in 8<sup>th</sup> District Court on Aug. 6.

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At two o'clock the races  
Arthur Powell won the boys 50 yd  
race, Rena Grant won the girls 50  
foot race, Clarence Ivie the  
men's foot race, Altha Grant  
young ladies foot race, Mrs. Wash  
the married ladies foot race, Ar  
Ivie the pack race and Mrs. Work  
the nail driving contest. At  
o'clock Utah's best crop filled the  
to overflowing and danced until  
After this the crowd dispersed  
nine o'clock when the fireworks  
mittee did the entertaining. The  
thing on the program was the d  
and breathing space was at a prem  
until the crowd began to disperse  
midnight, but the crowd was still  
until the "wee sma hours."

The families of Mr. Betts of  
Lake, Mr. Eldridge of Oakley, Will  
of Coalville and Eldridge of Coal  
arrived in town last week on the  
the Lake Fork bridge went out. T  
are all bound for the Dry Gulch co  
try and will be delayed here until  
water is over.

The daughters of Mr. Nelson  
arrived from Utah county.

Andrew Murdock is in the Salt L  
Hospital, having recently undergone  
operation for appendicitis.

Roy Daniels has returned to T  
after visiting his relatives at Provo

Oliver Haws came down with  
family to spend the Fourth and  
camped on the town sight.

Mr. Broed and partner are d  
from their gileonite claims in In  
Canon.

Miss Bernice Peterson of the up  
Duchesne was a guest of Miss S  
this week.

Mrs. Lewis claims the honor of  
ing the first new potatoes and peas  
the market. Spring chickens are  
be had but at high prices.

#### Jensen Jottings.

We are experiencing an unu  
scarcity of men this year, caused  
by the emigration to the reserves  
and labor offered at points like Uta  
and other mining camps, which  
the farmers here to struggle as  
they can. But we have

#### Theodore Thrums.

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John Anderson is down from the saw  
mill and gives out the statement that  
he will be ready to begin sawing lum-  
ber in a week or ten days.

This community met with a great ca-  
lamity when the Lake Fork bridge  
went out a few days ago. All travel  
to the east is shut out and we are espe-  
cially inconvenienced in regard to the  
mail. On Tuesday night five days mail  
was received.

John Gross went to Salt Lake to  
spend the Fourth of July with his wife.

On Monday at 4 P. M. occurred the  
first wedding of Theodore when John  
Jolly and Miss Pearl Smith were united  
in the holy bonds of wedlock, Judge  
Winslow officiating. The wedding took  
place at the residence of Constable  
Jolly and was attended by a few inti-  
mate friends of the family. The date

### Theodore Thrums.

The law is now out for fishing and the anglers are busy angling for the members of the Finny tribe.

An important transaction took place in business circles last week when the partnership existing between Otto Hartar and John A. Fortie was dissolved and the interests of Mr. Hartar were purchased by Mr. A. M. Murdock. The store will be closed for several days pending an invoice, after which the merchandise will be moved to A. M. Murdock's. Mr. Fortie is already behind the counter at Murdock's.

Max Peterson came down from Stockmore a few days ago and Miss Gibson returned with him to spend a few days with Miss Bernice Peterson.

Mr. Ferron and son came in on Monday but left Tuesday morning for Myton to communicate with the telegraph office.

The Rocky Point Ditch company has engaged the hall for tonight and will give a grand ball.

It seems that Theodore did not have a wedding after all. Mr. Jolly, according to rumor has been going to be mar-

interview the land office in regards to a leave of absence. Mr. Dean returned with vegetables and fruit for the meat market. *June 25-1907-V. Express*

Miss Jolly is entertaining Miss Pearl Smith, a young lady from Idaho.

Mr. Baird of Roosevelt, was in town this week giving the residents a glowing account of the work he is doing on his homestead, and, how far Roosevelt is ahead of Theodore.

Mr. Hemphill has left Theodore to visit his family who are residing in Grand Junction. He will be back to spend the Fourth.

Mr. Bunch, Chairman of the Blue Bench Irrigation company, reports that work has begun with seven teams but it is understood that at least 20 will be in the ranks by the last of the month. The scene of action is at a point where the ditch first comes to the bench.

The Standard Bearers held their final meeting at the town hall on Wednesday afternoon and after making some arrangements about the Fourth adjourned for the summer.

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## OPINIONS IN DUCHESNE MIXED

# Judge ponders Summum motion to erect display

By Lezlee E. Whiting

Opinions among Duchesne City residents are mixed when it comes to whether the city should continue to litigate a request from a Salt Lake City religious group that wants to place their own marker in Roy Park next to the Ten Commandment monument.

City Council members said they can't talk to the media about their opinions on the debate due to a "gag order" issued by mayor Clint Park. Park is out of town and was unavailable for comment last week.

Last week U.S. District Court Chief Judge Dee Benson listened to about one hour of arguments and took Summum's motion for a temporary restraining order against Duchesne City under advisement. Summum — which bases its beliefs on early Egyptian religious practices

— asked the court to allow them to immediately erect a monument to display its Seven Aphorisms next to the Ten Commandment marker.

Opinions in Duchesne City vary on what city leaders should do when it comes to the monument and Summum's request to have their own monument erected in Roy Park. Many agreed that they weren't aware until now that there was a Ten Commandment monument tucked away in a corner of the city-owned park that is located a few blocks off Highway 40.

Vern Peterson said he believes it's time for people to stand up against those who want to remove the Ten Commandment monuments.

"There are 99 people who want that monument there and there's one person out in Salt Lake City who

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doesn't want the monument there. If they are with a group or religion who lives in this town then that it would be fine, but they don't even live here, why would they want one (a monument) here?" asked Peterson, who serves as commander of the American Legion for area three.

Laura Harrison was more to the point. "I think it's bull crap that we can't have the Ten Commandment monument if we want it and I don't even go to church. They should leave us alone."

"I think there's no use fighting it, the way it's turned out in other places. I think the mayor gave them a good

answer in the first place, saying we gave that little lot of land to the Lion's Club ... but I am of the opinion that if it going to cost a lot of money they ought to go ahead and move it," said Art Taylor. There's a lot of people who want it. It's just one of those realities we have got to face."

The Ten Commandment monument was donated to the city by the Cole family in 1979, in memory of their late father, Irvin Cole, a Duchesne City civic leader.

Last fall, Summum leader Ra Summa wrote to Park requesting his followers be allowed to display the seven statements about their religious beliefs in the city park.

Bensen suggested to Duchesne City Attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs that the city could turn the entire

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controversy into a non-issue simply by removing the Ten Commandment monument from the park.

However, Barton-Coombs maintained the monolith is not on city property because the City Council donated the 10 by 11 foot plot of land around the marker to the Duchesne Lion's Club for their years of service to the community. She said the mayor offered Summum the same property transaction if they wanted to contribute some 10,000 community service hours to the city.

Summum attorney Brian Barnard has alleged the sudden donation of public property to the Lion's Club was simply a sham. Barton-Coombs acknowledged that the land transfer was made in an attempt to avoid a confrontation with groups who are pushing what they maintain are First Amendment freedom of religion rights.

The issue isn't one of ridding government property of religion, but is about fairness, said Barnard. Bensen asked if the dispute would resolve itself if the city removes the monument.

"It may but that is not what Summum is asking for, Summum wants equal treatment that's all," said Barnard.

He also noted that the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld Summum's position in similar lawsuits in Salt Lake and Ogden. Both cities removed the Ten Commandment monuments.

So far, Pleasant Grove has opted to litigate the matter. Like Duchesne City, Pleasant Grove is receiving pro bono legal services from attorneys working for the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Pleasant Grove case has yet to be have a court date.

Bensen said he expects to have his decision in the Duchesne City case soon.

# Judge: Duchesne City violated First Amendment rights

By Lezlee E. Whiting

A decision by Duchesne City officials to "ride out" a lawsuit from a religious group alleging freedom of speech violations could turn out to be an expensive ride.

U.S. District Court Judge Dee Benson last week ruled that Duchesne City Council had violated the first amendment rights of Summum, by refusing to allow them to place their religious monument in Roy Park.

The judge ordered the city to pay Summum's \$20 in token damages and also ordered the city to pay attorney fees for Summum's legal counsel. That's where things could get costly for Duchesne City.

Summum attorney Brian Bernard said right now attorney's fees are at about \$75,000. He acknowledges that the judge will review the fees and has the right to cut the claim. Bernard said he will work with the city regarding a compromise.

"Normally what happens is we start talking to Duchesne City and say, 'your potential exposure is \$75,000 are you willing to talk about a settlement?'" said Bernard.

Duchesne's attorneys worked on a pro-bono basis — or for free. Attorneys Edward White from the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan and Frank Manion with American Center for Law and Justice in New Hope, Kentucky, both represented the city — even flying in for court dates at their own expense.

But each time they went to court to fight against Summum's lawsuit they racked up more potential legal fees for Duchesne City to pay in the event they lost in court.

"We had to do more work because of what the out-of-state attorneys were doing," said Bernard. "Duchesne had the ability to resolve things quickly or they had the ability to fight."

It's unknown right now how

much Duchesne will owe their city attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs, who also represented them in federal court at some of the hearing. Barton-Coombs would not return calls for comment.

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said his understanding was that Judge Benson told Bernard to "be careful about what his fees will be." Park

"Our insurance company is standing behind us."

— Duchesne City Recorder Diane Miller.

was out of town last week and declined further comment until he has time to become informed about the ramifications of the judge's ruling against the city.

City recorder Diane Miller said the city will be covered for attorney's fees. "Our insurance company is standing behind us," said Miller.

Summum's lawsuit was filed in September 2003, after the Duchesne City Council declined to respond to their request to erect a monument in Roy Park which would list the "Seven Aphorisms" of their early-Egyptian based religious beliefs.

The Salt Lake City-based Summum said their monument would complement the Ten Commandment monolith which had been in the park for almost 25 years without controversy. Bernard said Summum made their request because of the city's refusal to remove the Ten Commandment monument from the city-owned park and display it on private property.

Duchesne's decalogue was donated to the city in 1979 by the Irvin Cole family, in memory of their late father who had been a

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Duchesne civic leader.

"This lawsuit was filed for the principal. The whole lawsuit was a matter of principal," said Bernard. "If one group can permanently display their religious beliefs on a monument in a public park, every group should be able to do so. No great legal scholarship is required to see and understand that maxim."

Summum did come out on the losing end of another lawsuit filed against the city. Last year Judge Benson dismissed their suit which sought to have the federal court force Duchesne City to allow Summum to erect their religious monolith in Roy Park. The dismissal came after Duchesne City sold the plot of land around the Ten Commandment monument to the Cole family, erected a small fence around it to designate it as private property, and put a sign up in Roy Park stating that

no monuments were allowed in the park.

Throughout all the court proceedings, Bernard said his clients aren't against the Ten Commandments or religion, but don't want to see government property used as a platform for religious ideals.

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monument and a sign erected to denote the plot of land was private property.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals remanded the issue of the sale back to U.S. District Court Judge Dee Benson to determine if the deal is valid. The appellate court also directed Benson to review and rule on whether a Duchesne City ordinance prohibiting any monuments in the park is within the law. Benson was the first judge to hear the case.

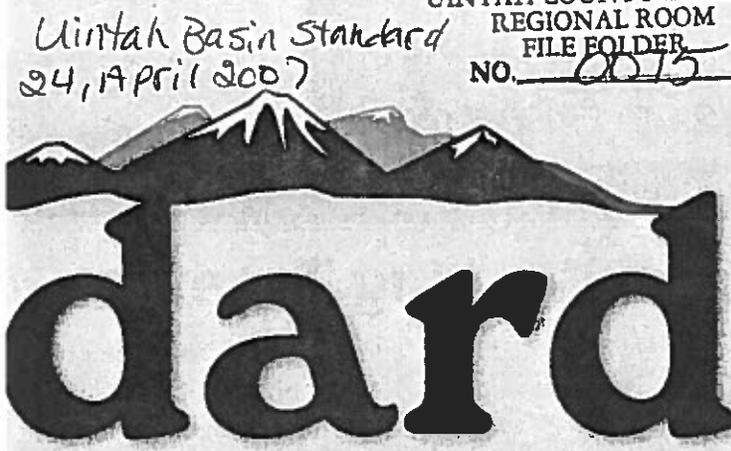
Other issues to be resolved by Judge Benson include attorney's fees that Duchesne City must pay to Summum. The high court reversed Benson's decision that shaved off what Summum could bill the city to recoup those fees. The 10th Circuit also ruled against the city in their contention that Summum should not be allowed to bring the case to court because they are not members of the Duchesne community.

Summum has an almost identical suit against Pleasant Grove and the courts have joined Summum's cases against the two communities. A September hearing will be held to discuss issues remanded back to Judge Benson by the 10th Circuit.

Barnard said that Summum does not want the Ten Commandment monument removed and believes the Seven Aphorisms will compliment the Decalogue. They believe the aphorisms, which deal with the creation, were the higher law given to Moses and destroyed because the Israelites were not ready to live by the law. The Ten Commandments were then given to Moses.

Summum was founded in Salt Lake City in 1975, their beliefs center on mummification and other practices of the early Egyptians.

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## SUMMUM CAN PLACE 7 APHROISMS IN PARK

# Judge: Duchesne should allow religious monument

By Lezlee E. Whiting

Duchesne City may get a new religious monument in Roy Park, following a ruling last week by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver that the religious sect Summum had their First Amendment rights violated when city leaders refused to let them erect a monument to their beliefs in the public park.

"The opinion upholds basic fairness," said Summum attorney Brian Barnard, with the Utah Legal Clinic in Salt Lake City. "It is a good day for religious freedoms and free speech in Utah. If one religious monument is placed in a public park, everyone's religious monument should be allowed."

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park and city council members referred all questions for comment to Edward White III, an attorney with the Thomas More Law Center in Michigan. White did not

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*- Brian Barnard, Summum attorney*

return calls for comment prior to press time.

Still, the legal wrangling isn't finished yet. The city can still ask the federal appeals court to reconsider its ruling, or file for a review by the U.S. Supreme Court. While Summum would like to erect their monument as soon as possible, Barnard said the group will wait for final court rulings.

The monument case goes back to 2003 when Summum

discovered that the city had a Ten Commandment monolith in Roy Park and asked to be allowed to place their Seven Aphorisms in the city-owned park as well. The park is located a few blocks south of Highway 40 near the Duchesne County Fairgrounds.

The city council didn't answer Summum, but they did deed the 10 foot by 11 foot plot of land that surrounds the small monument to the Duchesne Lion's Club, ostensibly removing it from the public realm.

The Lion's Club later sold the land to the Cole family for \$250 after questions about the legitimacy of the city's actions were called into question. It was the Cole family who donated the monument to the city 28 years ago in remembrance of their late father, a Duchesne City civic leader. A small picket fence was eventually placed around

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# Judge tells parties to work towards agreement to resolve differences

By Lezlee E. Whiting

A federal court judge last week directed attorneys for Duchesne City and Summum to discuss the possible settlement of a dispute involving the display of the Ten Commandments on public property.

If the two parties can't work something out, U.S. District Judge Dee Benson reminded Duchesne City officials again that he is favoring the Salt Lake City-based religious group Summum in this case.

Summum has proposed erecting a monument listing the Seven Aphorisms — statements about their ancient Egyptian beliefs — in Roy Park next to the Ten Commandment monument.

They maintain Duchesne is obligated to donate land for the religious monument because the city previously donated land to the Duchesne Lion's Club for the Ten Commandment monument which was given to the city in 1979 in memory of a deceased civic leader.

Just before Summum filed their suit last November, the city decided a 10 by 11 foot plot of land in Roy Park that contains the monument to the Duchesne Lion's Club in hopes of avoiding litigation.

Summum's legal counsel, Brian Barnard, stated earlier the matter could be resolved by having Duchesne City move the Ten Commandment monument to private property, rather than continue to have it dis-

played on property owned by the city.

When the issue made headlines last fall, Duchesne City officials said they would not move the monument until they saw how the case played out in court. If they lose the court case, Summum is likely to have the judge order the city to pay their attorney's fees and court costs which could easily reach \$50,000, according to Barnard.

Duchesne City is represented by city attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs and an attorney with the Thomas More Center of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. City officials say they are under a gag order and cannot discuss

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the case.

In the meantime, Benson has taken motions made at the May 26 hearing under advisement. Attorneys for Duchesne City want Benson to throw Summum's case out of court. Attorneys for Summum want the judge to grant a temporary restraining order to allow them to erect a monument to their religious beliefs in Duchesne's Roy Park.

At last week's hearing, attorneys for Duchesne told the judge the Lions Club was beginning to "fence off" their land and that they intend to install signs explaining the Ten Commandment monument did not belong to the city.

Summum attorney Brian Barnard said Summum "would be willing to do the same" if they were permitted to erect their monument in Roy Park.

Benson told both parties to discuss a possible settlement and report back to him by July 4.

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# Lake Boreham: source of water & memories

By Angela Eddington

Lake Boreham in Bridgeland supplies the irrigation water for many Uintah Basin residents, but because of this year's extreme drought conditions, "more water has been going out than has been coming in," said Joe Clayburn. He and his wife, Lillie Mae, have lived next to the lake since they were first married 55 years ago.

Like many other reservoirs in the western United States, Lake Boreham has less water in it than it ever has, said Clayburn. Once a popular recreation area used for boating, fishing, and swimming, the lake has almost completely dried up and has actually become pasture for cattle.

Like the water in Lake Boreham, the number of people still alive who can remember the dam's importance to so many people is ebbing. Clayburn, although just a young boy at the time, is among those who can remember the construction of Midview Dam and those who helped to build it, thereby creating Lake Boreham.

By popular vote of the camp, Lake Boreham was named in honor of Charles L. Boreham, a member of the CCC company who was killed while repairing a piece of heavy machinery on Feb. 12, 1935. A stone monument stands today on a hill near the lake, just next to the dam, in honor of Boreham.

Completed in 1937, the dam was built by a company of men who had enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corp during the Great Depression. It not only taught them a trade, but the experience also remained a fond memory for the young men for the rest of their lives.

The company printed a newsletter, titled "CCC Reflections," that told of their experiences, listed activities, and contained letters from leaders of the camp. Joe obtained a copy of an edition of the newsletter, printed Sept. 10, 1937.

"During the construction of this dam, dike, and canals, it has afforded many a young man an opportunity to learn a trade ... These boys have

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gone out to excellent jobs in civilian life ... This is a great organization. It has done and is doing much good for the public, and most of all, it has increased the nation's wealth by training its young men," read the newsletter.

In addition to a trade, construct-

ing the dam also provided the men with good friends. "One of the biggest assets one has to look back on from his CCC home is loyal friendships he has developed. It is a sad day for most of us when we read in the Special Orders that we must move on..." stated the newsletter.

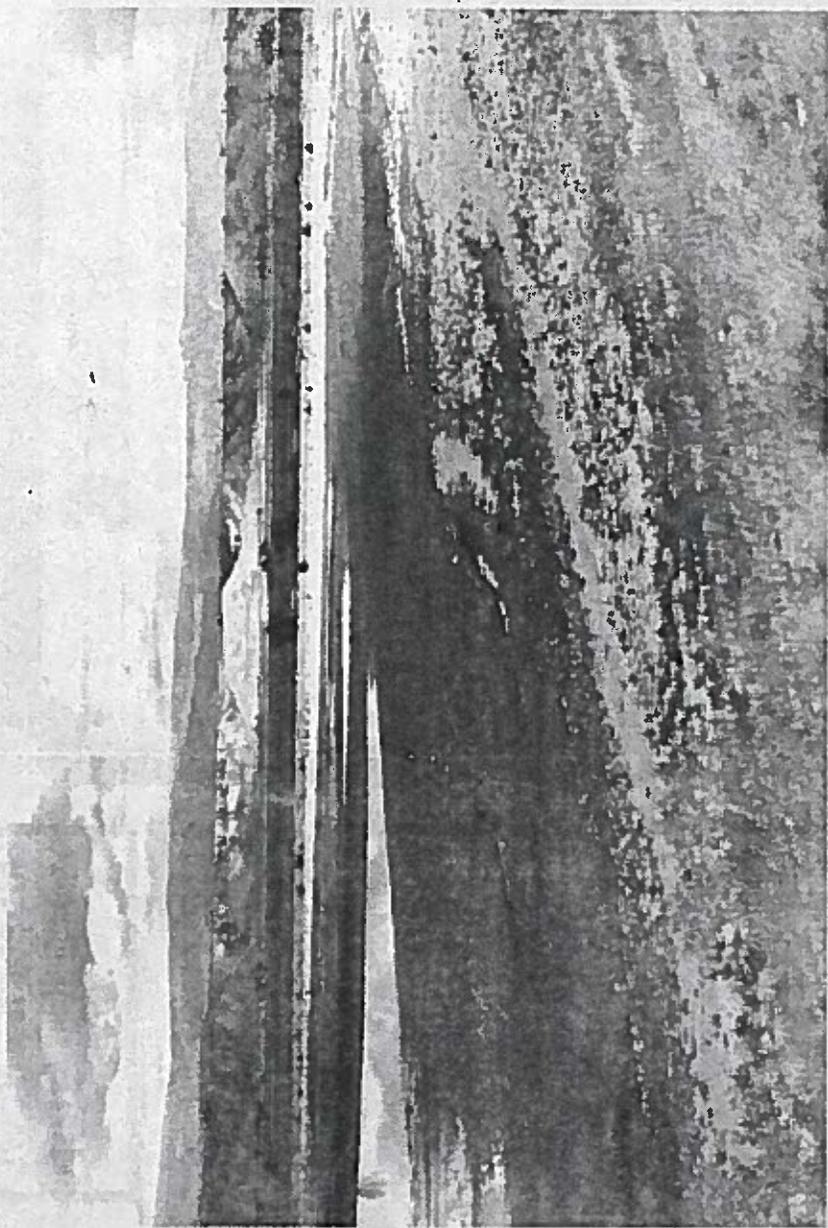
There was always something going on to keep the CCC company busy. A sports page of the newsletter tells of races, tournaments, and contests to be held for the CCC and members of the community.

Men were invited to participate in running races, horseshoe games, tennis tournaments, ping-pong, boxing, milking contests, baseball, wrestling, and other activities. The women could enter contests such as nail driv-

ing, a rolling pin throw, and a hus-band calling contest.

Camp Superintendent E. W. Hoopes wrote in the newsletter "Friday's dedication brings to a close...the accomplishment of constructing the Midview Dam and dike. This has been a pleasant and interesting job and as very few projects of this type have been allotted to CCC camps, the enrollees who have worked on the various features of this project have had the opportunity to not only learn but receive constructive experience.

"The Midview Dam and dike will stand as a monument to the accomplishments of the boys of CCC Co. #1968 at Camp BR-11 for many years to come."



WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE WATER? -- This view from near the Midview Dam shows the far-receded shoreline of Lake Boreham. The dam was constructed in 1937 by the CCC, a company of young men who learned a trade...

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# Local air travel, social projects face funding obstacles

By VIRGINIA HARRINGTON  
Express Writer

When the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) made the decision that the Uintah County/Vernal City Airport should remain at its present location, FAA officials said they would phase-in the funding as land for expansion was purchased. It now appears that the phase-in period will be much longer than originally expected.

During the joint meeting of Uintah County Commissioners, Vernal City Council and Vernal City

Mayor William Kremin, Commissioner Mike McKee said the funding was to be five percent local and 95 percent federal. The FAA told Uintah County that acquiring the land was the top priority for the airport. The commissioners moved ahead with the purchases from families that were willing to sell.

Legal snags and the necessary condemnation of some parcels of property have slowed the process of acquiring the land. The FAA now says there will be no additional funds forthcoming until all the land needed for the expansion is acquired.

Since the acquisition of the additional properties might not come about until 2010 or even 2012, the reimbursement will likely be postponed until at least that time period. Without the reimbursement, acquiring the additional land becomes problematic. Meanwhile, the new air strip and the planned remodeling will not be done.

McKee said there is a possibility of approaching the Community Impact Board (CIB) for a no interest loan to help in purchasing the properties. However, the county would require a tightly guar-

anteed agreement with the FAA concerning a reimbursement time schedule before that step would be taken. In the meantime, property values continue to rise in the local area, causing additional funding problems for the planned expansion.

Owners of the land are also facing difficulties over this situation. A moratorium has been placed on the properties so the owners are unable to do anything with them. A total of 120 acres is involved in the purchase.

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Bassett noted that the CIB has a limit on the amount it will loan for a single project. The \$2.5 million plus that would be needed for the purchases would push beyond the CIB limits.

There is a slightly better outlook for the air service side of the funding issues. Uintah County/Vernal City Economic Developer Bill Johnson said legislation has been introduced into both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to restore subsidies to air service providers. While neither bill has yet been passed, many national level legislators are favoring taking some action to assist the airlines.

On another economic front, Vernal City Council member JoAnn Cowan said that funding for Homeland Security is taking money

away from projects that are necessary to the local communities. One of these is the Narcotics Task Force; Cowan said there is enough money to fund the force for one more year. The Victim Advocate program is another that is suffering with so much funding going to Homeland Security. "We have lost most of the basic funding for social projects," Cowan said.

Commissioner Jim Abegglian said the area now has Homeland command centers, 4-wheelers and hazmat suits that will probably never be used. He also said Uintah County has a wish list with a total cost of \$3 million but they have only \$200,000 to cover the items on the list.

Vernal City Council member Bert Clark said there is a real need for security cameras at the sewer treatment plant. Vandalism and bullets are continually doing damage to the center and there are no funds to purchase the cameras.

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# LOVE OF HORSES DRIVES CAREER

By Nancy Spurlock  
Uintah Basin Standard

The smell of hay mixes with the dust as Rebecca Edelen backs her truck up to the fence rail. It's feeding time and the horses know it. They crowd around the gate as the 25-year-old wife and mother of three begins her second feeding of the day.

It's just a typical day at the office for Edelen, who works with and cares for over 50 horses year round.

"When it's hot, I go down very early in the morning when the kids sleep," the Duchesne resident said. "I'm down there every day, even on Christmas we're down there taking care of the horses. It's a lot of work."

Edelen started riding when she was 5, and got her first horse by the time she was 8.

"My mom bought me one," she said. "The horse - Pixy - was 9 months pregnant, skin and bones.



Rebecca Edelen holds her daughter, Brooklyn. The 1-year-old spends everyday with her mother caring for the 50 horses that Edelen is owns or is responsible for.

NANCY SPURLOCK, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Since Edelen has so many horses she keeps them in different areas. There's a family ranch outside Duchesne and five acres in town. She keeps 15 horses in the stalls at the Duchesne County Fairgrounds, and 20 in Roosevelt on a friend's property.

"Not any of my horses ever go without hay or water or anything," Edelen said. "When you have horses you have to make sure they are very well taken care of. ... Not one day goes by that those horses don't get out of their stalls or get their stalls cleaned."

Edelen's also made time to support an organization that was an integral part of her life, 4-H. The 4-H Club is a nonprofit organization whose mission is "engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development." The name represents four



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said. "The horse - Pixy - was 9 months pregnant, skin and bones. We rescued her from the meat plant. I rode her for several years, trained her, and I did 4-H with her. Then I traded her... for a black gelding that I then did 4-H on throughout the rest of my high school years."

The equestrian lifestyle gave Edelen the opportunity to meet her husband.

"I met Mike at the equestrian center in Salt Lake," she said. "I was loping through the barrels and there he was. We were both really big into the horses and we just stayed with it our whole lives."

Now, together with their three children, they've truly made it a family affair. Edelen brings Kyle, 5; Dillon, 2; and Brooklyn, 1; to work with her every day.

"They have toys that they play with," she said. "They were just kind of raised at the barn. It's just kind of a part of their life."

The Edelens' oldest son, Kyle, is learning how to work with horses, too.

"My 5-year-old handles horses that most grown people wouldn't even get near," Edelen said. "He takes them to the walker, puts them in their stalls, holds them ... He's pretty good about disciplining them and making sure they mind him."

Only four of the horses aren't racehorse-bred.

"I have a phenomenal halter mare," Edelen said. "She comes from quarter horse and paint parents. They're just the ones that are extremely gorgeous. She's not going to be fast. She's not going to race or barrel race. She's just really pretty."

Edelen took the horse to the American Buckskins Registration Association World Show in Tulsa, Okla. She said judges there make their decisions based on a horse's beauty. Edelen's horse placed third.

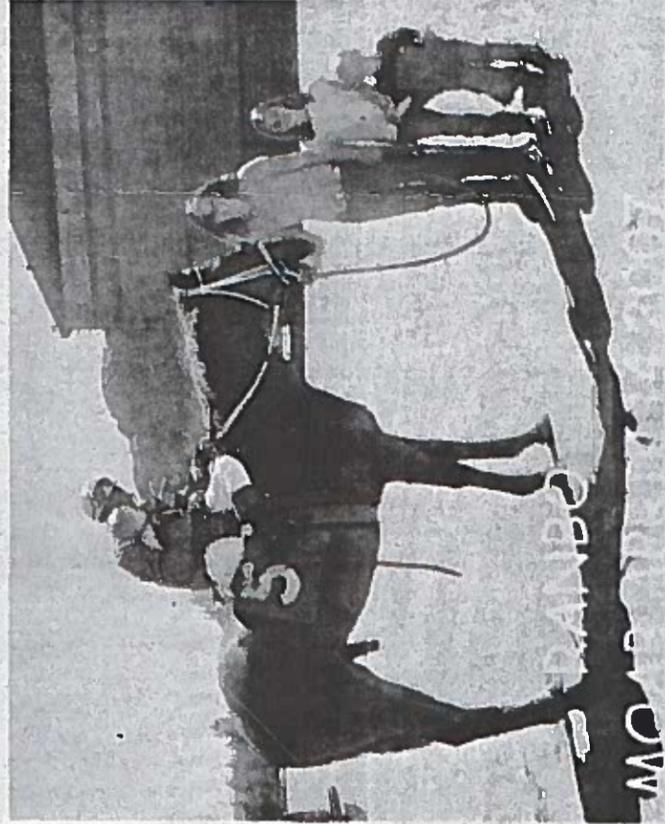
The racehorses she works with have competed all over the western United States, including Wyoming, New Mexico, Nevada, and California.

"Right now I have 11 racehorses down at the arena," Edelen said. "We work with a lot of racehorses for other people, too. We get other horses in from different people who want 'em broke or whatever."

"We run all over," she added. "Next weekend in South Jordan we have a 5-year-old filly in the derby."

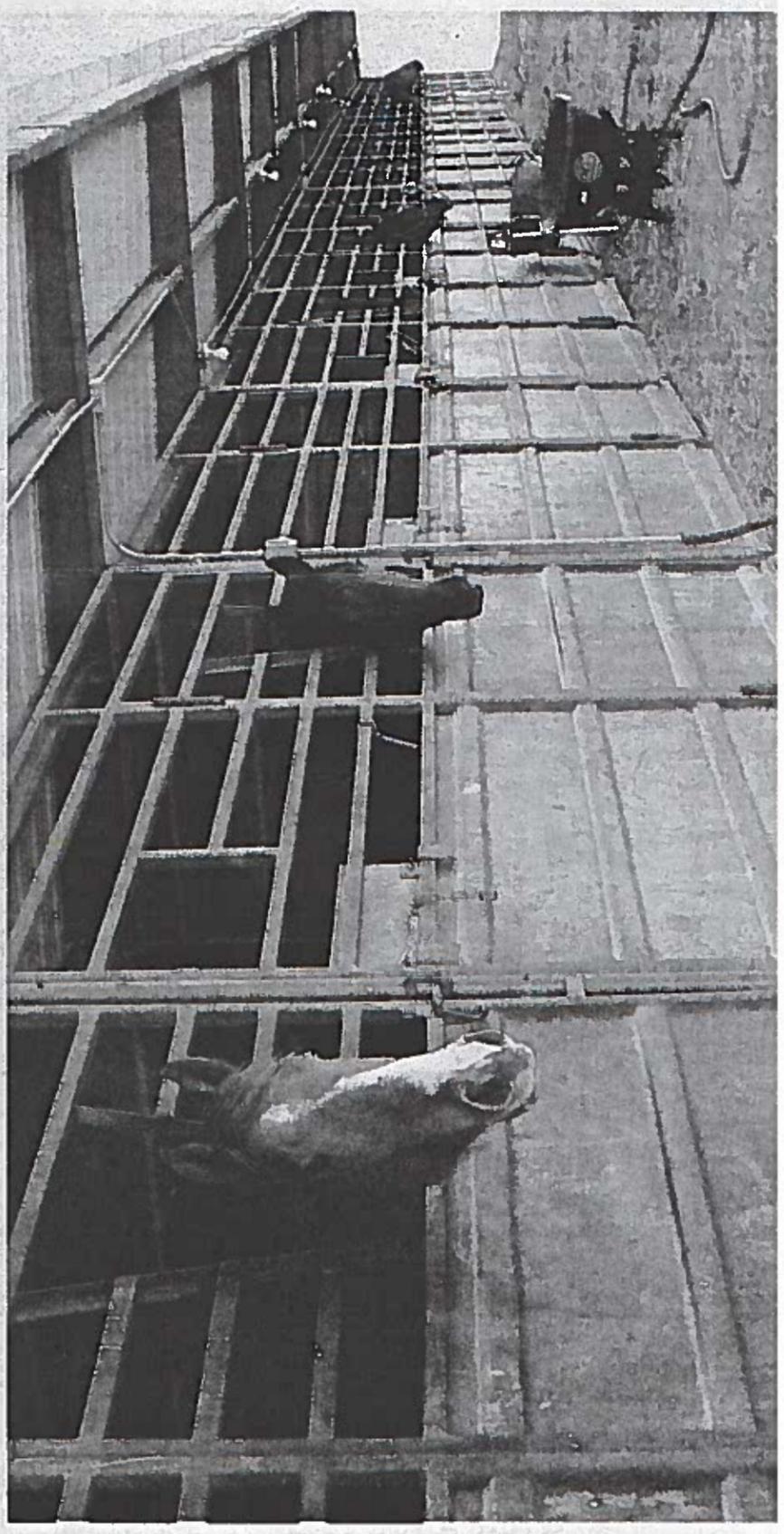


Top: Rebecca Edelen drops hay from the back of her pickup truck into the corrals where she keeps her horses in Duchesne. Edelen's sons, Kyle, 5; and Dillon, 2; are her constant companions.



Left: Edelen stands with her horse Ranbo following his first place finish in a 2007 race in Moab. Ranbo's jockey in the race was Daniel Carrillo. Also pictured are Edelen's son, Dillon, who is seated with Carrillo; her step-daughter Kyle; and her son, Kyle.

Bottom: Edelen's horses wait to be fed at the Duchesne County Fairgrounds stables. The mother of three cares for 50 horses everyday. She also serves as a 4-H leader.



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## Lowell Caldwell gains honor as '96 Principal of the Year in Utah

By Aldon Rachele

Duchesne Elementary's Lowell Caldwell of the Duchesne School District has been named First Interstate Bank of Utah's "Principal of the Year" for 1996. He was recently honored during a concert in Salt Lake City with 2500 people in attendance. Caldwell is retiring at the end of the 1995-96 school year, after 38 years in the field of education.

Each year, judges select the elementary "Principal of the Year" and two finalists whose extraordinary achievements and exemplary service have earned them the admiration and respect of their peers and their student body. All honorees received a certificate of achievement and a cash award designated for arts curriculum enhancement.

Principal Caldwell was nominated for the award by the local PTA and staff. "They caught me by surprise with an assembly at Duchesne Elementary," Caldwell commented. Letters were submitted by students, parents and local community citizens requesting that Caldwell be honored.

Caldwell has been principal at Duchesne Elementary for 11 years, and previously he was principal at Duchesne High School for three years from 1970-1973. He served five years as assistant superintendent and was Duchesne



ACCOLADE -- Duchesne Elementary School principal was Lowell Caldwell was named Principal of the year by First Interstate Bank.

School District superintendent for seven years.

He taught at Parowan High School in Iron County from 1968-1970, where he also coached basketball, football, baseball, track, tennis and gymnastics. Caldwell is a graduate of Uintah High School in Vernal.

"It has been a lot of good years. I've had good experiences with students and the public," Caldwell said. "Once I have retired I will take a big breath and relax. I will do some traveling, reading and writing. I also have some fat horses that need to be ridden. I will do the writing in the winter and riding in the fall and summer."

Caldwell received his Bachelor, Master and Education Specialist Degrees at Brigham Young University. He is married to Beverly Caldwell, and they have three children.

### Carpentry students build new classrooms

By Cheryl Mecham

Hands on experience is hard to come by and most employers demand it. The Uintah Basin Technology Center (UBATC) and Duchesne County School District are working together to offer hands on experience to carpentry students that will benefit not only students, but the district.

Adult and advanced high school carpentry students have been busy the past few months constructing three modular classroom trailers under contract for the school district.

Students building the modulators have experienced "various phases of construction," says Guy Burdette, carpentry program building instructor. Burdette said the trailers will be completed this month.

This is the second year that modular classrooms have been built at UBATC, according to Dick Jones, Assistant Superintendent of UBATC. Last year one modular was built as a "pilot project."

Because of the programs success, UBATC will continue to offer the program. Adult and advanced high school students will be building

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### Veteran's Dedication

Ceremonies will be held this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Roosevelt City cemetery to dedicate a plaque in honor of area veterans. The public is invited to attend.

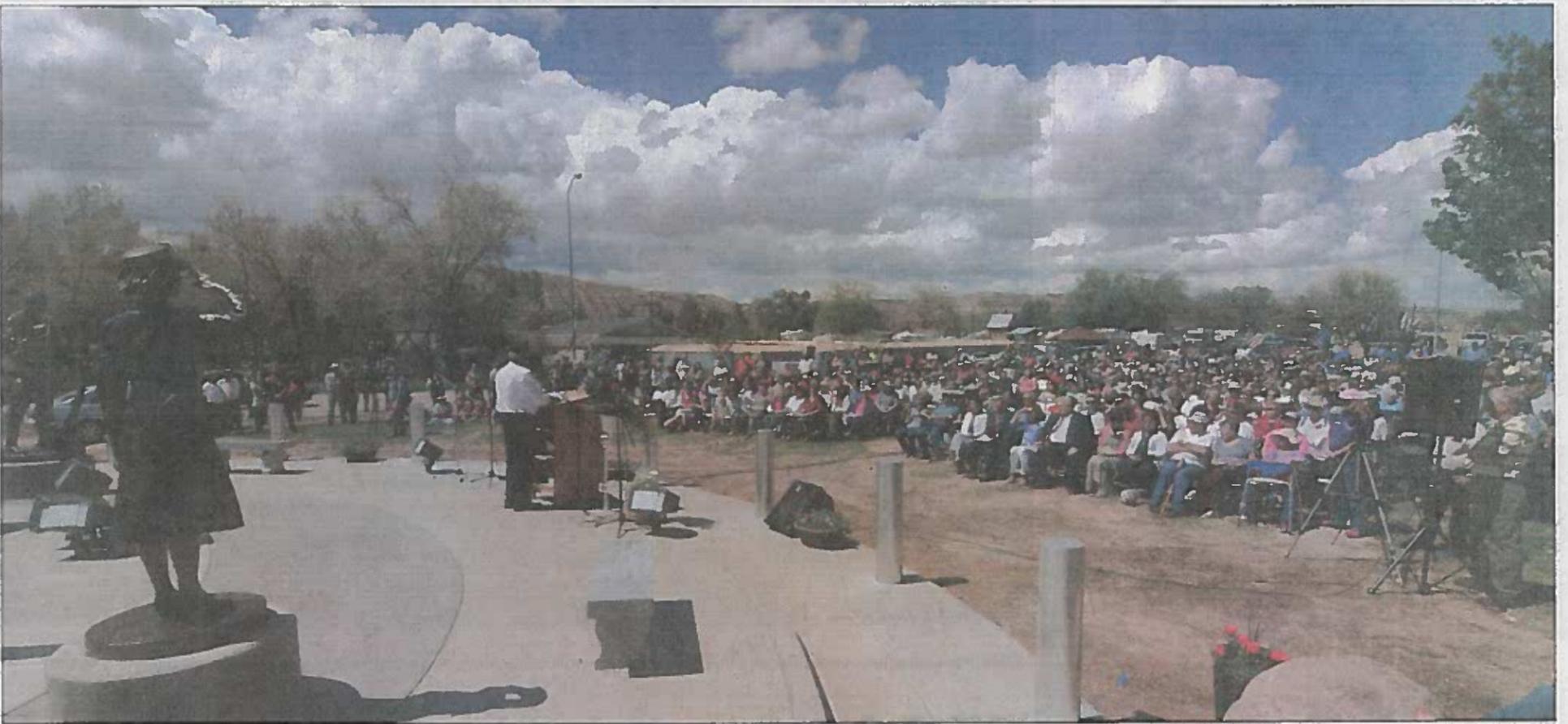
### State Free Fishing Day

Everyone is invited to participate June 8 for State Free Fishing Day. Also Kids Free Fishing Day will be held at the Lower Stillwater Ponds in Rock Creek on that same day from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children 12 and young may participate.

### Ute Tribe Hosts Free Fishing Day

Ute Tribe to host Free Fishing Day Saturday, May 25 at Clay Basin from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend this family fishing event.

### Cancer Support Group



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# Memorial dedicated to Basin veterans of all services

By STEVE PURO  
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A labor of love and patriotism lasting nearly a year and half came to a fitting conclusion on a brilliant Saturday morning, May 24, as Duchesne City dedicated its new Veterans Memorial located in the "triangle" between US 40 and River Road at the east end of town.

Local law enforcement effectively slowed traffic past the corner of land which is usually howling with the sound of trucks and cars as they accelerate or decelerate at the end of town. On that dedicatory Saturday morning, the sound of engines was barely perceptible.

Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force veterans, and their families, relatives and friends formed an emotionally charged audience of several hundred more people than the 400 chairs on the grass would hold. Some wept, some bowed their heads, all were moved.

Mayor RoJean Rowley recognized the committee of 12 people who gave countless hours in the development, planning, design and fund raising to make the memorial a reality.

Mayor Rowley was overwhelmed by the completion of the project, the dedicatory program and the support of the communities of Duchesne County.

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hallowed piece of ground." Speaker Susan Peatross told the crowd the impor-

representing the Viet Nam conflict, shared thoughts on returning from a bloody and un-respected war.

"I know that each generation that has served in the military branches has their own stories and their own crosses to bear," Harrison said. "Somewhere inside my head I have constructed a bunch of double locked doors to hold back my memories of Viet Nam."

Harrison's vivid recollection of his time served with the "Hardcore Battalion" of the 9th Infantry Division framed his remarks

concerning the importance of the new memorial to recognize all veterans.

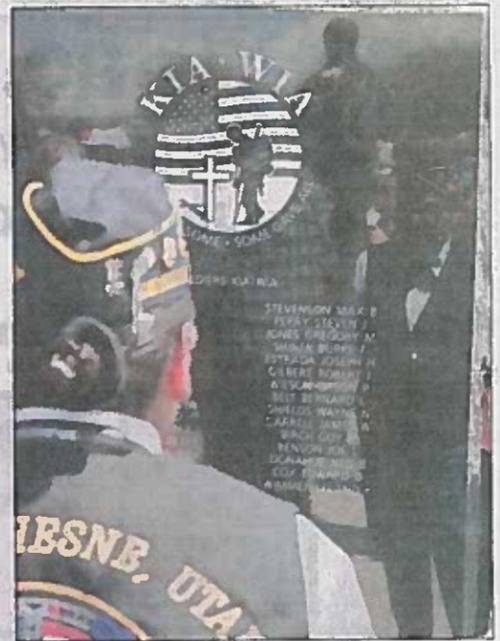
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"I feel that this sacred and hallowed area that we have here today needs to be visited often by each of us," Featroos said. "May we respect and honor those individuals whose names are on these granite walls."

Army veteran Rod Harrison, the dedication of the new veterans memorial in Duchesne City.



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The American flag reaches the top of its flag pole as it is raised by a special color guard. The US flag was the first flag raised during the dedication of the new veterans memorial in Duchesne City.

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Roosevelt City resident and veteran, Lynn LaPlante, bows his head during the dedication of the new Veterans memorial in Duchesne City.

# Moving day arrives in Duchesne

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Duchesne City employees spent several hours this past week moving their offices into the new municipal building at the east end of the city so they could begin serving the public there today.

The building is state-of-the-art in design and function. Offices are spacious, with a liberal use of windows to light the interior, adequate storage, useful preparation and work areas, and a high-security vault for confidential documents and records.

"I think the offices are more accessible. I think it makes the town look better," said Duchesne City Recorder Diane Miller. "It is an addition to the city, especially on this end where it's just been nothing for so long."

In addition to being great offices, the new building is also an asset to the community.

"The thing that I am most excited about is that the public can use this," said Duchesne Mayor RoJean Rowley. "It isn't just for the city council."

The council chambers can be used



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Duchesne City Recorder Diane Miller, left, and Mayor RoJean Rowley work Friday to move the city offices to their new home at the east end of Duchesne. The new building is now open for business. An official dedication and open house is slated for February.

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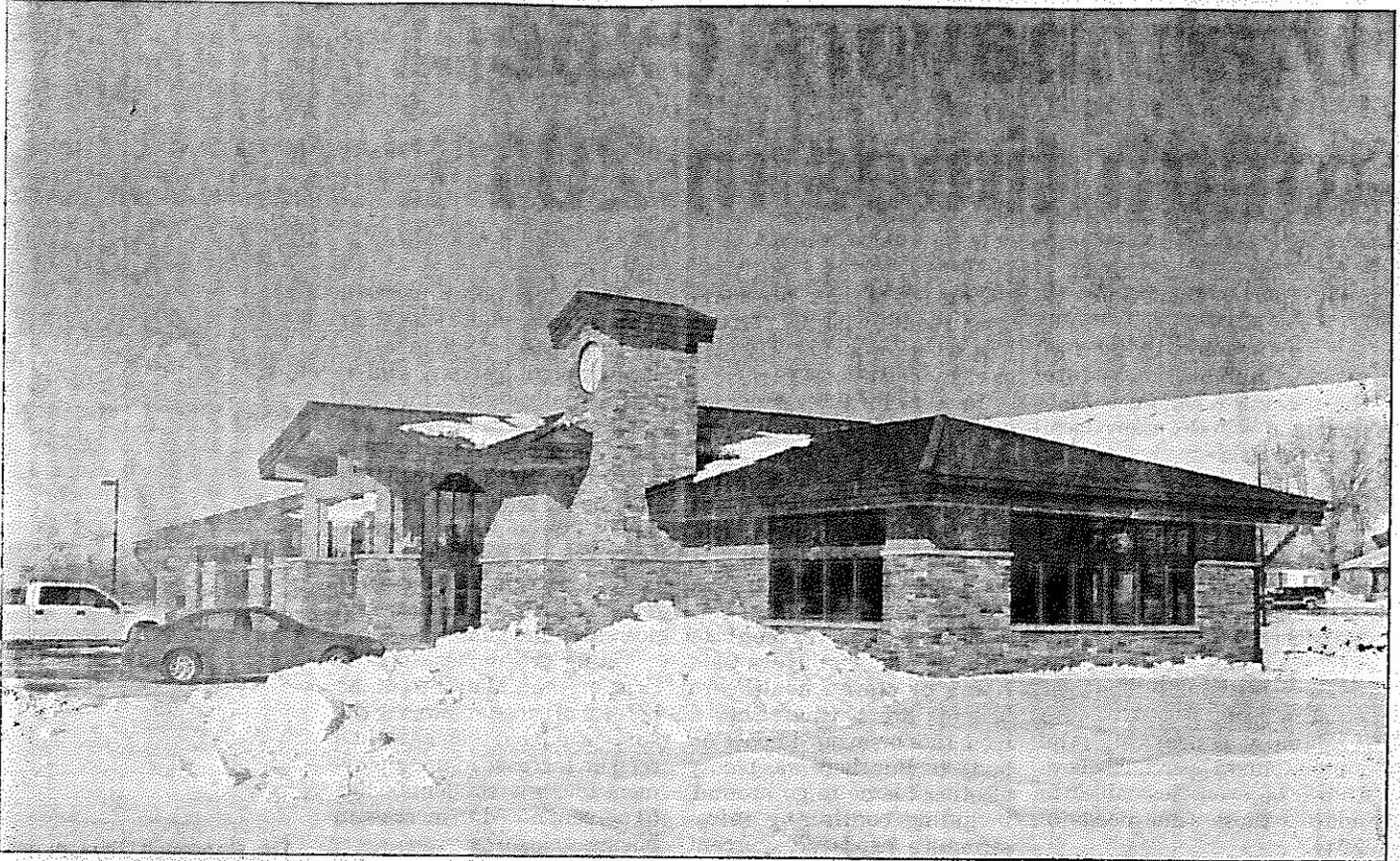


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Duchesne City's new municipal building sits near the confluence of the Strawberry and Duchesne rivers. It was built with funding from the state Permanent Community Impact Fund Board.

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for larger meetings, while a smaller meeting room is available that would probably hold about a dozen people.

Besides the city offices, there is also a welcome center incorporated into the building that can be open for business separate from the secured city offices. The center is a joint venture between the city and the Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We're excited that the chamber has decided to partner in the welcome center," Rowley said. "Visitors will even be able

to access computers for checking weather and getting travel information."

As a location, the new building becomes a focal point when entering Duchesne from the east. Nestled next to the Duchesne River and just before the confluence with the Strawberry River, the building includes outside decks for use by employees and visitors who want to sit and take in the view.

"What we became known for in the previous welcome center was hospitality," said Duchesne Chamber of Commerce Director Irene Hansen.

"If we can get people to stay an extra hour, two hours, or even a day, that ends up

resulting in thousands of extra dollars that come into the local economy," Hansen said.

The loss of the lease on the previous welcome center resulted in decreased tourism revenues for the area, she said.

"People love referrals," Hansen said. "They love to find the special places that all the locals love. We're really excited to get the traveling public in and have them stay in our county."

The effort to build a new city building began during former Duchesne Mayor Clint Park's time in office. The project was funded by the state Permanent Community Impact Board, which awarded the city a half

grant/half zero-interest loan package.

The official dedication of the building and an open house is being planned for February. Senior U.S. District Judge David Sam, who began his career in Duchesne, is being invited to dedicate the building.

"This is such a nice addition to our community," Rowley said. "We're excited to get in here and have the public see it."

Duchesne City office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those wanting to reserve meeting space should contact the city offices directly.

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ried so many times that when he returned last July with and brother's sweetheart he made the people think his own suitcases had taken place.

But now we have every assurance that the sure thing will be. Miss Louie Judd and her mother Mrs. Helgate, passed through enroute for Heber and Salt Lake last Saturday. They were in charge of Mr. Messer and it is definitely known that when they return Mrs. Helgate will have a son-in-law, Theodore a bride and the cabin on the Messer homestead will be brightened by the touch of a woman.

Andrew Murdock accompanied by two of his brothers returned from Heber this week. He has been spending several weeks visiting his old home and has left his wife until later on when he will go after her.

Mr. Frank Odakirk spent last week in Theodore and vicinity but returned to Roosevelt to join his wife after which they will go on to their home in Vernal.

John Green made a visit to his homestead north of town last week but left after a short visit.

Paul Cluff and Reader Workman left for Heber this morning.

Mrs. Critas and Mr. Swetman took a trip up to Vinta Quint the first of the week.

Messrs. Snow and Billings were in for supplies on Wednesday. Coming in by way of Indian Canyon.

Mr. Cook made his regular trip to Vernal this week for supplies for his restaurant.

Work has been received from Prof. Tracy to the effect that he is now nicely located at his homestead and everything is moving as merry as a marriage bell.

Theodore's first-crop of strawberries has been produced by Mr. Meadows at his home across the river.

Mr. Dean left for Vernal last week and took out with him Mr. Humble of Puchie. Mr. Humble has a ranch on Blue Bench and has been spending a few weeks there but has now gone to interview the land office in regards to a leave of absence. Mr. Dean returned

Theodore Thrums.

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## With Our

### Theodore Throne.

It seems that many wild reports have gone out in regard to the overflow of water in this vicinity. The Strawberry river filled up the old washes in the upper part of the town site and has had an unusual amount of water the same as other rivers in the state. One year ago today the Duchesne came over the town site but this year the efficient work of the "Boosters" has saddled and bridled the river until it is quietly keeping its banks.

Mr. Jones who has been sojourning in Theodore for the past month has left for his home on the upper Duchesne.

Members of the Current Topic Club received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Walling's mother in Salda, Colo. Mrs. Walling left here to attend the Golden wedding of her parents only a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Pratt of the lower Duchesne left for Park City a few days ago and will remain with her husband for the summer.

A. M. Murdock and daughter returned this week after making a flying visit to Heber and Salt Lake. Mr. Murdock says he is glad to get back as he likes Theodore better than either Heber or Salt Lake.

The Boosters are now boosting for the Fourth of July. High water will be over and forgotten by that time and the people on this part of the former reservation expect to celebrate their second anniversary. The celebration will be on the town site and boweries will be built around the hall. There will be races of all kinds, children's dance at night, cow-boy's dinner and still some more.

Mr. Swetman, our popular young carpenter of Blue Bench has returned from Provo and will be rustling in Theodore this summer.

Mr. Marsh has taken his family to Indian Canyon to look after his cattle and sheep.

At a meeting of the Boosters the other night the new telephone line was discussed and turned down by the club. It seems that this part of the county has been side tracked and the ma

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## New contract gives county more \$\$\$ for policing Duchesne City

By LEAF E. WHITING

Utah Basin News Service

Duchesne City and the Duchesne County Sheriff's Office have signed an agreement that continues to provide the city with law enforcement services but for more money.

The four-page contract for police protection went into effect Jan. 1, and will cost the city \$102,000 annually - that's \$4,000 more than the original agreement forged 26 years ago that provided similar services for \$98,000. Sheriff's deputies have patrolled Duchesne City since 1983 when the city dissolved its police department.

The new agreement provides the city with two four-hour, one-man patrols a day, along with additional patrols or support personnel as needed. Deputies will be available to respond to the city for calls for protection around the clock, seven days a week.

The county will provide all necessary manpower, labor, supervision, equipment, communication, facilities, dispatching and supplies necessary to maintain the level of service to protect residents of Duchesne City.

The agreement does not cover incidents related to animal control or conflicts that may arise over the county's building ordinance, unless the misdemeanor cases reach a level where a deputy is needed to "keep the peace."

"In these particular matters the Duchesne County Sheriff's Office shall lend assistance in enforcement ... but shall not assume the duties of enforcement," the contract states.

The county acts as an independent contractor which enables the city to be held harmless and assume no liability for any actions by the county's deputy sheriffs.

Any disputes that may arise between the city and the county un-

der the terms of the agreement, such as "the extent of the duties and functions to be rendered," or regarding "the level or manner of performance of service" will be evaluated by a joint board consisting of the chairman of the Duchesne County commission, the mayor of Duchesne City, the sheriff and two additional board members to be selected by the commission chair, mayor and sheriff.

The two board members named must be "disinterested third parties" without any conflict of interest, nor owing an allegiance to any of the three seated board members or the entities involved.

All fines and fees collected from any funds resulting from convictions of crimes occurring in Duchesne City will go into the Duchesne County general fund. The contract has a 30-day escape clause. It ends Dec. 31, 2009 but can be renewed annually.

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# New Duchesne city office one step closer to reality

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

The Duchesne City Council is moving forward with plans to build a new city building and community center.

Last Tuesday, the council approved a resolution for the sale of \$742,000 in taxable lease revenue bonds by the Duchesne Municipal Building Authority. Passage of the resolution clears the way to create a renewable annual lease between the city and the building authority, which will allow for a no-interest loan on the project.

"There is also a grant for right about that same amount, so in rough terms, it's going to be about a-million-and-a-half dollar project," said Eric Johnson, bond attorney for the city.

The no interest loan, plus the grant, make this a great deal for city, he said.

"If you were paying back that full million-and-a-half at 4½ to 5 percent interest, you would pay back about roughly \$3 million over the life of the loan," Johnson said. "The city is going to pay back \$742,000, so you are paying back about a quarter of the market cost of the project."

The financing was obtained through the Utah Permanent Community Impact Board. The annual repayment amount will be \$25,000 and the CIB asks

that the city create a reserve payment of \$25,000. The board will allow the city six years to create the reserve payment.

Duchesne Mayor RoJean Rowley read the first resolution, part of of a two-step process, which cleared the way for the city to authorize an agreement between the city and the building authority to let the building authority generate the revenue bonds. The resolution passed unanimously through a

roll call vote.

The council then adjourned its meeting and a meeting of the Municipal Building Authority was called to order. A second resolution was voted on to allow the building authority to move forward with issuing the bonds.

Johnson said the entire funding package is expected to close on Wednesday. Then the money will be placed in a construction escrow account.



STEVE PURO, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Eric Johnson, bond attorney for Duchesne City, explains the

usins, Ryan and Rocky Sny-  
uncle Woody Myore; aunts,  
a Wopsock and Lori Cuch;  
d grandparents, Elmer and  
sephine Yergensen.  
Funeral services were held  
l., April 30, at the Hullinger  
ortuary.  
Burial was in the Neola  
metery. Condolences may  
viewed and sent at www.  
llingermortuary.com

## EO FARNSWORTH

Leo Levern Farnsworth,  
e 90, of Talmage, husband  
Beth Child Farnsworth, died  
ay 2, 2010 at home of natural  
uses.

Funeral services will be held  
at., May 8, at 11 a.m. at the  
oon Lake LDS Ward Chapel  
here a viewing will be held  
riday evening from 6-8 p.m.  
d Sat. from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Burial in the Mountain  
ome-Boneta Cemetery. A full  
ituary will be in next week's  
standard. Condolences may  
e sent and viewed at www.  
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## Corroon of Utah

huntsman's term.  
With Utah overwhelmingly  
Republican, analysts say it  
would take a scandal in the  
Herbert administration to  
swing the vote to Corroon.  
"Until Herbert stumbles, it  
s his race to lose," said Quin  
Monson, associate director of  
the Center for the Study of  
Elections and Democracy at  
Brigham Young University.

## Man not allowed to use pot for pain

ASPEN — A judge ruled  
that a local man convicted of  
a felony drug charge cannot  
use marijuana for medicinal  
purposes, although he has a  
state registry card allowing  
him to do so.

51 because some of them were  
tomato plants," he said. "But  
there were 20 to 30 plants ...  
but there's no evidence he was  
dealing to anyone."  
Pfeiffer said he grew the  
plants to help him deal with

# New History Museum opens in Duchesne

By DUSTIN HUGHES  
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DUCHESNE — Duchesne County has a grand history, and needed a grand museum to showcase it.

That's the logic behind the new **Uintah Basin History Museum**. The museum held its grand opening Saturday in Duchesne with a cookout, treats and an open house.

The museum is now open weekdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. It's located at the southeast corner of Center Street and Highway 40.

Inside, photographs and artifacts from the Uintah Basin's past line the walls. Accounts of President Theodore Roosevelt's visit, a look at the Ute Tribe's history in the area, and some highlights of natural history are interspersed among the antique furniture and appli-



DUSTIN HUGHES, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

There was no shortage of fanfare for the new museum in Duchesne, which aims to promote Uintah Basin history as well as providing information for tourists and locals alike on area attractions and activities.

ancus (everything from an old tube TV to a wood stove show what life was like in the past here).

The museum is more than a look into the past. There's also a kiosk with travel brochures,

maps and more information for visitors into the region.

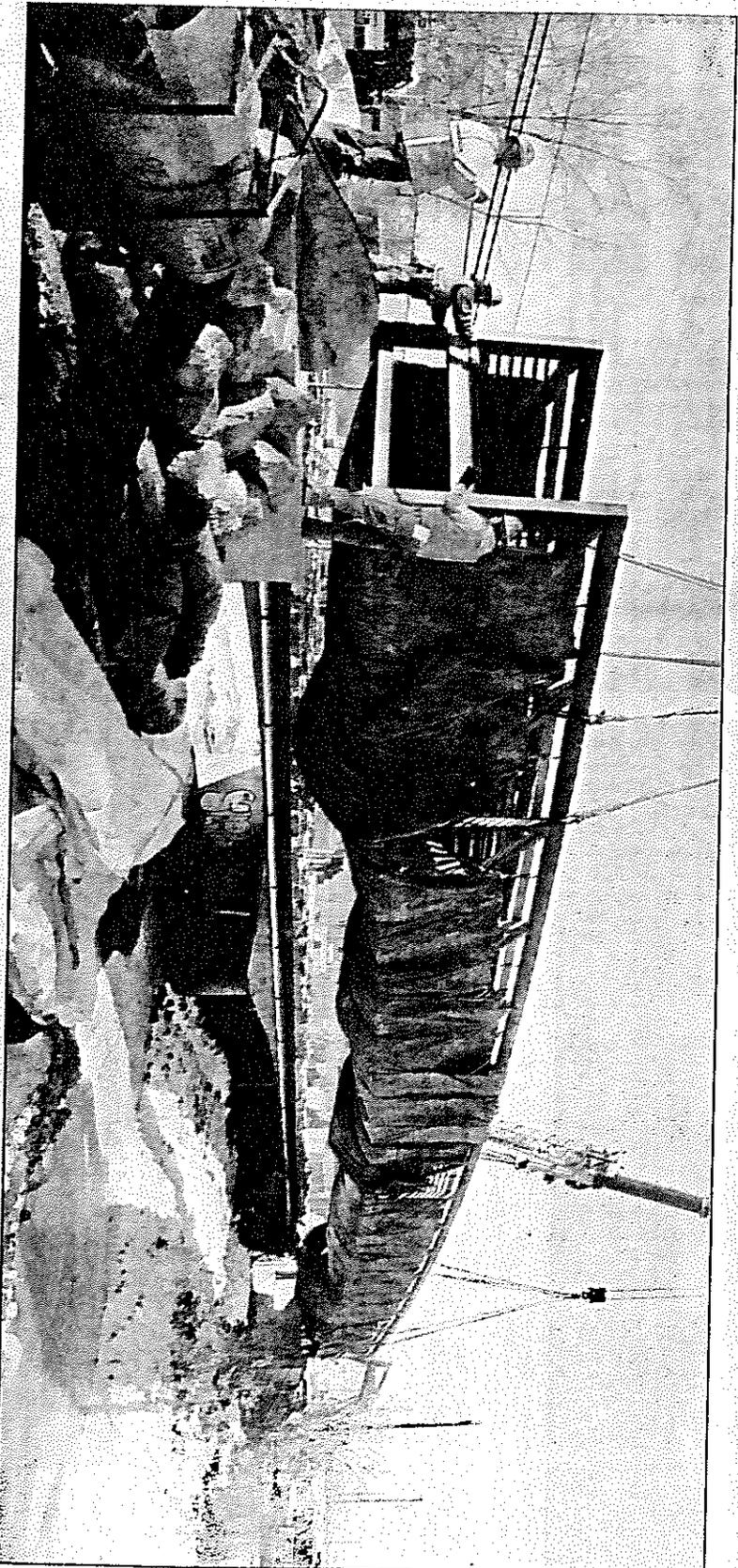
Joan Steed, the owner of the new museum, said she wanted a place people could both learn about the past and see what there is to do in town.



DUSTIN HUGHES, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

The museum is free to enter and also includes a video of area history.

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STEVE PURO, UTAH BASIN STANDARD

The new pedestrian bridge over the Duchesne River next to the Utah Highway 87 bridge arrived in two sections on Dec. 23. Highway 87 was closed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the placement of the bridge. Crews guided the pedestrian bridge onto the waiting bolts set in the foundations. Engineering tolerances were tight, but the bridge slipped into place.

# New pedestrian bridge improves safety

By Steve Puro  
Utah Basin Standard

A new footbridge over the Duchesne River in Duschense was installed Dec. 23.

The Utah Department of Transportation closed Utah Highway 87 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. as the new bridge arrived and was set in place.

The bridge arrived in two sec-

tions and was "fown" or lifted into position by two large cranes after assembly on the road deck. The engineering for the bridge was precise and the complete unit settled onto its foundations with little effort.

Pedestrian traffic was deemed to be unsafe on the highway bridge by the Utah State Transportation Board and UDOT. During the floods of 2011,

Duchesne City Mayor Rowley walked over the UT 87 bridge to observe the water levels.

"As I walked across the bridge I noticed that the security fence was in bad repair and that school children might actually be able to fall through the space between the bridge and the fencing," Rowley said. "Also, large trucks crossing the bridge left little room for

foot traffic or bikes."

Rowley called a meeting with representatives from the state transportation board and UDOT and the group visited the bridge crossing.

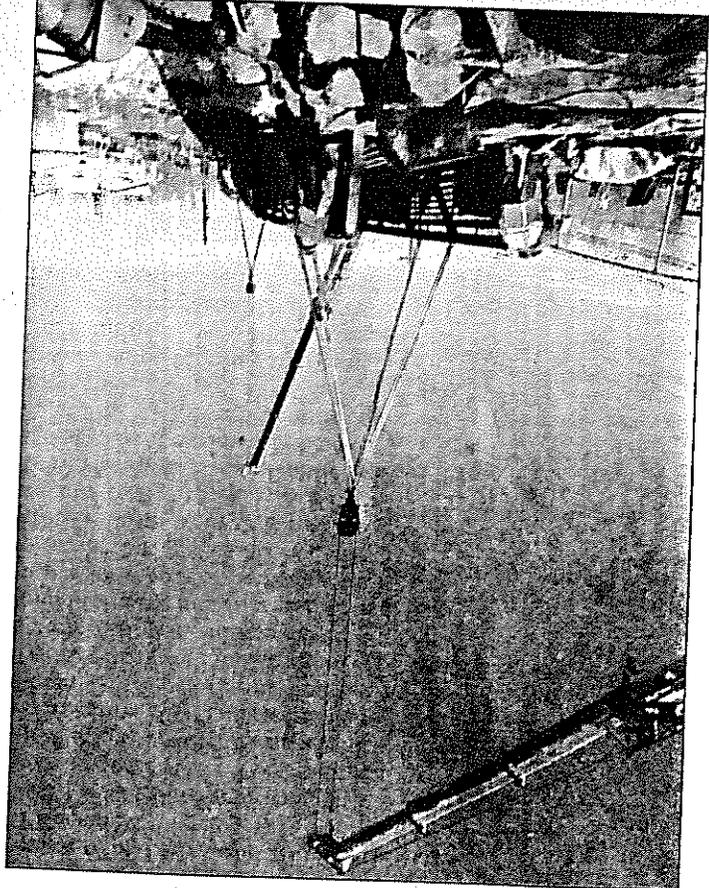
"They could readily see the danger posed to pedestrians and bicyclists on the existing highway bridge," she said.

The transportation board set

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The new pedestrian bridge over the Duchesne River will allow safe passage of school children and pedestrians across the river without sharing the same space with large trucks.

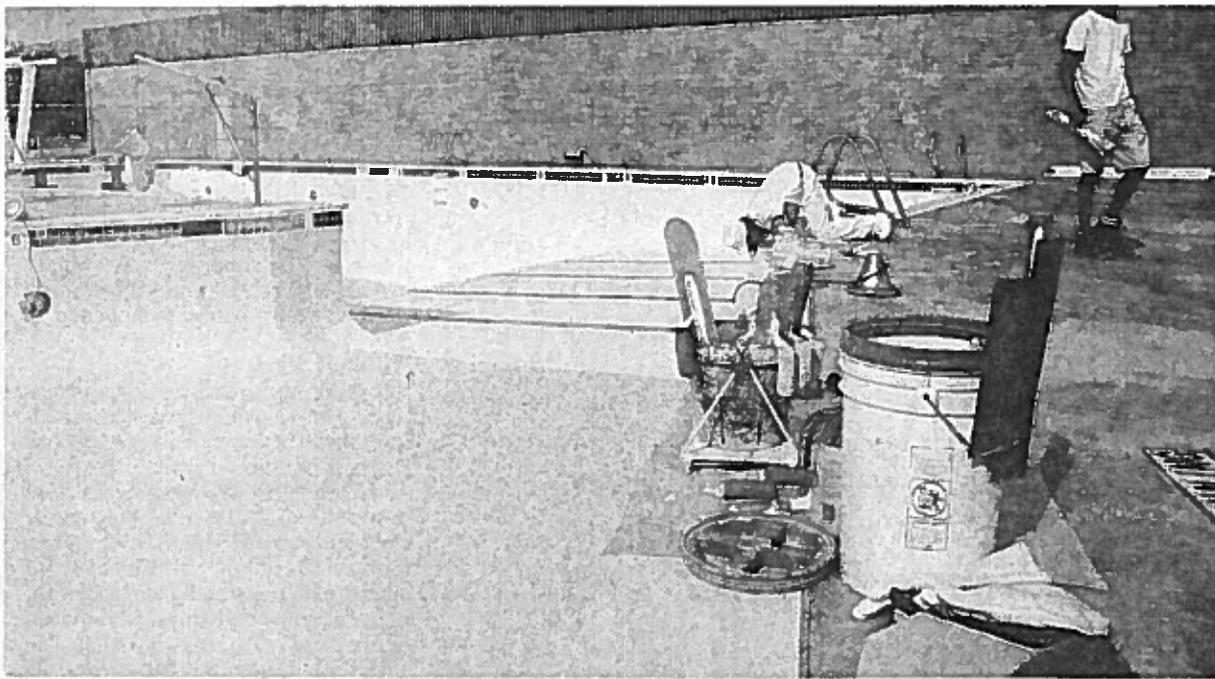
# BRIDGE

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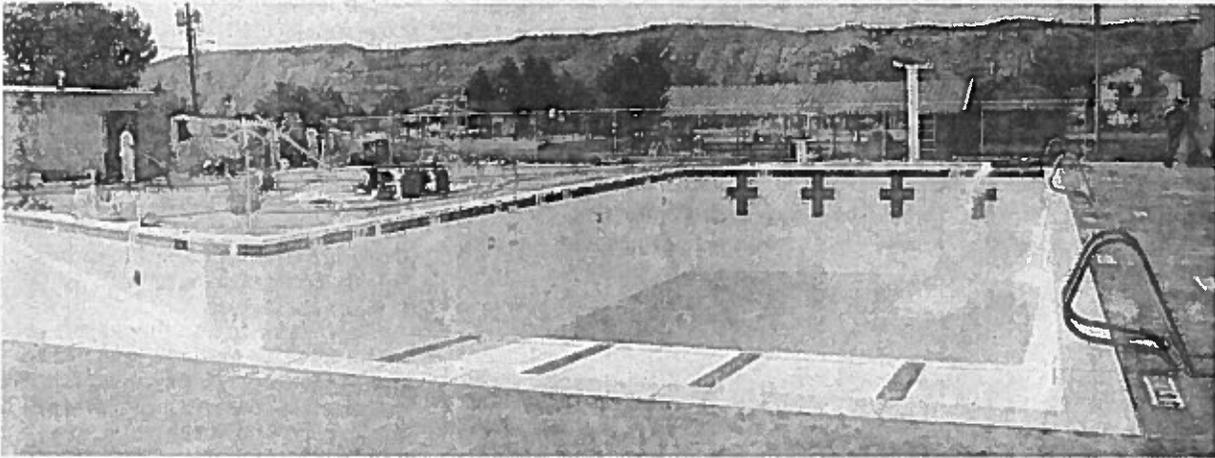
Final work on the pathway and approaches is continuing. "When the bridge is ready to go into use there will be a safety training for students presented in the schools," Rowley said.

"The initial estimates were for a cost of approximately \$450,000," Rowley said. "The final costs haven't been calculated yet."

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**FINISHING TOUCHES** – Workers apply the last layers of concrete to the Duchesne City Pool on June 30. Lynn Riches of Aquatech Pools in Sandy said the pool took about three months to build.



**FILL'ER UP** – Crews from Aquatech Pools use a fire hose to fill the new Duchesne City Pool. The workers used a garden hose to build a cushion of water in the bottom of the pool before filling it up.

## New pool beckons swimmers to Duchesne

By Geoff Liesik

The cement work is done, the water is inviting, and the lifeguards are trained to save a life.

It's official: Aquatic fun has made its summertime premiere in Duchesne City.

The city opened its new swimming pool last Saturday to swimmers of all ages and abilities.

The pool, which took three months and an estimated \$400,000 to build, offers something for everyone.

It is deeper than the old pool at 13 feet and has a high diving board. There is a gradual entry that lets little ones play in 6 inch deep water, while their siblings waded into the deep. The pool is also handicap accessible with a hoist that will allow wheelchair-bound swimmers use the pool for exercise.

The pool's lifeguards are a combination of new and old hands who have received, "top-notch professional training in Heber City," said pool manager Ladena Sipes.

Lifeguards Valerie Moon, Todd Wilkerson, Lindsey Park, Chelsea Herrera, Wendy McKinney and Megan Park spent five days last week in Heber City, training 12 hours a day. The majority of their class time was spent in the water, working on lifesaving techniques.

The pool plans to schedule the new lifeguards with their seasoned counterparts so that there is a combination of experience and fresh training. The hope is that this procedure will help the youth learn from each other.

Sipes completed a course through the National Swimming Pool Association last April to become a certi-

fied pool manager. A seasoned swimmer, Sipes swam on the Masters Team at University of Arizona. She moved to Duchesne from Tucson, Arizona two years ago.

"I was in the pool every day. I am a strong swimmer and enjoy water sports," she said. "I have a great deal of experience working with the public, and have done quite a bit of volunteer work in my life in high-risk sport situations."

City officials said they will not offer pool passes this summer because of the late opening this season, but will likely have a pass program in effect for next season. The pool will offer swimming lessons, open and lap swim times and water aerobics.

Call the Duchesne City Pool at 738-2536 for details on fees and operating hours.

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# New post office to be built in Duchesne

Plans are moving forward for the construction of a new 5,000 square foot post office in Duchesne. The building, which will be located on the corner of 100 North and Highway 40, will replace the old 1200 square foot existing facility.

Local postal officials say that they are hoping that construction could begin as early as late march. The bidding process, which will be conducted through the offices in Salt Lake, should begin shortly. Contractors interested in the work are advised to watch for the bid to be posted soon.



POST OFFICE LOGATION--Work began last week to remove an old house on the corner of 100 North and Highway 40 in Duchesne to make way for the new post office.

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# New principal grateful to serve in Duchesne

By Cheryl Mecham  
Uintah Basin Standard

The door to Jason Young's office is almost always open.

"I like to see the parents and the kids as they come in," said Young, who is in his first year as principal of Duchesne Elementary School.

The open-door policy invites kids to wander in for a visit and a piece of candy. It's Young's way of staying connected with his kids — all 372 of them — almost all of whom he knows by name.

As for the dozen whose names he doesn't know, it's just a matter of time.

Perhaps it's his background as a teacher or maybe his personal style, but Young works to be closely connected with the students and the associates with.

"Jason Young is pretty impressive," second grade teacher Kim Cowan has said. "He'll do anything to help you be a better teacher."

Young said he and his staff are dedicated to fulfilling the school's mission statement, which is to "help each student be a responsible person in acquiring knowledge and skills necessary to reach their potential."

In his short tenure as principal, Young has already implemented a character education program where students receive a "daily dose" of instruction by a teacher each morning. (See related article on this page.)

The new administrator

describes himself as "a scheduler." He has organized specific subjects to be taught at the same time each day, which he said enables special education students to remain in their classrooms for instruction with their regular teachers. The schedule gives these students time with Title I and para-educators "on top of that," Young said.

Young chose to become an educator he said because his parents — Stan and Suzzann Young — are educators. He was also influenced by the educator's lifestyle and work conditions.

He earned his bachelor's degree and teaching certificate from Utah State University and got his first job teaching high school science in the Duchesne County School District. He left that position for a job at Morgan High School, where he could teach school and coach basketball.

Young was climbing a career ladder when he moved on to Mountain View High in Orem, where he worked as a teacher and coach for another five years. But as his family grew, he realized he didn't want to live a basketball coach's life.

"They're constantly on the road, or in the film room," Young said. "It's very hard to be there with their kids, or for their kids."

Young finished his fifth year at Mountain View and applied for a teaching position at Roosevelt Junior High School. He found the lifestyle he'd sought,

but he wanted to work closer to his home in Duchesne.

When there was an opening for a sixth-grade teacher at Duchesne Elementary, Young jumped at the chance and got the job. In 2007, he entered a graduate program to earn his master's in education leadership because, as he says, he already had his "master's in education."

This past spring he applied for principal's job at Duchesne Elementary and "it worked out well," Young said.

He's now responsible for the elementary school he attended as a child where one of his former teachers, Bob Hoopes, still teaches as does his mother, Suzzann Young, who works part time there.

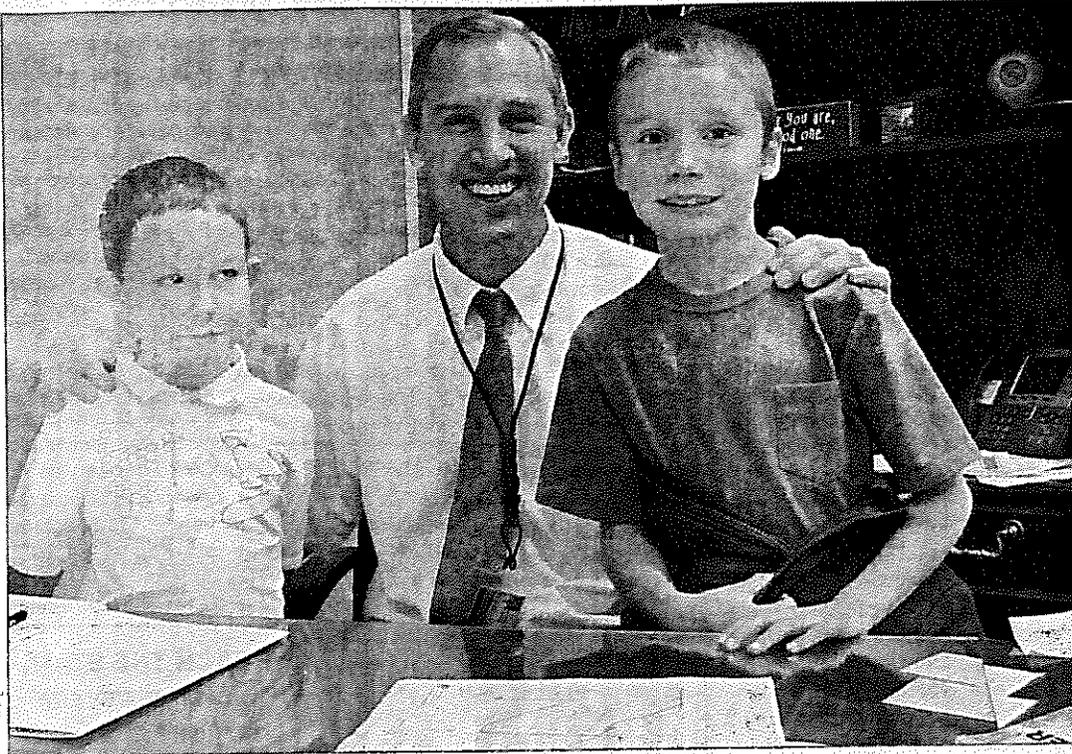
Young said one of the challenges he faces is meeting the needs of students who don't qualify for special ed, but struggle to keep up in a typical classroom. To address the issue he has organized a tutoring program with teachers, aides, parents and high school volunteers who provide one-on-one instruction for one hour after school. Parents chose how often their children attend the program, which Young feels is working for the kids who regularly participate.

Despite any challenges, Young said he wouldn't trade his job for any other in the Basin.

"Whenever you're in the same building with a group of kindergarten kids, you have a good job," he said.

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CHERYL MECHAM, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Hunter Kendall, left, came to Duchesne Elementary School Principal Jason Young's office recently to tell him he wasn't feeling well, while Wyatt Jensen ran in to say he'd kicked a football on the roof of the school, two examples of the concerns that keep Young busy.

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# Newly elected officials excited about serving Duchesne City

By Nancy Spurlock  
Uintah Basin Standard

Newly elected Duchesne mayor and council members say they are grateful for the opportunity to be part of their city government and are eager to get started.

"I'd like to thank the mayor for his service," said Mayor-elect RoJean Rowley of Clint Park, whom she defeated. "I hope he will continue to do community service for the city. He's been an asset and I'd like to thank him for that. It was a strenuous campaign. I didn't want it to get ugly, but it got a little heated. I think that is part of the process.

"I'd like to thank the people who put their confidence in me," Rowley continued. "I'm just anxious to get started."

Rowley served as mayor from 1983-93. She's looking forward to working closely with the Duchesne County

Area Chamber of Commerce on having Duchesne City serve as the "Gateway to the Basin." A new Welcome Center is being planned.

"I'm anxious to get started and see what we can do for the city," Rowley said. "One of my goals has been the maintenance problem in Duchesne. I'm excited about the new city office that's going to have the chamber office in it. ... I'd like to meet with some of the people in town to see what their goals are."

Councilwoman-elect Carol Thomas enjoyed campaigning and communicating with the citizens about their concerns and their ideas for Duchesne. She is looking forward to applying what she learned while on the campaign trail.

"I'm just so excited to work with the city and be a part of it," Thomas said. "My first goal is to figure out what is going on and how I can help."

Councilman-elect Rodney Rowley is grateful that he's going to be able to serve his community.

"I'd like to thank those that are going out and the great job they've done," he said. "I'd like to just thank them for serving me as the public.

"I'd just like to learn my job," Rowley continued. "It's easy to sit on the sidelines and see what needs to happen. Sometimes people do things for a reason and we don't see that. So my first goal would be to see why things run the way they run."

All three candidates appreciated the citizens for coming out and voting and are asking for more community involvement.

"We need more concerned citizens and they have to care enough to pay attention to what's happening on a local level," Rodney Rowley said. "Please come out and be involved. Come to the city council. It's every other Tuesday at 6 o'clock. Normal everyday people can get involved and make a difference if they want to."

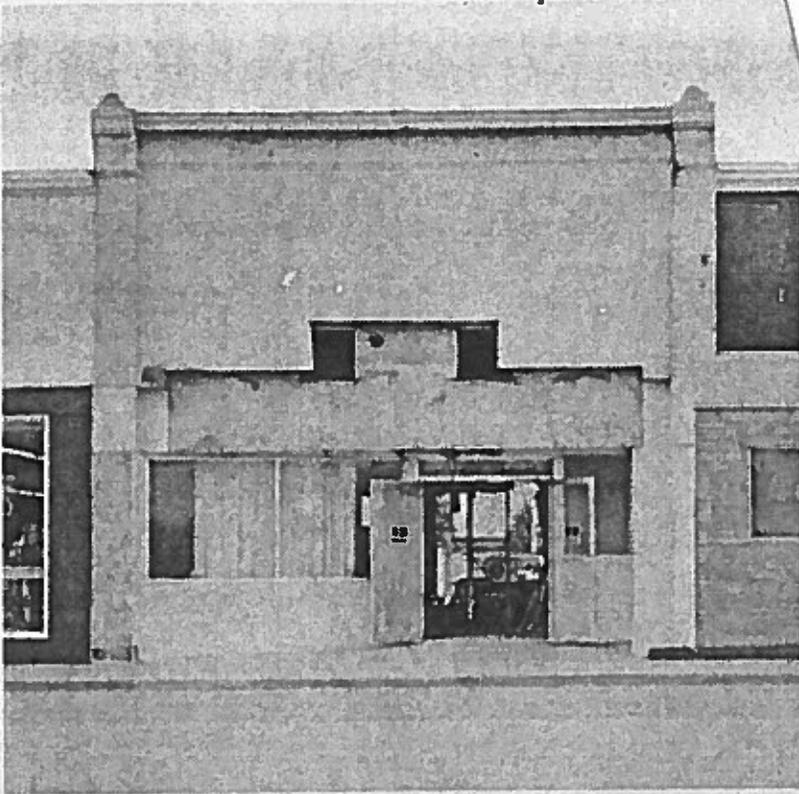
In the Nov. 3 election, Rowley bested Park by 39 votes, 255-216. In the four-person race for two council seats, Rowley garnered 303 votes and Thomas received 222 votes, while Terry Stephenson collected 191 votes and Paul Tanner got 186 votes.

The mayor- and council-elects will take office Jan. 4.

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THE COZY--Workers are in the process of gutting and remodeling the old theater in Duchesne and converting it into office space.

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## Old theater not as "Cozy"

*By Dixie R. Brown*

After being a landmark on Duchesne's main street for decades, the old Cozy Theater is being cleaned up. The theater, which has set empty since the late 1970s has been purchased by Kohl's, Inc. and will be remodeled for office space.

"We've been looking at purchasing it for several years" said Kent Brown of Kohl's. Kent, and his brother Eddie, have been very concerned over the number of kids that have been hanging out in the old building.

"There has already been one fire in the building, and we know that there are kids in and out of there all the time," said Brown. "We were afraid that one day our entire store would go up in smoke."

After remodeling efforts are complete, the Brown's are considering renting office space for area businessmen.

# Old Time Baseball Players



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Duchesne City baseball players from the 1920s pose for a photo after a game. Meri Ninteman of Western Washington State sent this picture to the Uintah Basin Standard. The only person Ninteman knows is her grandfather Charlie Barton (sitting, left). Barton was a county sheriff and a farmer. People who recognize a player should call Ninteman at 253-939-6076.

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# Pioneer Day events raise funds for the Pope House

By LEE NICHOLE MARETT  
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**DUCHESNE** - A variety of activities at the Pope House in Duchesne gathered visitors from around the Basin this Pioneer Day.

The Duchesne Pope Historical Museum, more commonly known as the Pope House, hosted a slew of activities this July 24 to raise funds and celebrate local pioneer heritage. The displays at the Pope House are focused on pioneer life in Utah, so Pioneer Day was the obvious choice for the celebration.

Hundreds of visitors from Duchesne, Altamont, Roosevelt and other surrounding communities stopped by the Pope House between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 24th to tour the museum and take part

in other pioneer-themed activities. There were food and beverage options on-site, as well as a blacksmith giving live demonstrations.

Less than a year ago, the Pope House faced potential closure. At the time, the historical house and other buildings on the property, which is owned by Duchesne City, had fallen into disrepair and were facing potential closure.

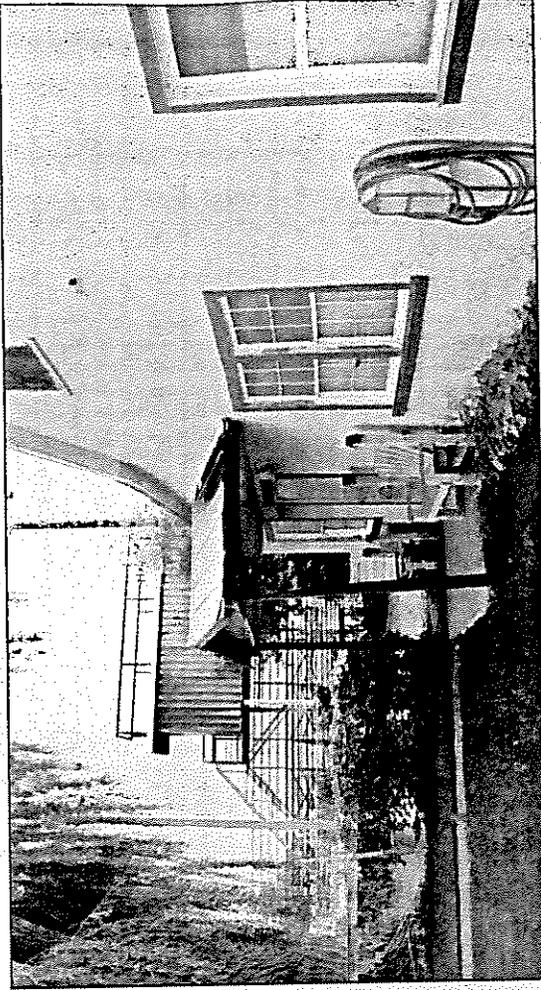
At the time, Duchesne City resident, Dea Skewes, approached the City Council and asked them to preserve the Pope House. Skewes took up the cause of preserving the Pope House, and managed to secure a donation of \$9,500 for the museum as part of the annual Enchanted Forest event in Roosevelt. Those donated funds helped to make needed

improvements to the buildings, bringing them up to code.

However, operations and maintenance costs are of continual concern. All funds donated on Pioneer Day will go to help with O&M.

The Pope House was originally the home of Justice Court Judge Fred Pope and his wife, Marie. The museum contains miniature, true-to-scale dioramas that depict what early pioneer life was like for the settlers of the Uintah Basin.

Pope himself created the dioramas based on his wife's stories of growing up on her family's homestead in the early 1900s. The displays are enclosed in plexiglass cases, and depict various aspects of pioneer life. Some items on display



include tiny buildings with doors and windows that open and close, miniature wagons with wheels that turn and small, useable tools. The displays also feature miniature horses and dolls dressed in period

clothing, made by Marie Pope. Fred Pope passed away in 1980. His wife, Marie, passed away in 1996. The Pope House preserves important aspects

of the history of the early Uintah Basin. For more information about the museum, or to find out how to volunteer or donate, contact Dee Skewes at 435-822-5745.

## OBAMA RECOVERY

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Milk is 25% more expensive; apples are 26% more. Meat prices have climbed

country's 25 largest metro areas.

Unfortunately, the value of a home — the biggest asset most families are likely to own — has barely budged. The S&P/Cas-

people in poverty in 2012 — the latest annual Census Bureau figures available — than in 2009. And the number getting food stamps climbed 11 million from June 2009 to June 2014

**Labor Statistics.**  
Longer average unemployment: Those without jobs are worse off, on average, than they were five years ago, with the average jobless spells going from 23.9 weeks to 33.5 weeks.

gram's outlook deteriorated sharply under Obama. In 2009, the program's annual report projected that the Social Security Trust Fund had until 2037 before it ran out of money. Now it's 2030, according to

doubled since June 2009 and is trading near record highs. And corporate profits in the first quarter of this year were 52% higher than they were in Q2 2009. The problem is that, unlike in previous recov-

# The Pope House Museum in Duchesne



The Pope House Museum is located on 100 North Street in Duchesne, next to the Duchesne High School football field.

**STORY BY HELEN MALLAS**  
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Have you heard of the Pope Museum? What about the history behind it?

It started with Fred and Marie Pope. The Popes grew up in the Basin but left during the depression to find work in Wyoming and Montana. The couple returned to Duchesne in 1949.

Fred was a rancher at the time and had been for 43 years. However, he was told by a doctor that he couldn't do it anymore if he "wanted to live much longer." Fred had previously trained in law with his father, so with that training Fred was qualified and became the Justice of the Peace for nine years in Duchesne.

"In fact his home was his office and his chambers," said Dea Skewes, a Pope

Museum volunteer. After a few years Fred's doctor told him he had to be retired for good for medical reasons. But Fred was not too happy about sitting back and doing nothing.

Fred started a hobby. He started to build miniature diorama's portraying the life of a rancher. He also started writing a book called Ranch People.

Fred loved being a cowboy and enjoyed portraying the everyday life and work ranchers performed. Fred used his models and displays to teach people, especially children, how ranchers did their work. He and Marie often went to schools to show their models and talk about "the old days."

Marie's stories about growing up on her family's homestead inspired Fred to build dioramas portraying her early life as well. Marie

would create the outfits for the small characters Fred had built.

According to the book, Ranch People:

"Being a cowboy, and having used all the equipment for that job, he was aware of all the little parts and pieces that made things work. Someone once asked Fred how he could make miniature wagons so realistic. Fred replied, 'If you had slept under as many wagons as I have, you'd know how they were made also.'"

Fred died at the age of 75 and when his wife Marie died years later at the age of 90 their daughters, who had never lived in Duchesne, donated the home and the dioramas to the city.

Skewes along with other community members suggested the house be turned into a museum. Originally the City Council was

concerned about funding a museum, however eventually a decision was made. The house turned into a museum and is standing tall today.

"He built everything so small, including wagons that have moving wheels, buildings with doors that open and shut and so much more" said Jeanne Dumas, Pope Museum volunteer.

The Museum is located at 100 North 370 West in Duchesne and is available to be shown by appointment.

For information, call Dea Skewes at 435-822-5745

The museums upkeep is paid for by donations. If you are interested in donating to the Pope Museum, go to any Zions Bank and make a deposit towards the Pope Museum.

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# Price of water about

## Duchesne eyes 49 percent hike Roosevelt co

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Duchesne City has cleared the way for a possible increase in its culinary water rates, holding a public hearing during last week's city council meeting.

"Raising water rates isn't what we want to do," Duchesne Mayor RoJean Rowley said. "We have more water than many places. The problem with having this much water is having to transport it to our residents."

Duchesne's current base rate is \$18.50 per

month for the first 8,000 gallons. The proposed rate would have a flat fee of \$18 per month with no water included. Users would then pay \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons. That means users would pay \$27.60 per month for the same 8,000 gallons they currently receive for \$18.50 a month.

The rate jumps to \$1.40 per 1,000 gallons from 20,001 to 30,000 gallons, and \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons from 30,001 to 40,000 gallons. Water use above 40,000 gallons would be charged at \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons.

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Uintah Basin Standard

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A motivating factor for the increase is the city's plan to apply to the state Permanent Community Impact Board for a 70 percent grant, 30 percent loan package so it can begin a \$5 million water system upgrade. The CIB often looks at an entity's rate structure before deciding whether to approve a funding package. If rates are too low, the board may deny an application.

Duchesne has an abundance of aging, failing transite pipe in its culinary system. Transite pipe is made with asbestos and becomes a hazard to try to remove. The failing pipes also create the possibility that groundwater could seep into the city's drinking water system creating health risks.

"With our water lines in the condition they are, they are brittle, they are breaking," Rowley said. "It is important to take care of this while we have

the chance."

Duchesne City Councilwoman Jeannie Mecham, who was absent from last Tuesday's meeting, wrote a letter to her colleagues expressing her opposition to the rate increase.

"An alternative to raising rates would be to cut back on the water project," Mecham wrote. "We can do it in phases. ... We need to find an alternative to raising the rates."

Councilwoman Nancy Wager disagreed with the idea of a phased project.

"The fact is we have pipes that are just falling apart," Wager said. "If we do it in phases, then we are totally out of the ballpark to go get a loan. You're on your own, paying for each of those phases."

Councilman Rodney Rowley said the rate increase will allow the city to get funding for upgrades needed now and be prepared for future projects.

The council did not vote on a rate increase last week. It could do so at its next meeting, which is set for April 26.

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# about to go up

## Roosevelt considers higher rates

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Roosevelt City is expected to join the growing list of Uintah Basin communities that have raised water rates or are in the process of doing so.

During a recent presentation to the Roosevelt City Council, Finance Director Tammy Wilkerson said providing water costs the municipality more than \$1.5 million annually. Offsetting revenues total more than \$1.9 million. This only leaves an estimated revenue to the city of

a little more than \$353,000.

That amount of revenue, according to Wilkerson, does not begin to cover anticipated expansion, replacement of any broken lines or needed improvements to the water system.

No new rate schedule has been presented to the council for approval yet; however, there are already multiple projects being planned for this summer that include replacing existing transite pipe and aging systems along the U.S. Highway 40 corridor through Roosevelt. The

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early estimate for just the main street section of these projects is approaching \$900,000.

Assistant Roosevelt City Manager Roger Eschler said the city has seen an increase in costs for providing water since the last rate increase three years ago.

That's one of the reasons for adjusting fees, is to allow for replacing aging pipe and inadequate parts of the system," Eschler said. "We've reached a crossroads where we have to start putting away some money so we can maintain what we have and allow for growth."

The city's secondary water system has its own financial issues. Officials now say that the water is being delivered to users below cost and even if rates were increased by 15 percent, the city would just break even with cost of delivery.

The intent of the secondary water system is to reduce pressure on the culinary system, which had been used in the past throughout the city for irrigation purposes. The system is in use at the cemetery, the parks, the golf course, and in a limited number of neighborhoods, but is slated to undergo expansion this summer.

The council is working to balance the equity of rates for water users who have secondary water available to them

and those who do not. Secondary rates will have to rise and culinary rates will need to be adjusted so that they cover costs but don't subsidize the secondary users, council members have said.

"We went into the secondary water starting from base zero. We made our best estimates for costs," Roosevelt Mayor Vaun Ryan said. "It became very clear that we had under-priced the secondary service. We didn't want to overcharge anyone as we started."

Ryan said the council is intent on ensuring that it can provide services to its residents in the future and is simply trying to anticipate what will happen in years to come.

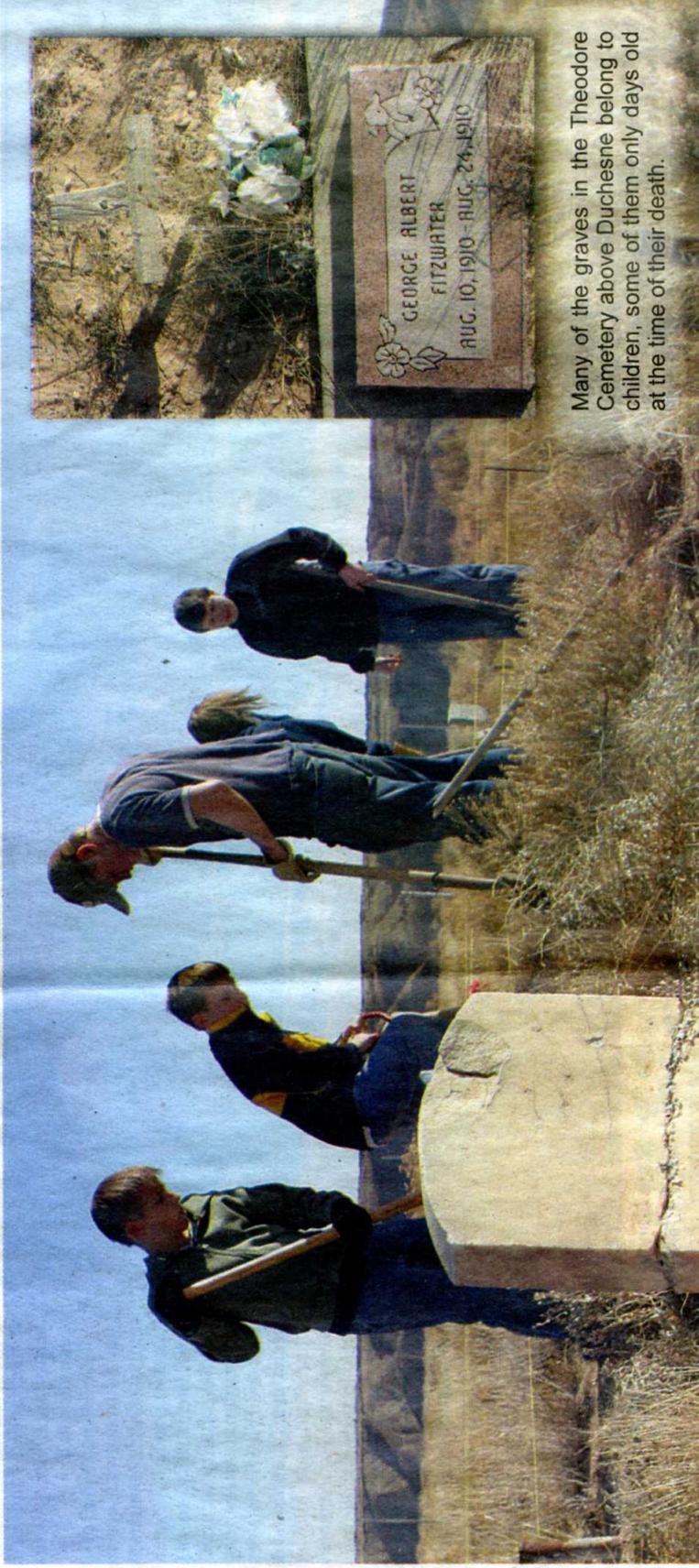
"Water is going to be a scarce commodity," he said. "We want it to be as plentiful and as inexpensive to users as possible."

"It's clear to me that we will be adjusting water rates maybe annually for a while until we find the correct balance," the mayor said.

The water rate situation is the same for all Basin communities.

The Vernal City Council last week unanimously passed a \$11 per month increase for water rates. It was the first increase since 2003. Meanwhile, the Duchesne City Council has been discussing increases to its water rates as well. Duchesne, like Roosevelt, is about to undertake major improvements to its water system.

# Project restores Theodore Cemetery



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John Jacobs died of typhoid fever over 100 years ago, he is buried on a bleak, sagebrush hillside. What was then the city of Duchesne, now known as Duchesne. At the time, others joined him on the windy hillside.

Many of the graves are unmarked. The cemetery has fallen into gross neglect. But with the help of Youthful Boy Scouts, and women from Duchesne City Beautification Committee, these 41 grave sites will no longer be neglected, nor the deceased forgotten.

"It was up there," said Morley, a 15-year-old Eagle Scout with Troop 268 in Duchesne. "I didn't know how many people were buried there. It's important we preserve it."

It is one of two Scouts planning to improve the cemetery. Grant, who has hiked the area and beyond to reach the cluster of unmarked headstones that mark the site. The place impressed Grant that he once told his mother to be buried there. "It's not likely to happen."

Theodore Cemetery, founded in 1870, is the first cemetery in Duchesne County, compiled by Mildred Grant, Susan Grant claimed to be a grave in this particular area was very difficult. "The rock formation being very hard to break through," Grant said. "Even the use of powder was not enough. It soon became evident that the cemetery location would have to be moved."

Many of the graves in the Theodore Cemetery above Duchesne belong to children, some of them only days old at the time of their death.



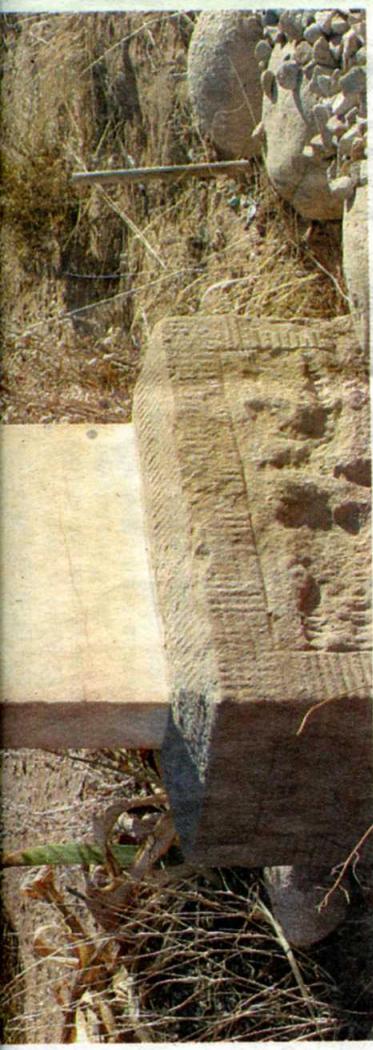
### Who's Buried in Theodore Cemetery

| Name                    | Age      | Cause of Death*   |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Arnold Alplanalp        | 7 months | whooping cough    |
| Lydia Helen Alplanalp   | 9 months | whooping cough    |
| Carl August Andersen    | 67       | consumption       |
| Karl Billings           | 3        | acute enteritis   |
| Lester Billings         | 3 1/2    | acute pneumonia   |
| George Albert Fitzwater | 15 days  | cholera infantis  |
| Inez Fortie             | 30 days  | bronchitis        |
| Mary Fortie             | 1 month  | pneumonia         |
| Fern Mary Goff          | 3 months | drowned           |
| Mace Rullison Grant     | 18       | typhoid pneumonia |
| John Jacobs             | 66       | bronchopneumonia  |
| Ishmael Keele           | 4 months | heart             |
| Leonard Kofford         | 8        | pneumonia         |
| Myron Rev. Lance        |          |                   |

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4 the Theodore or Old Duchesne City Beautification Com- member Carol Thomas feels that site shouldn't be forgotten. ery willing to help another Boy dy Moon, when he showed



Volunteers led by Eagle Scout candidates Brady Moon, left, and Morgan Rowley, third from left, clear weeds from what will become a cobblestone-lined gravel walkway at the Theodore Cemetery.

an interest in sprucing up the abandoned cemetery.

"When we talked about the project he wanted to go up right that day," Thomas said. "I went with him and his mom and we walked through the cemetery."

As the group noted what needed to be done to fix up the place, they decided they could use some help. Rowley became a willing recruit.

Volunteer help for the project was easier to find than the money that was needed. This dilemma was partially solved when Moon received a \$1,000 donation from YouthLINC - a service organization designed to help teens who want to contribute to their communities. YouthLINC felt the project was extensive enough to merit its involvement.

For the past two Saturdays Rowley and Moon have recruited parents and other Scouts to dig up trails, install weed barriers, and add cobblestones.

They will eventually survey the property, complete a natural pathway through the cemetery, repair the border fence, install a rock bench to memorialize those buried there, and install a cemetery name plate at the entrance. This will all be done in a partnership with the city Beautification Committee.

The Scouts and committee members also want to find descendants of those who are buried in the old cemetery. If those who have ancestors on the hill are interested, the boys would love to



Part of the restoration project is the GPS mapping of each burial site. The coordinates will be used to create a map of the cemetery so that visitors can locate their relatives' graves.

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Jeneva Marsing  
Marie Marsing  
Martha Ann Marsing  
Leydie Meadows  
Peter Wentworth Mott  
Carl Jay Murray  
Emima Manervie Olsen  
Marcella Pope  
Roland Pope  
Sarah Powell  
Hyrum Heber Pulley  
James L. Rice  
Joseph Robinson  
Jessie May Roseberry  
Eva Smith  
daughter of Sarah Fausett Young  
(son?) of Chloe Williams  
son of Myrtle Jolly Wheeler  
Arthur Alonzo Thompson  
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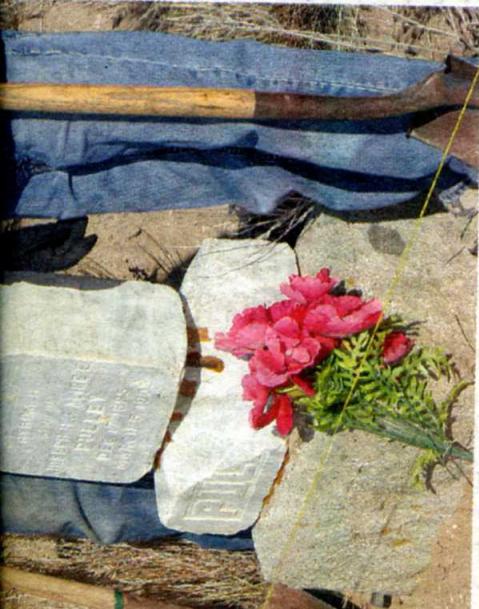
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Source: Duchesne City death certificates, originals in the Duchesne City Office

grandmother."  
Nearly a century ago Thomas' grandmother stood at the river's edge and watched her 18-year-old son Rulison carefully make his way across a wire bridge that waved over the Duchesne River, swollen with flood water.

The flood had caused a drifting pole to lift the bridge sideways. With the help of an ax the boy was going to knock away the obstruction so that the family's cows could cross back over.

When the bridge flipped back into place, the teen was knocked off into the water. Men dragged the river and some even dived in, but they could find no trace of his body. Two months later he was finally found washed out onto a

Norma Kingery echoes these feelings.  
"I think it's exciting," she said about the improvements being made on the little site.  
Kingery had an uncle who died before his first birthday and is said to be buried somewhere among the sagebrush.  
"My mother talked about him quite a bit. I've looked up there and tried to find his grave. We wanted to put a headstone on there - just a small one."  
During the winter months the Scouts and the women who are assisting with the project are going to try to find more information about those buried in the old cemetery. The Scouts don't plan to finish their project until spring and intend to officially unveil the



Rowley and Brady Moon have adopted the restoration of the Theodore Cemetery as their Eagle Scout projects. The cemetery is the final resting place of 41 individuals, most of them children.

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The Scouts and committee members also want to find descendants of those who are buried in the old cemetery. If those who have ancestors on the hill are interested, the boys would love to take donations which they would use to build grave markers.

"We want to get all the information we can," Thomas said. "We would like to put it all in a book in the Family History Center. We want to put it online."

Thomas was raised in the area and then spent 42 years on the Wasatch Front. When she



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returned to the Uintah Basin she also returned to the tradition she'd gotten from her father of visiting the hilltop cemetery where her uncle, Mace Rulison Grant, was buried in 1909.

"This is a special place to me," Thomas said. "It brings me back to my dad and his family and my

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"My dad hid behind his sister's skirt so he wouldn't see his brother go under," Thomas explained. "This is my story. Everybody buried up there has a story. We want all of them."

"We don't want these people forgotten," adds Duchesne resident RosJean Rowley.

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The completion is being timed to coincide with the Utah's Youth Service Marathon, also sponsored in part by YouthLINC. There are 26 impact service projects this school year that will culminate

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# Little known of those who died...

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than the death certificates, few buried in Theodore Cemetery there publicly written record missing. Their deaths typically appear in the local newspaper. For example, records indicate that George was a month past his third birthday when he died in January 1911. Another certificate lists "acute enteritis" because of death and G. Victor Hill his wife Maggie as parents. In 1912, Billings was the general manager of the Duchesne Stage and Transportation Co. His name appears in an advertisement that appeared in a newspaper a week after his death, however, there is no mention of the child's death. It is not clear to suggest that death was a source of intense grief, but obituaries were only printed for those considered "recognized." Often times the names of "common" citizens were in letters of sympathy. In 1900, a 10-month-old baby girl died and a letter was in the March edition of The Duchesne Review of Sympathy.

"Hall of Myton Lodge No. 51

"Whereas: Our Brother Marcellus B. Pope and wife have been bereaved by the death of their youngest child, an only daughter;

"Be it Resolved - By Myton Lodge No. 51 I.O.O.F., that we extend to Brother Pope and family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow;

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Brother Pope and family, a copy spread on the minutes of the Lodge and a copy printed in the Duchesne Record. . . ."

Another death is recognized in the March 15, 1912, paper in a column entitled: "Happenings in and around Duchesne"

The author, M.M. Smith, tells of several illnesses in the community and reports on several who have been visiting family in the area. The sixth entry reads:

"Mort Marshing was the first to start plowing Saturday. He encountered no frost." The author then told that robins and other songbirds have been spotted and tells that a commissioner is expected to visit the area. Eight short paragraphs later in this entry the reader finds this

news: "The year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Marshing died Sunday night after a very short illness of pneumonia and oedema [sic] of the larynx."

Apparently, the Marshing who encountered no frost and the one who lost a child are the same.

Eva, the 3-year-old daughter of Chas W. Smith is also referred to in a column of local happenings. The August 16, 1912, article reads, "... died early Wednesday morning of a trouble believed to be leakage of the heart. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement."

## A NOTORIOUS DEATH

The death of Joseph R. Robinson did receive a rather lengthy news article because of the mystery surrounding his demise. The following is taken from an article dated July 8, 1909.

"Last Monday morning, George Smith came to Theodore and reported that something appeared to be wrong at the homestead of Joseph Robinson. . . . Marshal Jolly at once rode out to Robinson's cabin, and failing to secure any response from knocking on the door, broke in a window and saw the corpse of Robinson on the bed. Returning to Theodore, Marshal Jolly summoned Dr.

Albert Bjornson, A.M. Murdock, Daniel Oman, and other citizens, and returning to Robinson's cabin broke in the door.

"Lying upon his right side, with knees drawn up, and face discolored and expressive of pain as the strangled, the unfortunate homesteader with a bullet hole almost directly over his heart and a pistol under the blankets within an inch or two of his hands. The body was entirely nude, and covered by two army blankets drawn up as far as the shoulders.

"From the mortified condition of the corpse the fatal shot must have been fired sometime during the night following the last time Robinson was seen. . . . For hygienic reasons it seemed best to hold an inquest at once. . . . an unanimous verdict was reached that Robinson had shot himself."

The article continued to explain that the man was buried and then a justice of the peace held another inquiry. This jury, using only testimony as evidence, decided that it was impossible to decide whether or not the man had shot himself or was killed by someone else. Several items, including at least two guns and a large silver watch, that Robinson was known to possess, could not be found.

The article also said:

"... nor did a thoro [sic] search reveal more than \$1.20 anywhere on the premises, although it has always been generally believed the homesteader had considerable money at his home. . . ."

"In the three or four years Robinson lived in Indian Canyon no other person ever entered his house, nor had he ever crossed the threshold of any other home but his own. He had served honorably thru [sic] two enlistments in the army, and had been married, but for some reason he and his wife had parted. Beyond those facts little was known of the lonely man. . . ."

"Later P.S. Bowman a U.S. government official in Salt Lake City came to investigate the death of his brother-in-law Joseph R. Robinson. He stated that the deceased broke down before graduating from college some years ago and never regained his health. On this account he led an out-of-door life. "Mr. Bowman examined the cabin and could find no trace of many articles, several of considerable value, that he and his wife had sent Robinson, or that they knew Robinson had in his possession. . . . Mr. Bowman is very certain his brother

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on that day. Each of these projects, like the Theodore Cemetery project, received funding to make them more effective.

The goal of the Utah Youth Service Marathon is to involve as many youth, community members, businesses and non-profit partners as possible to raise awareness about the ability of youth to impact their communities through service.

Anyone who recognizes any of the names of those who are buried in the Theodore Cemetery are encouraged to contact Carol Thomas at 435-738-5709 or 801-592-6837 or RoJean Rowely at 738-522 or 733-1255. Brady Moon can also be contacted at 738-5571 or [glmoon@ubtanet.com](mailto:glmoon@ubtanet.com).

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# Boxcar living

By Nancy Spurlock  
 Uintah Basin Standard

## Railroad vehicles home for local family

Duchesne residents **Idonna and Rodney Prows** sought out alternative housing solutions when there was a tight housing market in the 1980s. That's when the Prowses got the idea to build their home out of railroad boxcars after looking in the classified ad section of a Salt Lake newspaper.

"There was an ad in their paper for 22 boxcars for sale in Ogden, Utah," Rodney Prows said. "To me it sounded like rectangular building blocks."

The Prowses purchased property next to the Strawberry River, then called several architects and found that most were disinterested. Only one stood out - train enthusiast Gil Rand - who phoned the Prowses back and said that he'd be "excited to work with you on a project."

After the Prowses secured their architect it was a collaborative effort designing the four-bedroom home. The two box cars on either end - four total - of the solarium are used for bedroom and bathroom spaces. The other two box cars are paired together across a hallway from the solarium and used for kitchen and living-room spaces.

"We got the architect to give us a drawing of what the house would be like," Rodney Prows said. "Then we bought six boxcars from the guy in Ogden. Then we had to figure out how to get them to Duchesne."

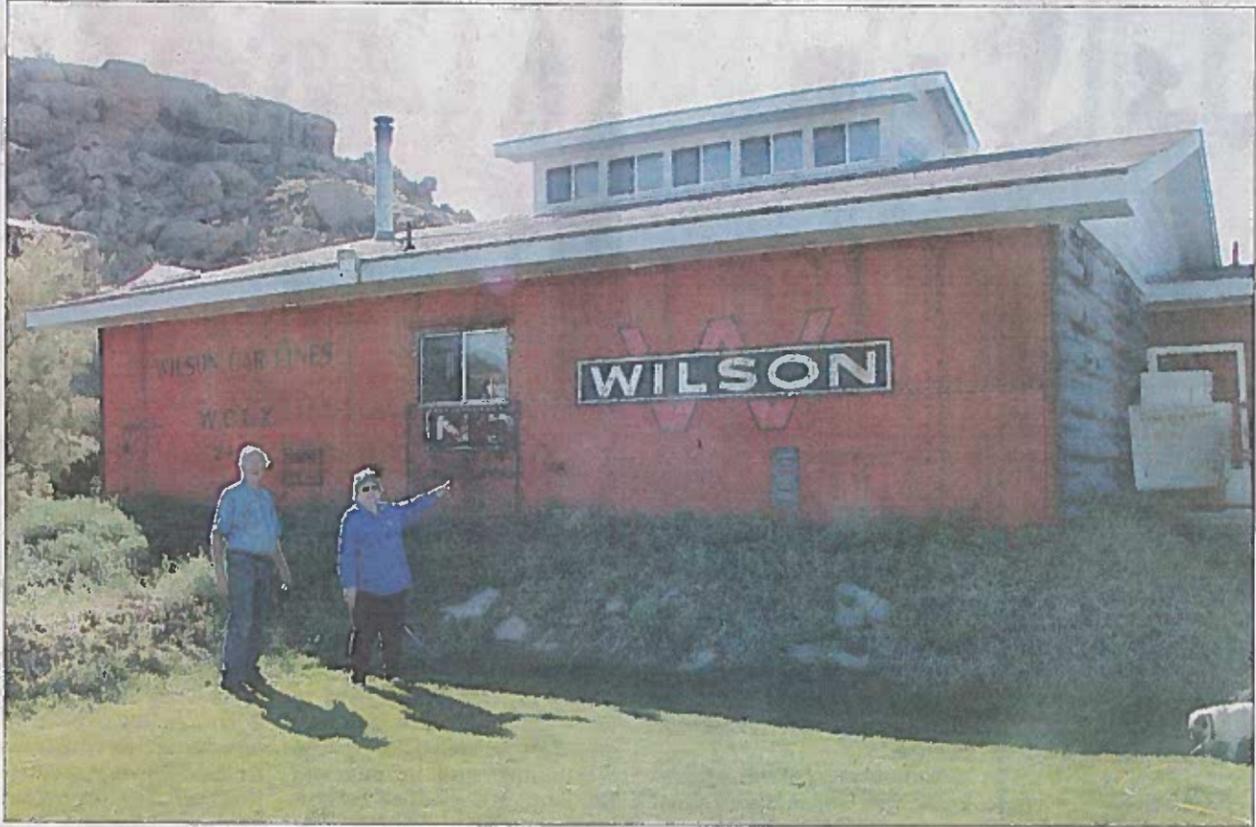
At the time, Rodney Prows was an employee for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The bureau was building the inner workings of the Stillwater Dam so Prows was surrounded by heavy equipment. It was one day while on the job that Prows realized in order to transport the boxcars - with no wheels and weighing approximately 50,000 pounds each - he'd have to use a trailer.

"One day I looked out the window from the office and there was an oilfield low-boy trailer with a wench on the front of it," Rodney Prows said. "They move big loads. I thought, 'I wonder if they could do it?' So I found out who the owner was and I called him."

The trucker agreed that he would haul two of the boxcars from Ogden.

Rodney Prows rode in the truck with the owner's son on the way to pick up the boxcars. He said the man expressed great concern about how to haul them.

"We get down to the field where there's 22 boxcars," Rodney Prows said. "I'm dealing with the lady I'm buying the cars from and talking to her. The truckers backed up their truck to one of these boxcars, hooked the wench cable to the coupler and they've sucked it on to the trucks."



Duchesne residents Idonna and Rodney Prows live next to the Strawberry River in a home made of six Wilson Meat Packing railroad boxcars. The couple has owned the alternative steel-framed home since the 1980s.

They were using their binders and stuff to bind it down and they were ready to go within five minutes after we got there."

After three trips over as many days, they'd hauled the 42-by-9-foot boxcars back to the Prowses' lot in Duchesne. For months, the couple tore out the racks, steel cages and anything inside of the cars, keeping whatever could be used within the home. Since they were Wilson meat-packing cars, they were insulated and had ice bins in the end of them. The "ice drop" openings in the ceilings of the cars were recycled and used as skylights.

"The big eye beams that were holding the ice, those eye beams are now the structure holding the floor out there," Rodney Prows said, giving reason for the wide hallway. "So then you have to take out the walls, and the piece of the walls that had to come out for entries into the rooms. There were 1,500 rivets that had to be ground off, then punched out so we could take the walls off."

"After all of that, then we got the spot where the house was going to set ready," Prows continued. "Then we called the same trucker and a crane

and they came and set the cars on the foundation."

Unfortunately, a heavy rain caused a flood. It not only put them behind schedule, but the outrigger placing the cars sunk and they had to drop one of the boxes to get it out. After the rain stopped and everything dried they were able to pull out the outrigger and salvage the boxcar. Once they fit the pieces into place they roofed it. Then they installed the plumbing, electric system, duct work, insulation, a ground loop heat pump, a solar hot-water system and anything associated with building the interior of a home.

"We took all the parts of the car we stripped down and we used as many of them as we could," Rodney Prows said. "So the insulation that came out of the pieces of wall that we'd took out, we put back in. So we've got 8 inches of fiberglass in all the outside walls, a foot of Styrofoam in the floor and 8 inches in the ceiling."

It was a labor of love for the Prows family and after about three years of work they were finally ready to move in, but the challenges were not over yet.

"When we first moved here we couldn't get TV," Idonna Prows said. "So the kids didn't like it the first little while, we just had movies."

That problem was easily solved in time with the invention of the satellite dish. They also experienced "soft" water issues.

"We're on a well, and you'd expect the water to be hard, but it's extremely soft," Rodney Prows said. "When we first moved in it, it was even softer. So you could wash your hair and rinse for three days and still feel like you never got the soap out."

Once they finally moved in, the townsfolk who thought they were crazy started knocking on the door and asking for tours of the unique home. The couple have since expanded their sanctuary. They've used some of the boxcar parts and made a play area for their grandkids.

"We love it here," Idonna Prows said. "It's peaceful."



Rodney and Idonna Prows point out the architectural details inside their home, which was made from railroad boxcars. Many of the home's features are made with items, beams and wood that came from the original boxcars.

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The Prows family home of Duchesne is made from railroad boxcars that were recycled and are now used as skylights in the 3,000-square-foot home. The "ice drop" openings in the ceilings of the cars were recycled and are now used as skylights in the 3,000-square-foot home.



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THE PROWS FAMILY  
DUCHEсне, WYOMING

## NEW SUIT MAKES TWO CASES AGAINST CITY

# Religious group takes Duchesne City to court over monument

by Lezlee E. Whiting

The Salt Lake-based religious group Summum filed suit in federal court last week against Duchesne city leaders after they turned down the group's request to display the Ten Commandments on public property. The group's request lists the beliefs of Summum. The suit names Duchesne Mayor Clinton Park and City Council members Kelly Kielbasa, Yordis Nelson, Diane Miller, Nancy Wager and Paul Tanner as defendants.

This is the second suit to be filed against the city over the placement of the Ten Commandment monument on public property. In August the Society of Separationists filed a federal lawsuit against seeking removal of the monument. Just before the suit was filed, the city deeded a 10 by 11 foot plot of land in Roy Park that contains the monument to the Duchesne Lion's Club in hopes of avoiding litigation.

The Duchesne City Council earlier stated they will go to court rather than remove the monument. It was reported last month that The Ameri-

The lawsuit alleges the transfer of the land to the Lion's Club cannot be found in any City Council minutes.

can Center for Law and Justice in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the Thomas More Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan have offered their services to the city for free, however Park said he hasn't been contacted by anyone from either firm.

Park said he first heard about the Summum lawsuit while watching the television news late last week and hasn't seen a copy of the court document. City attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs has repeatedly declined requests for comment on the case.

In the latest suit, attorneys for Summum maintain Duchesne is obligated to donate land for the religious monument because the city previously donated land to the Duchesne Lion's Club. The Ten Com-

mandment monument that was given to the city in 1979 by the Cole family in memory of their deceased father, Irvin Cole.

Summum made their request on Sept. 9 and again on Oct. 4. They were formally turned down by mayor Clint Park in a letter dated Oct. 23. Park said the city donated the land to the Lion's Club in recognition of their service to the community. He also said that should members of Summum donate the same amount of time in public service to Duchesne, their request would be considered.

Attorney Brian Bernard calls the transfer of the property to the Lion's Club "unlawful and invalid." A 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals decision last year involving a similar case in Ogden was resolved in favor of Summum.

The religious group, which espouses teachings based upon ideas that pre-date the ancient Egyptians, seeks "special, general and punitive damages against all defendants in the sum of at least \$1 each" but requests "a larger and more appro-

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appropriate sum" to be determined at trial for violation of federal claims listed in the suit. The suit also asks the court to order the defendants to pay the plaintiff's attorney fees.

If the court rules in favor of Summum, the Seven Aphorisms could be erected near the Ten Commandment monument.

"The rights of plaintiff Summum are violated when the defendants give preference and endorsement to one particular set of religious beliefs by allowing the Ten Commandments monument to remain in a public park or in a forum within the public park supported by taxpayers and disallow the religious tenants of Summum to be similarly displayed."

The lawsuit alleges the transfer of the land to the Lion's Club cannot be found in any Duchesne City Council minutes. It is unlawful for a city council to give away public property without doing it in a public forum, however, Park said he is certain the transfer was agreed to during a city council meeting.

"I will have to go back and dig that out. I remember talking about that with the rest of the council and that's what we decided we were going to do," he said.

The suit also states the Duchesne Lion's Club cannot hold title to the property because they are not legally registered with the state as a corporation or entity.

"We may not be registered with the state of Utah, but we are with the Lion's foundation in Illinois," said Park

Ten Commandment monuments around the state placed on public property have been targeted for removal. The monuments were given to several cities in Utah in the 1970s by the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Most cities have acquiesced to the demand, while others, including Duchesne and Pleasant Grove, have opted to fight the matter in court. Ogden also opted for litigation, but lost their battle to keep their ten commandment monument on public property.

Those who oppose the monument on public land say they are not against religion, but are opposed to allowing religious beliefs to be displayed on public property.

In Summum's case against Duchesne City, Bernard said the group wants their beliefs granted equal consideration by city leaders. He also noted the case could be resolved and the city's Ten Commandment monument could be viewed better if it were placed in a more predominate spot in the community on private property. There have reportedly been several offers from private landowners in Duchesne who are willing to allow the monument to be placed on their land.

inaugural event and those who participated had a good time.

The winners in the 6- to 7-year-old age group were:

Most Original — Aspen Jensen, dressed as Minnie Mouse, with her duck, dressed as Donald Duck

as a circus lion

Best Fair Theme — Wylie Blanchard and his dog, both dressed as pirates

The winners in the 4- to 5-year-old age group were:

Most Original — Aften and Mattie Richens with their

dog, with a lamb, dressed as a pioneer, with his lamb, dressed as an ox

Best Movie Character — Cade Norman, dressed as Darth Vader, with his duck, dressed as Luke Sky-Quacker.



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Miss Duchesne County Brittan Reinhardt was on hand to help cut the ribbon at the new welcome center in Duchesne City. The facility is the result of a strong partnership between Duchesne City and the Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Ribbon cutting held for welcome center

By Steve Puro  
Uintah Basin Standard

Duchesne County and Duchesne City held a ceremony last week to celebrate the opening of a new welcome center.

The center, which occupies space in the city building, is a partnership between the municipality and the Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The welcome center is kind of a dream come true, made possible by Duchesne City," said chamber Executive Director Irene Hansen.

"They were very committed to helping us build a visitor center in conjunction with the new city building," she said.

"We can't thank Duchesne City enough."

Chad Davis, special projects manager and statewide welcome center coordinator for the Utah Office of Tourism, was on hand for the ribbon cutting.

"I remember talking to Irene over the past two years about overcoming the obstacles; you have to give credit to the local community here," Davis said.

The Utah Office of Tourism provided technical assistance during the development of the center and helps provide statewide information materials.

"We provide state maps and we just published a compact road map," Davis said. "We try to be sure we have materials

to support our good people out here in the trenches promoting these areas."

The improved location compared with the original center has increased the number of daily contacts. The new facility is serving 20 to 50 people a day, according to Hansen.

Studies indicate that helping people who are traveling and providing them with quality local information through a visitor center helps bring additional tourism revenue to an area, she said.

"People don't care what county they are in, they don't care what city they are in, they want to know what there is to do," Hansen said.



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# Scouts sickened by Duchesne pool chemicals

By Ranae Bangarter  
Vernal Express

The Duchesne City swimming pool is closed until further notice, after three Boy Scouts were sickened when the pool's chemical pump malfunctioned and spread extra chemicals into the water on Wednesday, according to Cpl. Monty Nay with the Duchesne County Sheriff's Office.

Nay said the pump holds

chemicals that clean the pool, such as hydrochloric acid and chlorine.

He said the malfunction "caused some breathing problems with a couple of the kids that were in there."

Three Boy Scouts, two age 11 and one age 13, were sickened from the chemicals.

"When we arrived they were all in front of the pool outside in the front on the grass," Nay said. "One was in pretty rough

shape there for a little bit, he was the worst of it, and the other two were just sick."

All three boys have been released from the hospital, according to Duchesne City. One of the boys was taken

by air ambulance to Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, said Duchesne City Mayor Ro-Jean Rowley.

Rowley said the TriCounty

Health Department came to check out the pool.

The pool will likely open up after the people who built the swimming pool come into town and check it out on Monday, she said.

"If everything checks out alright, we'll open it back up," Rowley said. "We're grateful that the three kids are going to be alright."

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# Sign may solve city's Jake brake dilemma

By Laric Lehmann  
Uintah Basin Standard

Duchesne City leaders may have resolved a heated Jake brake debate - for the time being. City council members asked residents to attend their meeting last Tuesday to discuss the pros and cons of a proposed ordinance that would restrict the use of engine brakes within city limits. Over 30 people showed up to voice their opinions, arguing for and against drafting the new ordinance.

Most of the comments came from those who work in the trucking industry.

"(Jake brakes) are safe and they can do the job, but without mufflers they can shatter the windows on your house," said one man. "But down-shifting on a big rig doesn't work as well as Jake braking, it can take up to twice the distance to stop."

The council learned that most of the problem with engine braking noise comes from improper equipment on semi-trucks, not from using the alternate brake system by itself.

"If the trucker has the required equipment installed, the loud noise won't be produced," said an employee of Duchesne-based PR Trucking. "The trucks with straight pipes and no mufflers are the ones that make noise."

Utah already has noise regulations in effect that call for mufflers to be in place for all semi-trucks with engine brake systems. But just like some motorcycle or car enthusiasts, a few truckers enjoy removing

the muffler systems in order to produce more robust noises from their vehicles.

As one experienced trucker at the meeting said: "It's just the 'cowboys' doing it, the noise won't come from a truck that has all the right equipment on it ... just like some kids who ride around with loud stereo systems, the noise is a personal choice made by the drivers."

Even if the city decided to draft and enact an engine brake ordinance, several truck drivers say they would still use the supplemental systems in town. One man who has been driving trucks for over 20 years told the council "if the signs go up, I'm still going to use my Jake brakes. You have to in order to be safe."

After hearing arguments on both sides of the issue, Duchesne Mayor Clint Park cut through all the discussions and came down to the real issue.

"If we enact a general noise ordinance and put up signs that state this, will that satisfy most of you?" Park asked.

The vast majority of those in attendance quickly agreed that enforcing the current noise regulations in town would be sufficient for the time being.

Park also informed the residents that he has been talking with representatives of the Utah Department of Transportation and plans are in place to move speed limit signs further away from Duchesne city limits. That should slow down traffic much sooner, he said, and reduce some of the need for using engine brakes.

City council members sug-

gested an additional action residents can take in the future when they witness semi-trucks with loud engine brakes: Call the trucking company directly and report the driver.

The suggestion followed a letter sent to the city by Ogden-based Flying J. The company stressed in its letter that they would take all the steps needed to reprimand any driver who has taken off the required muffler systems on their truck.

According to trucking company employees who attended the meeting, most businesses would follow suit and actively pursue any driver who is reported for the equipment violation.

The city council will present the proposed wording for Duchesne's new noise ordinance signs at its June 23 meeting.

# Small town caring benefits seniors

By Cheryl Mecham  
 Uintah Basin Standard

August 2010 marked a record-breaking all-time high for ticket sales in a raffle organized by the Duchesne Advisory Council to benefit the seniors at the Gateway Senior Center in Duchesne that culminated with a drawing on the final night of the Duchesne County Fair.

Joyce Keysaw, former president of the council and member of more than 10 years, said organizers, volunteers, prize sponsors, and folks who live in and around Duchesne who supported the raffle, as well as seniors themselves, deserve a big pat on the back.

"We want to thank everyone who bought tickets and who sold tickets," Keysaw said. "We have more money in the bank than we've ever had, and every dime goes to benefit the seniors."

The money largely goes to buy needed items for the center and supplements a bevy of weekly bingo prizes, as well as paying for personal items for seniors in need, and holiday gifts and parties for the seniors.

"(The raffle) has been going on for over 25 years," Keysaw said. "Every year around fair time we do a raffle for a fundraiser. We sell tickets and we let everyone know that it is a donation. Every \$5 they donate they know that they are donating a Christmas gift or a birthday gift for a senior."

The seniors themselves were the first to buy tickets, Keysaw said, adding that they know firsthand how it feels to receive the little gifts the money buys.

"Seniors say that they have more fun at this senior center than anywhere else," she said. "We joke around a lot; we don't allow any old people."

Gateway director Michelle Pratt said the council's annual fundraiser makes a significant difference at the center. She said she will be approaching the council for a minor notable

because the game has been shown to reduce the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Research shows that ping pong provides exercise, social interaction and promotes thinking skills, the three important elements that prevent dementia.

"(The seniors) deserve it," Pratt said. "They do so much to help each other. If someone needs help with yardwork or anything (council members and other seniors) show up and help. It happens all the time. We just love them."

Carolyn Draper, who participates in activities at the center, said that she is only a part-time resident in Fruitland, but visits the center as often as she can. Draper said she enjoys the warm, friendly atmosphere there and recently put brush to canvas during an art class.

"There are people who never look an art class in their life until they came here," she said, adding that much of the art displayed at the county fair was done by senior artists. A dozen canvases stand in various stages of completion in the art room, evidence that the art classes are popular.

Art instructor Idona Prows teaches the basic steps of oil painting, and will be helping the seniors with ceramics as soon as the center's kitchen temporarily out of service is operational.

The center offers a weekly schedule of activities and events as follows:

Lunch is served Monday-Friday at noon. Meals are free to seniors age 65 and older; others are asked to pay a suggested donation of \$4.50.

Art classes are offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wii Fitness sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Card games are organized on Thursdays and bingo is held on Fridays. Wednesdays are reserved for educational sessions, outings and activities. Buses with various routes are able to transport seniors to and from the center Wednesday through Friday.

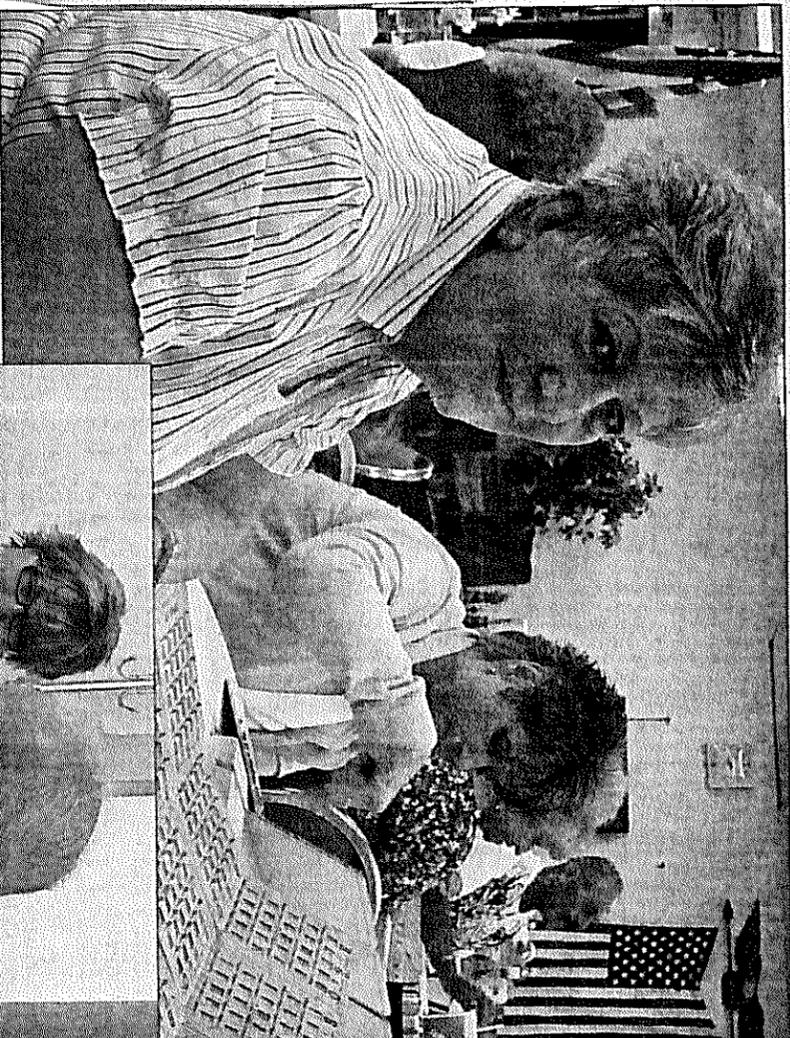
For home-bound seniors the center offers two programs: the Telephone Assurance Program and Home Delivered Meals. Senior volunteers in the Telephone Assurance Program make calls to two dozen seniors each to check up on them and make sure all is well. Basil "Luge" Lugenbeel, 89, is one of the four dedicated callers who works from his list every day.

"We are the only center who does it," Pratt said. "We call people who live all over the Basin."

Home delivered meals packed in insulated bags go out Monday through Friday. Shauna Perry is the driver who takes home-style cooking to shut-ins in Bridgeland, Myron, Talmage, Alamont and Utah.

"We do it every day," Perry said, adding that on Fridays she delivers frozen TV dinners for those who do not receive family help on the weekends. The program is administered through the Uintah Basin Association of Governments, however meals can begin if there is an immediate need before the application process is completed at the center, Pratt said.

Keysaw emphasized that the people of Duchesne and the surrounding communities are good to their senior population. "Not one single person can take the credit. It takes everybody," she said.

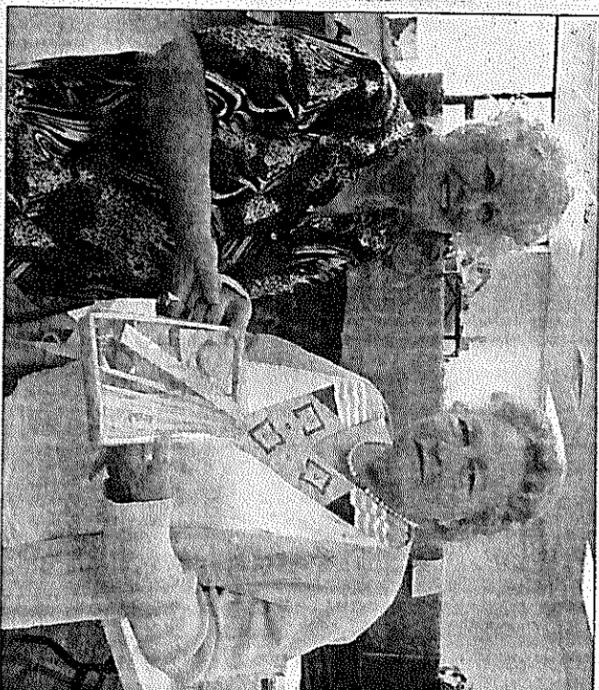


Barbara Quintana, newly elected president of the Duchesne Advisory Council, plays bingo on Friday afternoons at Gateway Senior Center. The council works all year to raise funds for gifts, bingo prizes, personal supplies for seniors and needed items for the center.

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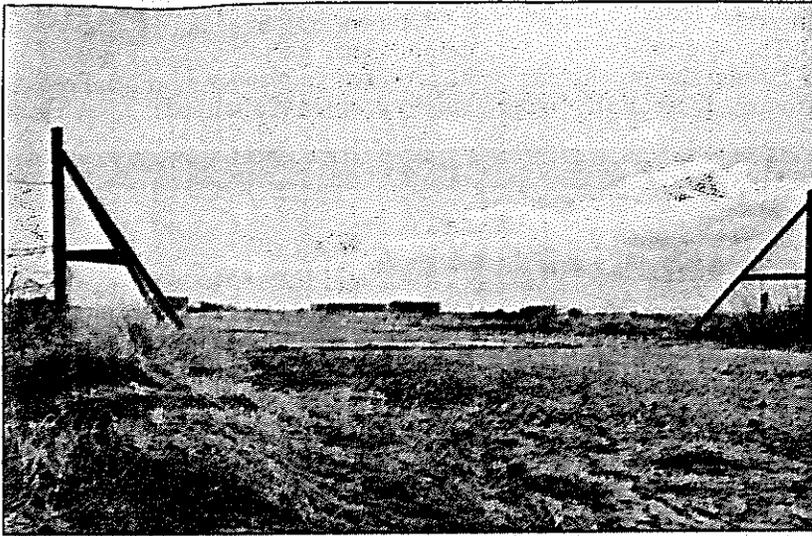


Michelle Pratt, director of the Gateway Senior Center, jokes with Basil "Luge" Lugenbeel, whom Pratt calls a "great volunteer." Luge, 89, is one of the callers with the Telephone Reassurance Program who phones home-bound seniors around the Uintah Basin during the week to ensure that all is well.



Joyce Keysaw, former Duchesne Advisory Council president, on left, congratulates Leah Sweet, a bingo winner who selected a candle gift set from the bingo prize tablets at the Gateway Senior Center. Keysaw worked with the council last year to organize a raffle and raise money which provides funds to supplement bingo prizes, personal items and holiday gifts for each senior and needed items for the center.

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The entrance to the Duchesne Municipal Airport is unguarded.

# Some bristle at airport gate

By DUSTIN HUGHES  
*Utah Basin Standard*

DUCHESNE — A proposal to install a security gate at the Duchesne Municipal Airport has a citizen's group up in arms and planning to speak at the Tuesday night Duchesne City Council meeting.

At the March 5 meeting, Mayor RoJean Rowley had an item on the agenda to discuss installing a gate at the airport entrance.

The matter died at the meet-

ing and didn't go to a vote, said Bryce Hamilton, Duchesne City Councilor.

That hasn't stopped the Airport Users Group from wanting to bring the matter up at the March 26 meeting.

Dick Timothy, a Duchesne pilot, said that the heart of the issue is the public nature of the Duchesne airport.

"It's a public airport," he said. "She (Rowley) has come to the idea if you have no business there you can't go there... Part of people's business is going where

they want to go."

Timothy said pilots and aviation enthusiasts often gather at the airport to socialize, pick up trash or so on.

He said the pilots understood there were parts of the airport — the runway and apron — where the public shouldn't be, for safety's sake.

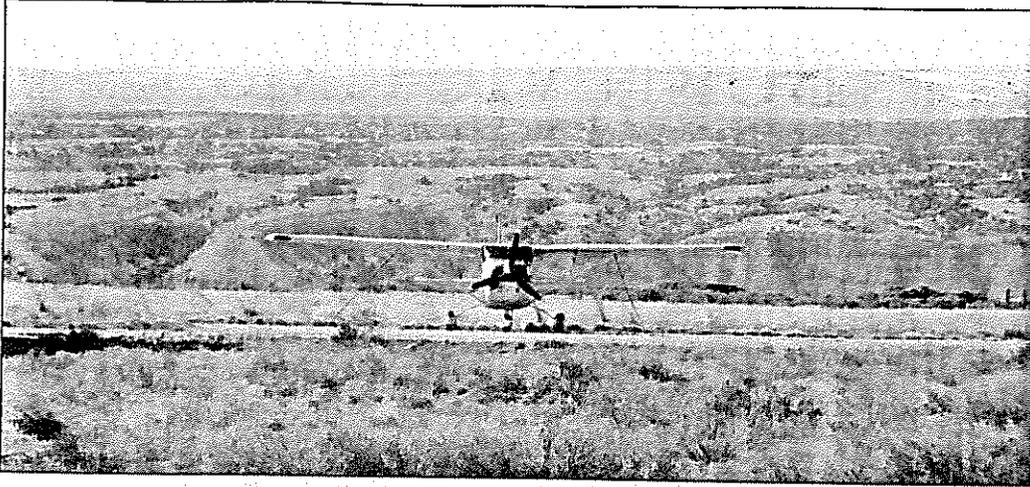
Hamilton said Rowley wants to increase security at the airport.

Currently the only security

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An airplane sits on the tarmac at Duchesne Municipal Airport. A recent proposal has called for a gate to bar public entrance to the facility.

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measure is a sign warning the public not to access the runway area, and a security camera. Entrance to the airport is made through an open gate over a cattle guard. The airport sits north of Duchesne, near the Duchesne County Justice Complex and off a dirt road.

On a recent day, several airplanes sat on the open tarmac, unguarded but for the security cameras.

Hamilton noted that currently there is no word of ordinance in the city code about the airport. There is no airport board or oversight, he said.

"There's an oversight we hope to correct shortly," Hamilton said.

He said while everyone agreed security needed to

be a priority, the Duchesne Airport has not had any problems to speak of in recent years.

"I've checked a lot of airports around the area," Hamilton said. "I've not run across one that gates the public off from the airport entirely."

The city council meeting is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Duchesne city office building, 500 E. Main in Duchesne.



**ON THE JOB** — Pictured left to right are South Duchesne Culinary Water employees Jeff Taylor, Dan Landers, and Ryan Abbott. The men are certified above what is required for the positions they hold within the water system. South Duchesne Culinary Water has experienced tremendous growth lately. The system serves customers who live east of Duchesne in the Utah Mini Ranches.

## South Duchesne Culinary Water raises the bar for employee qualifications

South Duchesne Water recently received approval from the state to build a 300,000-gallon water storage facility increasing the connection possibilities to 298 connections. They are presently taking bids on the construction of the new tank.

The company, which began operations in 1998, provides water to many Duchesne County residents east of Duchesne. They started out with a small storage facility and only a few connections and over the past two years the company has grown in leaps and bounds.

State regulations require that all approved water systems employ at least one certified water operator.

The level of certification required is dependent on water system size and the number of connections served. South Duchesne Water is currently required to have only one operator with a "Small Systems Certification."

However due to their tremendous growth they have educated three men who are now state certified water operators. Dan Landers, who serves as operations manger has level 4 Certification in distribution, the highest level awarded by the state. Construction foreman Ryan Abbott holds a level 1 Certification, the next level above current requirement, and lead man Jeff Taylor also holds a level 1 Certification in distribution.

# South Duchesne Culinary Water fined \$20,250

BY RYAN COLLINS  
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The Public Service Commission (PSC) found South Duchesne Culinary Water, Inc. (SDCW) failed to comply with applicable administrative rules and provisions of its tariff, forcing SDCW to pay associated penalties last month to Tanya and Nick Olsen and Shane Houskeeper.

The Olsen's and Houskeeper both filed formal complaints against the SDCW last year, and the PSC combined both the complaints, making a formal decision on the case Feb. 13.

The case started in court on July 27, 2017, when Tanya and Nick Olsen filed a formal complaint against SDCW. The following month, Shane Houskeeper also filed a formal complaint against the SDCW.

On Feb 13, the PSC found 12 violations by the SDCW in the Houskeeper complaint, arising from excessive late fees, and refusal to place Mr. Houskeeper on standby status and consequent overbilling, fining the SDCW \$9,000, or 38 percent of the maximum penalty.

In the Olsen case, the PSC found 15 offenses committed by the SDCW, including unlawful billing cycles, failure to allow 20 days to pay, inaccurate and excessive late fees, termination of service without proper notice, improper termination of service despite Ms. Olsen's timely payment, and improper termination of service on a Saturday. The PSC ordered the SDCW to pay the Olsen's a total of \$11,250 for the 15 offenses.

In total, the PSC found 27 offenses committed by the SDCW over the course of several years. The SDCW was ordered to pay a total of \$20,250 to the complainants.

Tanya Olsen said she wasn't expecting any money out of the case but was pursuing charges based on integrity.

"I have owned a home in the Utah Mini Ranches since 2005 as a new construction 2nd home in Duchesne," Olsen said. "Never, in a million years, did I think that I would run into so many issues with the seller, who is also the owner of South Duchesne Culinary Water. In short, I have paid hundreds of dollars in reconnect fees and late fees that were not legit. Their USPS PO Box in Duchesne was the only option they gave us homeowners to pay. There was no website to pay, no actual building to drop it off, and they would not take payment by phone. In my complaint I stated how I would second day my payments via USPS, only to show that they would not sign and pick it up for two weeks... which led to their poor judgment of disconnecting my water."

Olsen believes SDCW made a myriad of poor decisions that led to the decision on Feb. 13.

"This, I believe, is pretty bad for something that is a necessity. The Judge recognized their lack of concern and was fined for this as one of their 27 violations," Olsen said. "In another instance, I had a renter through my Wize Investments business who resided in my Duchesne home, who had informed me of flooding in the house from a water leak. I had tried several times to contact



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The entrance of Utah Mini Ranches where Tanya Olsen and Shane Houskeeper have properties. South Duchesne Culinary Water has been ordered to pay a fine of \$20,250 for violations to Olsen and Houskeeper as a result of 27 violations found by the Public Service Commission on Feb. 13. Some of the violations include excessive late fees, unlawful billing cycles, termination of service without proper notice, and improper termination of service. Olsen and Houskeeper filed the two cases against South Duchesne Culinary Water around the same time by coincidence.

SDCW and left several messages to have my water shut off for repairs...only to be ignored. Because of the flooding, I had to drive out to my rental property in the Mini Ranches, which is 3 hours from my primary home, contact a repair guy and work through the water mess as best as I could with the water still on. Needless to say, it warped and damaged many areas of my home. There are many other issues through SDCW, these are

just a few examples. I did not ask for any money or reimbursement in my lawsuit, only to put a stop to a cowardly business who has done so many people wrong for so long. I was so determined to put an end to SDCW practices, that I ended up retaining an attorney for this case."

The Olsen's and Houskeeper kept in contact throughout the litigation process and were satisfied with the Judge's decision last month.

"Shane Houskeeper and myself, have kept in recent contact regarding our combined lawsuits and are both happy that Justice was served," Olsen said.

Joan Steed and her late husband Frank have faced a litany of charges over the past decade including fraud, assault, sexual battery, unlawful detention and tax evasion, none of which they were convicted for and were ultimately found innocent of the charges.

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**FROM ONE TO ANOTHER** — After seven years of being Duchesne Elementary's principal, Fred Arko is going to be the new principal of Neola Elementary.

## Students & staff bid Duchesne principal Arko a fond farewell

By Sheena M. Forster

After seven years of loving labor, principal Fred Arko will be transferring from Duchesne Elementary to Neola Elementary beginning in the 2003-04 school year. He was given an emotional send-off in a special assembly to mark the opening of Duchesne Elementary's new playground.

The faculty thanked him for all of the time he dedicated to the school and expressed how much they would miss him. They also gave him an eagle figurine to represent the school's mascot.

For Arko, serving as principal at Duchesne Elementary was a job that happily turned into much more than he thought it would be. "It's not just the school, it's the community, they've gotten behind us. I feel like I have made great relationships with not just kids and teachers at school, but also with people in the community," he related. "I can't think of any one thing that has brought more joy than this."

Born and raised in Sandy, Arko did his student teaching at Washing-

ton Elementary in the Salt Lake School District. His first teaching job was at Emerson Elementary just west of Liberty Park in Salt Lake. From there he took the job as vice principal at Bennion Elementary.

In 1996 he moved from West Jordan to Hancock Cove with his wife and five children to accept the position as principal at Duchesne Elementary.

"We came out here seven years ago, and I haven't regretted it for a second. Now I'm down to my wife and a child and one that will be leaving for college next year."

Arko will replace Neola Elementary Paul Chambers, who is retiring this year.

"I was just up for a change. After seven years I thought it would be good to experience a new school," he said.

Current Roosevelt Junior High Principal Guy Coleman will replace Arko at Duchesne Elementary. Coleman will be replaced by Union High Vice-Principal Dave Brotherson.

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# Suite concept fills need in Duchesne

By Deborah Tracy  
Uintah Basin Standard

Identifying a need and coming up with a concept to meet that need is proving to be a winning combination for Thomas and Melissa Winterton.

The couple celebrated the recent completion of Winterton Suites in Duchesne on Aug. 1 with a ribbon cutting complete with tours and sack lunches for the members of the Duchesne community who attended the event.

The Wintertons started their self-owned chain with Winterton Suites in Roosevelt in 2010.

"We were surprised at how many calls we received from people on this end of the county," Thomas said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "We looked at the demand we were receiving and felt it justified being able to build one over here," he said of the Duchesne facility.

The Winterton Suites in Duchesne consists of six three-bedroom suites with a common kitchen area. Melissa explained that each unit has three locking bedrooms, each with a private bath. Two are upstairs in the high-quality suites, with one bedroom on the ground floor.



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With the help of their sons Micah, Kolby and Kevin, Melissa and Thomas Winterton cut the ribbon on their newly opened Winterton Suites motel in Duchesne on Wednesday. The couple also owns and operates Winterton Suites in Roosevelt. Members of the Duchesne community turned out to help the couple celebrate and enjoyed a tour and sack lunch to bring back to work.

"Part of our dream of Winterton Suites is we want to be able to provide an upscale feel in small communities, maybe a community that is too small for a Marriott or a Hilton," Thomas said. "We want it to feel like that."

People can rent just one

bedroom, two or all three. The multi-room suites have appealed to both upper-end corporate oil field management and work crews during the week and on weekends serve as a base for family reunions, fishermen or other people taking advantage of

recreational opportunities in Duchesne County.

In Roosevelt, the 12 units are all king-size bed units with a kitchen. "What we were seeing in Roosevelt where our suites were not big enough for the crews and the workers that work together, and the families," Melissa said.

Thomas added the oil field management personnel who are used to traveling all the time really appreciate the opportunity to cook themselves a meal in the kitchen.

The mixed audience for mid-week and weekend use has been, Thomas said, "Perfect."

He continued, "It's going well enough that we are excited to expand next spring and add some additional units here."

The couple are life-long residents of the county. Melissa grew up in Neola, and Thomas in Roosevelt.

Irene Hansen, executive director of the Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Office praised the couple's entrepreneurial drive, noting the concept is one that could go nation-wide.

"We are so thankful they are investing in Duchesne County," Hansen said.

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# Summum cites urgent need to erect monument in Roy Park

By Lezlee E. Whiting

A Salt Lake City religious organization has filed another federal challenge against Duchesne City for not allowing them to raise a monument to their own faith on city property in Roy Park. Duchesne City had hoped to avoid litigation by deeding land where the Ten Commandment monument sits to the Duchesne Lion's Club.

Summum contends that previous federal court rulings against municipalities who have allowed Ten Commandment monuments on city property clearly show they would be victorious in their efforts to have a monument listing the Seven Aphorisms erected in Roy Park. They are petitioning the court for a hearing as soon as possible to gain legal approval to erect their monument now.

Duchesne City allowed the Cole family to place a Ten Commandment monument in Roy Park in 1979 in honor of their deceased father.

Summum attorney Brian Barnard insists the property donation to the Lion's Club was illegal on the grounds that no record of incorporation exists for the Duchesne Lion's Club in Utah, coupled with the fact that it is illegal

to give away public property. Even if the transfer of property were to be found legal by the court, Bernard submits that Summum's rights are being trampled because the city cannot allow one religion to use public property as a forum, while prohibiting another religion from doing the same.

"Defendants' current and continuing violations of plaintiff's rights are real and substantial. Harm is being and will be suffered by plaintiff in being inhibited from engaging in protected free expression," Bernard states in his most recent motion.

To rectify the situation in a timely manner, Summum seeks a restraining order and preliminary injunction against Duchesne City in an effort to push the case forward faster. The motion asks the court to decide as quickly as possible if the Seven Aphorisms monument can be erected in Roy Park. According to Bernard, Summum is ready to place the monument in the park as soon as the court gives their okay.

The seven aphorisms are: The principle of psychokinesis, the principle of correspondence, the principle of vibration, the principle of opposition, the principle of rhythm, the

principle of cause and effect, and the principle of gender.

Calls to Duchesne City attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs were not returned. It appears that Duchesne will be aided in the litigation by an out-of-state that a Christian law firm that is willing to represent the city for free.

Bernard said that Summum's case against Duchesne City is entirely different than that filed by the Society of Separationists. The society wants the monument removed from city property, while Summum wants the city to allow them to erect their own monument near the Ten Commandment monument.

Summum was founded in 1975 by a former member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who changed his name from Claude Rex Nowell to Ra Summa, after leaving the church and divorcing his wife. According to a story on Ra in City Weekly, the religion of Summum is based on ancient Egyptian beliefs, mummification of people and pets, sacramental wine and abundant practices of sex as meditation.

Summum members, who reportedly number about 200,000 worldwide, meet in a 1,600 square-foot pyramid in Salt Lake City.

# Summum wants to drop lawsuit

By Geoff Liesik  
Uintah Basin Standard

An attorney for the Salt Lake City-based religion Summum has asked a federal judge to dismiss the group's lawsuit against Duchesne City.

Brian M. Barnard, in a motion filed Friday, asked for the suit to be dropped because Duchesne moved a Ten Commandments monument from Roy Park to the city cemetery

in April.

"We are saddened that the Ten Commandments monument has been removed from the city park in Duchesne," Summum President Su Menu said in a statement Barnard e-mailed to the Uintah Basin Standard late Friday.

"Summum has never requested that religious monuments be removed

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from government property. We have only asked that all religions be given equal access," the statement continued. "Just as the citizens of Duchesne have benefited from the display of the Decalogue so too would they have benefited from the display of our Seven Aphorisms."

Members of Summum follows ancient Egyptian teachings and principles. They have claimed that monuments bearing their Seven Aphorisms should be displayed wherever the Ten Commandments are placed - citing their rights to freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

Summum sued Duchesne in 2003 over the city's refusal to allow the group to erect its own monument in Roy Park. One year later, the city sold the land where the Ten Commandments

monument stood to the family who had originally donated the statute.

The case - and a companion case that pitted Summum against Pleasant Grove City - wound its way through the federal court system. Then on Feb. 25, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Summum's monuments do not have the same legal standing as the Ten Commandments.

Justice Samuel Alito, in the case of Pleasant Grove v. Summum, wrote that displaying the Commandments is a form of "government speech" and does not follow any obligations for balanced representation of other religions.

The Supreme Court, and in turn the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, sent the Pleasant Grove case back to the federal trial court for reconsideration. The higher courts told the trial judge to examine Summum's claims against Duchesne as well.

Barnard said Duchesne's decision to move the monument

to the city cemetery meant "the underlying facts of the case changed dramatically" before a federal judge in Salt Lake City had a chance to apply the Supreme Court ruling.

"Because the Ten Commandments have been removed from the city park, the basis for Summum's lawsuit has ended," the attorney said. "The city has ceased its long standing unfair practice of favoring one set of religious beliefs to the exclusion of others."

Summum's lawsuit against Pleasant Grove is ongoing. The group is now claiming that the city has violated the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution by adopting the Ten Commandments as government speech.

A spokesman for the American Center for Law and Justice, which has represented Duchesne in the Summum lawsuit, said Monday the center's attorneys had not yet had a chance to review Barnard's motion and therefore could not comment on it.

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**SWEARING IN--**Duchesne County Sheriff's Office deputies and other law enforcement officers, as well as county citizens, were in attendance as Merv Gustin was sworn in as the new Duchesne County Sheriff Tuesday morning, January 18, 1994 by County Clerk Pat Stratton at the Duchesne County Courthouse.

## TEN COMMANDMENT CASE TO BE APPEALED

# Tablets can stay, but it's not over yet

By Lezlee E. Whiting

Duchesne Mayor Clint Park said he has to be careful about voicing his joy over a recent ruling by a federal court judge that allows the Ten Commandment monument to stay put in Roy Park. That's because he doesn't want to blow anything as the case now proceeds to the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver.

"I'm excited, but I don't dare say," said Park last Friday from his auto repair shop. "According to our attorney there is still some litigation that hasn't been finished yet so our attorney said to have everyone talk to him."

Duchesne city's efforts to keep the monument in the park and prevent a Salt Lake City-based religious group from having a monument erected to their own beliefs have paid off. U.S. District Court Judge Dee Benson found that the city did not violate any laws when they sold the

"The First Amendment is not so easily defeated as the city would hope."

10-foot-by-11-foot plot of land the monument sits on to a private family and then passed an ordinance prohibiting future sales of land at the city-owned park for similar purposes.

Judge Dee Benson ruled that the city's ordinance prohibiting further religious or political displays, along with the fence around the monument and a sign now in place have done the trick.

"It was a proper decision based upon the constitutionally permissible actions of the city to sell the property to the family who originally donated the monument to the city," said Edward White, an attorney with the

Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. "What was done has closed any forms so that the city park does not have to turn into a cemetery with monuments from all over the country," said White.

The Thomas More Law Center and the American Center for Law and Justice took Duchesne's case on a pro bono basis.

Summum attorney Brian Bernard disagrees with the Benson's ruling and said he will ask the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court to review the political hot potato.

"Essentially the court ruled that the city can avoid the two prior decisions of the 10th Circuit," said Bernard. "The First Amendment is not so easily defeated as the city would hope and the court has now ruled."

Two other Utah cases heard by the Appellate Court in Denver established that once a Ten Commandment monument is erected, cities must either remove the it from public property or open the forum for others. Bernard said Summum's intentions in filing suit against Duchesne city were not to force the removal of the Ten Commandment monument, but to gain permission to place their religious ideals as listed in the Seven Aphorisms in the park.

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The city failed to respond and so a lawsuit was filed.

"All Summum wants is an equal opportunity to display their ideals. What is so frightening about that?" asked Summum attorney Brian Bernard.

The city tried to dodge the first bullet by deeding the land around the monument to the Lion's Club in recognition of their years of service to the community. Then said they would erect a fence to further show it was not part of the public park. When that route failed, the city chose to distance themselves from the monument by selling it to the daughters of Irvin Cole, a Duchesne civic leader in

whose memory the monument was erected in 1979.

"Summum would readily agree to do exactly the same as the city and the Cole heirs have done: fence, signs, in order to gain approval to erect its monument," said Bernard.

Both Duchesne city and Summum are still waiting for another ruling from Judge Benson. This one deals with Summum's claim regarding the past actions taken by the city council from when Summum initially requested permission to erect its monument. At that time the city had no prohibitive rules in place, but still declined.

"The judge ruled that today in light of the current circumstances, Summum can not force the city to allow it to erect its monument. However, because the city initially refused, Summum may be entitled to money damages," said Bernard.

Summum has waived all damages in excess of \$20, so any award they may be entitled to will not be one that will break Duchesne city's budget.





The Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting last week for Mitch Halsell's Unbroken Circle martial arts studio in Duchesne. Sensei Kyle Jackson, a first-degree black belt under grand master Mitch Halsell, is pictured with Darlene Garrison (left) from the chamber of commerce, left, and Robin Calkins. Unbroken Circle in Duchesne is an integrated system that teaches eight styles of martial arts. It is located at 53 E. Main St. For more information call 733-0012.

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The Knotty Wood Products Sawmill, north of Duchesne, was consumed by flames on Wednesday, Nov. 26. No one was injured in the fire. The cause is under investigation, but has not yet been determined. Firefighters were on site until late Wednesday afternoon extinguishing hot spots and smoldering lumber and sawdust.

By **LEENICHOLE MARETT**  
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A fire in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Nov. 26 claimed the Knotty Wood Products sawmill north of Duchesne.

Firefighters were called to the location of Knotty Wood Products, owned by Sam Fabrizio, at approximately 5 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Crews from Altamont, Duchesne and Myton

responded to the call and arrived to find the building and multiple pieces of heavy equipment in flames, according to Mike Lefler, Duchesne County Fire and Emergency Manager.

The fire did not spread to the surrounding lumber yard, but the building and equipment were consumed by the blaze, Lefler said. Fortunately, no one was injured in the blaze.

"It's a shock," Fabrizio said of

the fire. "There's a lot of emotion, a lot of work that's just gone."

At present, the cause of the fire is unknown. Investigators from the Utah State Fire Office are working to determine what may have ignited the flames.

Firefighters were still on scene late Wednesday afternoon, working to put out any hot spots or smoldering lumber.

"So many families are affect-

ed by this," said Shelly Fabrizio. "Eighteen worked at the mill and five in the woods. They will all need help at this time of year."

Knotty Wood Products has been in business for 28 years, and will not be going out of business, despite the fire. Fabrizio has received multiple offers of help from other business owners while he begins the process of rebuilding.

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# Theodore Cemetery re-dedicated

By Nancy Spurlock  
Uintah Basin Standard

The crowd gathered at the Theodore Cemetery on Saturday afternoon as quickly as the looming storm clouds did overhead.

Carol Thomas, a member of the Duchesne City Beautification Committee, welcomed those assembled for the cemetery's re-dedication as the occasional raindrop fell and the frigid wind blew.

Thomas, whose uncle, Mace Rulison, is buried in the cemetery - was determined to revitalize it and give the people buried there a clean, respectable final resting place.

"It's just meant so much to me," she said. "As a little girl I went up there with my father and put flowers on Rulison's grave. I thought a lot about him and I know how much he'd appreciate what's been done."

Following Thomas' remarks there was a singing of the National Anthem as Boy Scouts from Troop 268 hoisted the flag over the cemetery that sits on a wind-scoured bluff above Duchesne. The audience then bowed their heads and Alan White delivered the opening prayer.

Brady Moon and Morgan Rowley, the two teens who adopted the effort to revitalize the cemetery as their Eagle Scout projects, read the names of the people buried in the cemetery.

Next, Lehi resident Carl Marsing - who has five relatives buried in the cemetery - acknowledged the individuals whose efforts over the years sought to honor the dead. Those efforts included at least three Eagle Scout projects, including the ones completed this year by Moon and Rowley.

"I loved working with (Moon and Rowley)... they're such good kids," Thomas said. "Just to see where the cemetery has come to the point where it's at, it's just been so amazing."

Marsing also acknowledged the parents, community members, and other Scouts who assisted

Moon and Rowley.

"It's important that we do keep some remembrance or some connection there with our past," Marsing said. "This really makes a spot where you can go up there and do some of that remembrance and it's all due to the efforts of the people here in the city of Duchesne."

Marsing then offered a brief history of the town which was originally named Dora, then Theodore, and then eventually Duchesne.

Why the Theodore Cemetery was put where it was is unknown, Marsing said, but people speculate it was due to seasonal flooding of the Duchesne and Strawberry rivers. However, it was so difficult to dig a grave in the cemetery that sometimes explosives had to be used.

So, in 1914, the Theodore Cemetery was abandoned and the current Indian Canyon site was dedicated.

Of the 41 individuals buried in the Theodore Cemetery, 29 were children who were under 10 years old.

"Each individual buried in this cemetery lived a life either short or long or somewhere in between," Marsing said as he concluded his part of the re-dedication. "Although, they have all long since passed on, their lives had meaning and each of those whose mortal bodies rest here impacted the life of someone else."

The ceremony closed with comments from the Scouts, before Duchesne City Mayor Clinton Park offered the dedicatory prayer, and Lloyd Grant offered the closing prayer.

On the final amen, the clouds burst open and sheets of rain came down on the dispersing crowd. The inclement weather didn't dampen the sentiment, though.

"As I left up there I heard somebody make the comment that little things do matter," said RoJean Rowley, a member of the Duchesne City Beautification Committee who was instrumental in rehabilitating the cemetery.

"It's amazing how something can grow from when Carol said to me last Memorial Day with tears in her eyes, 'The cemetery is in such disrepair' and I said, 'Then let's fix it,'" Rowley said. "That blossomed from just that to what happened today. It didn't matter who we talked to, they've been so willing to help."

Rowley said donations of time, skills, and materials - including the cemetery plaque donated by Hullinger Mortuary - made the project a success.

"I agree with whomever it was who said little things do count," she said. "Little things do grow into something as nice as that was today."

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NANCY SPURLOCK, UTAH BASIN STANDARD

Duchesne City Mayor Clinton Park re-dedicates the Theodore Cemetery, which is the final resting place for 41 of the area's earliest residents.

Sept 1888 Theodore Thrums.

The people of Theodore and surrounding country both Mormons and Gentiles alike, enthusiastically received the distinguished ecclesiasts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which was evidenced by the crowded house, which assembled to hear the words of wisdom. President Joseph F. Smith and Apostle Smith, were the principal speakers on the occasion, both of whom were listened to throughout with marked attention. The remarks made were replete with practical suggestion, while the sermons were equally inspiring and eloquent. The main object was to create a ward in this precinct known as the Theodore ward, it being evident to the presidency that the Theodore branch had increased to such an extent as to make the step practicable and necessary. After the service Alma Moroni Murdock was set aside and ordained bishop to preside in this ward. It is the general opinion that Bishop Murdock is especially adapted to this position and that the choice was an em-

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## May Opening is Planned "Unique partnership" brings visitor center to Duchesne

By Katie Hansen

After several unsuccessful attempts to establish a visitor's center in Duchesne, prospects are looking up for the Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has tried three times over the past 10 years to open a visitors center in Duchesne. However, due to lack of funding and unsuitable arrangements they were forced to drop all plans for a visitors center.

Recently however, the chamber was approached by Joan and Frank Steed, owners of Highland Development Inc. — an organization that specializes in land development and home construction — with a proposal that will enable them to establish the long-awaited visitor's center in Duchesne.

The Steeds, who are originally from Tennessee, have made their home in Duchesne. They felt that a visitor's center in Duchesne would greatly benefit the area as well as the community. The Steeds purchased the old El Cid, a former Mexican food restaurant on the west end of Duchesne. Using their own resources they made the building available to the county and community to be used as a visitor's center.

Funding for the visitor center is available thanks to a unique combination of private and public partnerships. The Chamber is excited to be a partner, commented Irene Hansen, Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. A working committee, which includes representatives from the Chamber, Duchesne City and ten community members is currently looking for grants and more partners to provide further funding for the project.

ing is approximately 4,000 square feet, and is currently being remediated to accommodate a theater and a meeting room.

The theater will show short videos on the Uintah Basin, while the meeting room will be utilized by community members. The committee would like the community to feel like the visitors center belongs to them. There will be community events sponsored by the center that involve the community including the center's grand opening June 1.

There is a "tremendous amount of history" in Duchesne County, stated Steed. The walls inside the center will be lined with old photographs, which will tell a history of the people and the area.

The committee is looking for anyone interested in sharing their old photos which will be replicated in display. They are also interested in any historical artifacts that made life in the county unique. Fred and Sharon Morrison of Bridgeland have contrib-

uted their time and effort to gather historical artifacts for the center.

Promoters of the visitor's center say they want tourists to view the county as a destination spot with a rich history as well as highlight the area as a desirable community to live in to potential residents. The committee also plans to promote area businesses and the quality of life in rural Duchesne County through the center.

"Every car that stops, and stays for more than an hour, means dollars spent in the county," said Hansen.

The Duchesne County Visitation Center is "a wonderful chance to promote all of Duchesne County and the Uintah Basin," concluded Hansen.

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If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

—Mark Twain



FULL FLEDGED-Mi Casa, formerly a Mexican restaurant in Duchesne is currently undergoing a face lift that will transform it into a visitors center, courtesy of new owners Frank and Joan Steed. Visitor Center committee members along with area business owners, Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce officials Irene Hansen and Steve Clark, Duchesne Mayor Kim Hamlin and Sen. Beverly Evans joined the Steed's last Friday to take a tour of the new Duchesne County Visitation Center. The center, currently under renovation, is set to open May 1.

## USDA gives \$34,100 grant for Duchesne Elementary playground

The Duchesne County School District received a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant for \$34,100 to assist in providing new playground equipment for the Duchesne Elementary school.

Grant funds will assist in site preparation and the purchase of safe equipment. Two years ago the playground equipment was removed because it was unsafe. This left the students with almost no place to play.

John R. Cox, Rural Development State Director, stated, "We are pleased we could be a partner in purchasing playground equipment for the Duchesne Elementary School. We are committed to providing children with safe, strong and durable playground equipment. We want to ensure children in rural areas of Utah have access to play structures that are fun to use and meet their expectations. People in the Duchesne community are to be commended for their dedication in raising an exceptional amount of their own funding for this project."

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that the Duchesne school playground equipment was one of over 150 projects awarded in 26 states nationwide in economically distressed communities. The grants totaled \$16.5 million and were awarded through the Community Facilities Economic Impact Initiative. The grants will assist in the development of important community services and facilities in areas of high unemployment.

"Rural areas across the country will benefit from these grants which will be used for medical, educational, fire fighting, maintenance and child care facilities," said Veneman. "This Administration continues its efforts to strengthen rural communities through these projects. Promoting business and community development in rural areas is an important priority for the Bush Administration," said Veneman.

A complete list of the selected individual grant recipients and projects can be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/newsroom/news.htm>:

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# Veteran's memorial being built on triangle in Duchesne

With much of the work being donated, work has begun on the new Veteran's memorial plaza at the piece of property known as the triangle located on highway

40 on the east side of town. The memorial will contain flag holders for seven flags that will be lighted. In the center of the memorial a bronze bell with an

eagle will be erected plus a male soldier erected on another pedestal and a bronze statue of a female soldier will be located on another. Plaques with patriotic

themes as well as lists of local soldiers who have served in the armed forces will also be part of the memorial.

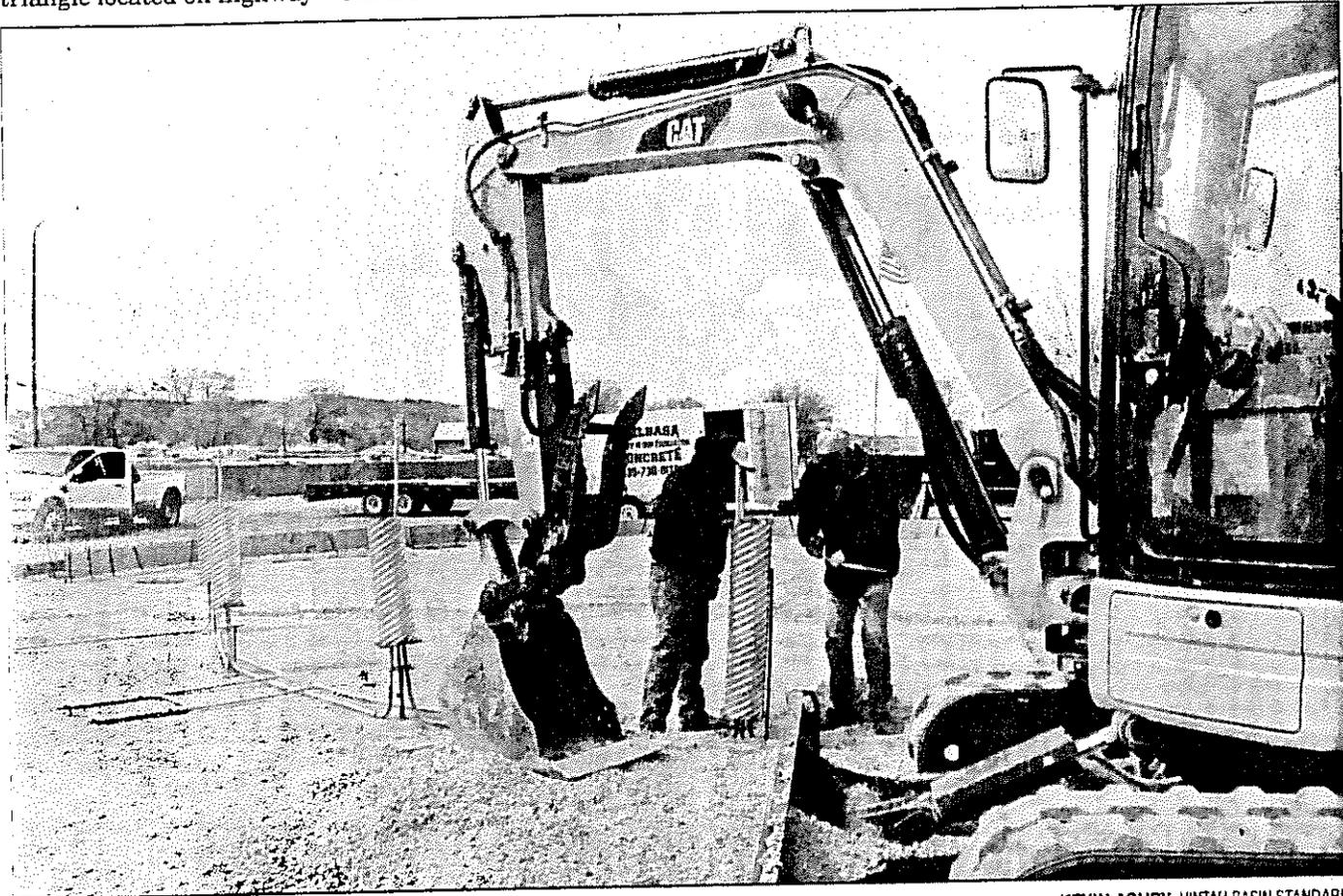
## Celebration Day begins

Receive 10 Trees by Arbor Day

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 4 and the Arbor Day Foundation is making everyone to celebrate annual tree-planting. Join the Foundation April 4 and receive shade trees.

By joining the Foundation in April you will receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, thorn apple, tulip tree, and red maple.

The Foundation for America's Trees. "These trees will shade in the vibrant colors of the American flag."



KEVIN ASHBY, UINTAH BASIN STANDARD

Lane Genereaux, Duchesne City, and Bob Baum of Baum Electric work on the installation of the electrical with the lighted flag holders at the memorial. Plans are to dedicate the memorial on Memorial Day.



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Jane (Simon Baker) rallies his team for a sting operation aimed at taking down some dangerous

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# Will concept for improving Duchesne Airport take off?

By Lezlee E. Whiting

The tiny airport in Duchesne City is being eyed as the ideal "jump spot" by an aviator and his wife for pilots who fly their planes to places where they are near mountains, lakes, rivers and great scenery for recreational jaunts.

Jim and Jennifer Dixon are so serious about their plans to add a host of improvements to the Duchesne Airport that the Tooele, Utah, couple recently purchased a home in Mountain Home. Jim Dixon has 15 years of experience handling planes and on-demand carriers such as the ones used by UPS. He introduced his wife to flying early on in their marriage.

Together the Dixons own and operate Aviation Excellence Inc., a company that specializes in servicing multi-engine, turboprop, and

small corporate business jets. The Dixons contract with clients who regularly fly their planes to different locales and then hustle off to enjoy a weekend or week of hunting, fishing, hiking or running a river. While they are away the Dixons service their aircraft.

Jim and Jennifer met with Duchesne City Council members in February for a question and answer session and are on the agenda again in April to further discuss a proposal they say will boost revenue for the city in more ways than one.

They told the council they view the Duchesne Airport as a "good central area" that has a major advantage over other small airports in the area because it's "amazingly" clear in terms of winter weather inversions.

"We would like to open an FBO

(Flight Based Operation) where we can bring airplanes in from anywhere. As it stands right now we do a lot of traveling around for our clients ... we have done a lot of looking and Duchesne is ideal for single engine airplanes, light twins and small corporate jets as well," said Jennifer. The Dixons would rent the airport property from the city.

"Duchesne is a perfect jumping off place for people traveling from the East to California and vice versa so there will be a lot of stopping and taking off ... but while someone might fly through the first time they might pick up some brochures and next time might want to come and stay."

It would take time for pilots to realize what is available at the Duchesne Airport once amenities are offered, but the FAA would



LET'S FLY — Jim and Jennifer Dixon stand in front of a Cessna 206. Jim, a native of Sandy, started his own

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help spread the word through free advertising. The FAA lists services at all airports in their National Flight Guide, a brochure that pilots eagerly consume when planning their flight path. Right now the guide lists no services available at the Duchesne Airport, so it's a stop they avoid.

"I have clients as far away as British Columbia, they don't want to come into congested airspace so if they have a nicer, smaller airport I think they would want to come in," said Jim.

Right now Duchesne has just one single-engine plane based out of its airport, but the city has federal money to make some improvements to the airport runway. With congestion and safety concerns growing at larger airports, the federal government — which was recently cutting off funding for rural airports — is now beginning to send more money their way in hopes of luring personal aircraft traffic out of cities.

And as it stands now people who want access to the Uinta Mountains chose to fly into Vernal or Moab where they have services and a courtesy car, said Jim. If they fly into Duchesne they have no way to go anywhere unless they know someone who can pick them up at the airport. That's why the Dixon's plan would involve correlating with the community for a rental car business or transport service.

"As far as the community goes the sky is the limit, it's more their vision than mine — people will need and want rental cars available to them and need and want places to stay," said Jennifer.

"We want a full-maintenance facility based here where corporate jets can get catering and oxygen, where they can get service on their aircraft," said Jim.

"Services bring people in, they will have AV gas and pre-flight checks with someone right there to help. "Jim holds an Inspection Authorization Certificate issued by the FAA that allows him to do more detailed and critical work in place of the FAA doing certain inspections and approvals," said Jennifer.

In addition to providing a place for pilots to leave their aircraft where it can be serviced and maintained while they are out, the Dixons would also like to use the airport for a flight school operation.

They have also looked into hosting an air show in Duchesne, bringing in stunt pilots to fly for the public. The show would be similar to shows offered at Heber City.

Mayor Clint Park said their offer is something the city will take a look at to see if it would be feasible.

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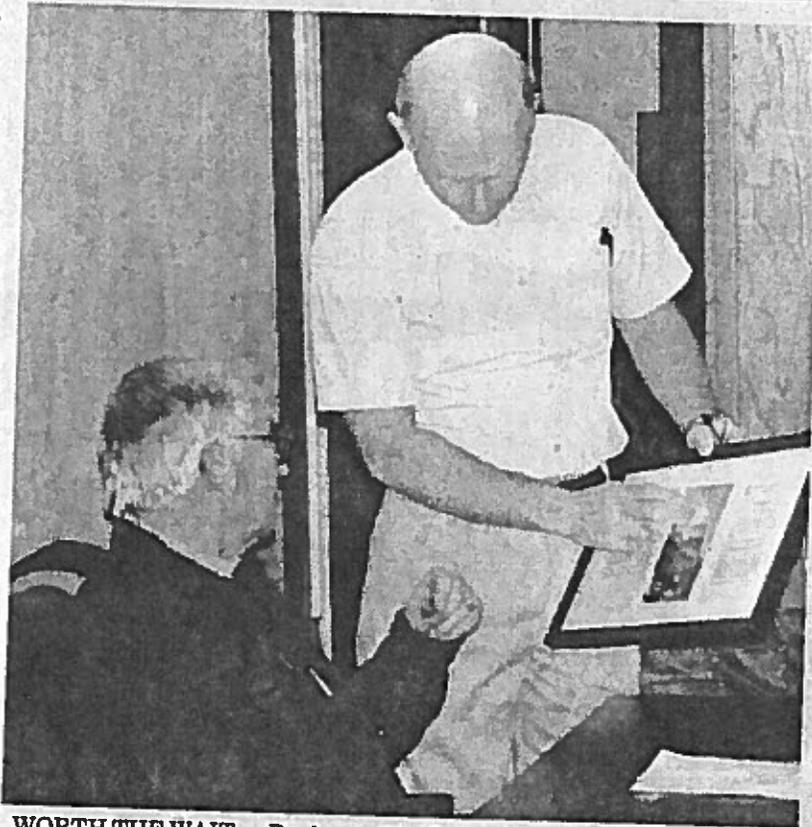
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**WORTH THE WAIT** — Duchesne City Council member Dr. Paul Tanner (standing) presents former Duchesne Mayor Kim Hamlin with framed copies of legislative documents proving city's claim to their water rights.

FOR DUCHESNE CITY IT TOOK AN ACT OF CONGRESS

# Daunting task" officially ends with signed water deed

Fifteen months after Congress unanimously passed a measure giving Duchesne City legal title to their water rights, the legal conundrum — which spanned 46 years — was officially settled last week when the deed arrived at Duchesne City Hall.

Former Mayor Kim Hamlin, who led the charge over the past several years to get the matter taken care of once and for all, was surprised when the deed — which arrived on Friday, Jan. 4 — was presented to him last Tuesday at swearing-in ceremonies for three city council members and newly elected mayor Clint Park.

Just a little over one year ago Duchesne City received their very own "red lined" copy of the Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act, the House bill establishing their water rights. But the deal still wasn't signed, sealed and delivered until the actual deed arrived in the mail.

Salt Lake attorney Craig Smith

has been involved in trying to get the legislation drafted and through Congress for the past three years.

"Duchesne had tried off and on to accomplish this in other ways since the 1940s. I have to hand it to Kim Hamlin, he took on a pretty daunting task and saw it through to the finish," said Smith.

"We had good cooperation from our Congressional delegation and the Ute Tribe. They worked with us and supported us in this effort. Without their (the tribe's) cooperation it would have been difficult if not impossible to do. We didn't have enough political clout to overcome this. I think it will lead to additional cooperation between the tribe and the town," Smith stated.

The legislation provides for the waiving of the city's water connection fee for any member of the tribe or any tribal property.

Just how Duchesne City ended up with no water rights in their name is

as interesting as the decades old attempts to have the situation remedied.

The need for the legislation can be traced back to May 27, 1902, when the city's water rights were put in the name of the old U.S. Indian Service. The water right was initially granted for the purpose of irrigating Indian allotments on the Uintah Indian Reservation, and for an irrigating and domestic water supply for the town.

In 1920, a change in the application stated that the entire appropriation was to be used for "municipal and domestic purposes in the town of Duchesne, Utah." Despite the change, the title remained in the name of the U.S. Indian Service, preventing Duchesne from obtaining clear title even though the federal agency no longer exists.

Exhaustive historical research was undertaken to demonstrate that the water rights were appropriated for the use and benefit of Duchesne and not for the Ute Tribe or some other federal purpose, Smith detailed. Several independent inventories of the tribe's water rights also showed the tribe's rights did not include the water rights in question.

Despite these findings, the city was told by the state engineer over the years that they could not utilize the water for anything except city use because officially they could not claim the water right.

Hamlin estimates it cost the city between \$40,000 and \$60,000 to get the title cleared up, and for the first time in 95 years Duchesne City owns the water it has always relied upon.

"That's pretty expensive to get a title on something we already own, but when it's done, when anyone needs a fairly good amount of water we can say, 'Yes'."

# Young teacher takes charge of reading



**FIRST YEAR TEACHER** — Duchesne Elementary second grade teacher Natalie Taylor teaches her class how to play math games with addition facts (pictured at right). She shares her love of reading with her class at special reading center she created.

By Karen Ady

Natalie Taylor has always known she wanted to be a teacher. Growing up in Myton she was a good student and was well-behaved. Now as a second grade teacher at Duchesne Elementary she is helping 18 active students learn proper classroom behavior and how to be good students. This is Natalie's first year of teaching. After graduating from Union High in 1999, she attended Utah State University - Uintah Basin where she earned a Bachelor of Education in May.

Natalie's 7 and 8-year olds students say she is the best teacher they have ever had. Why? "Because she doesn't yell at us," said one serious but talkative little boy. "And she let's us read." In fact she has taught them that reading is a privilege.

"I love to read," Natalie says. "I think that's part of why reading is so important to me as a teacher — because I read all the time."

Natalie admits she was kind of shy in school and that factor may have drawn her to the comfort of a book. "I won every reading contest they had," she remembers.

Natalie created a specific area for reading as she set up her first classroom. "If you want (students) to be better readers you have to provide them with books and a place to read," she says. The class enjoys the comfortable reading center with rugs and pillows and books.

A chart on the wall lists the books they would like to read. She doesn't have a book budget, so Natalie buys the books on the list with her own money or they're donated by the community.

The class really benefitted when school custodian Margie Carter noticed "I Spy" books on the wish list. She went home and got a collection of the visual puzzle books her kids had outgrown and donated them to the class.

Natalie says she is looking forward to having her own class this year and developing her own teaching style. "I'm still trying to figure that out right now," she says.

At only 23-years old Natalie is adjusting to being called "Mrs. Taylor." She says the hardest part of teaching is just getting used to being there and being the one responsible for a class.

"It's a lot different being a teacher rather than being a student teacher because you're in charge," she says, adding that Duchesne Elementary is a really great school and she has great support from the other teach-



ers.  
She met her husband Jeremy at the LDS Institute, adjacent to the USU-Uintah Basin campus where they both were college students. When Natalie began doing student teaching on top of her night classes Jeremy dropped out so he could be home with their infant son Noah in the evenings.

Jeremy works as the head assem-

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bler at Central Machine and paints the big mixers that are used to stir sewer ponds. He plans to go back to school in business or secondary education now that his wife is finished with college.

Natalie had tuition scholarships and Pell grants to help her with the cost of getting through college. Nevertheless she says it was tough sometimes. She worked for the first couple of semesters at the day care center her mother owns until her day classes started.

Her parents, Herald and Donna Crapo still live in Myton. Natalie drives 3-year old Noah to her mom's day care center before work every morning.

She often gets confused with another young woman named Natalie Taylor who lives in Roosevelt. She's even had a misdirected call from the doctor's office. She handles it all good-naturedly. But when it comes to names she has a preference.

"They can call me Mrs. Taylor or ma'am. If they call me 'teacher' I call them 'student.' One little girl said to me 'I don't like being called student.' I said, 'well, I don't like being called teacher.'"

# New team at Zions Bank ready to serve Duchesne County

COURTESY ADAM YOUNG

Zions Bank will host an open house and barbeque for the public at its financial center at 19 W. Main Street in Duchesne on Friday, Aug. 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Community members are invited to attend the open house, enjoy some refreshments and meet the new Zions Bank team members.

"We look forward to providing Duchesne and the surrounding area with a new spirit of service and dedication," said Cassie Remund, new manager of Zions Bank's Duchesne financial center. "Our new team members, along with our current staff, will bring a valuable and personal approach to the banking experience."

Remund has been with Zions Bank for more than two years, with strong experience working as a teller and Personal Banking Officer. She expressed her confidence in her new

team, and is excited to lead them toward exceeding customers' expectations.

Brady Fuller, the previous manager, will now take on the role of Executive Banker. He has been with Zions Bank for almost one year. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and enjoys serving his community by coaching tee-ball and volunteering for his church.

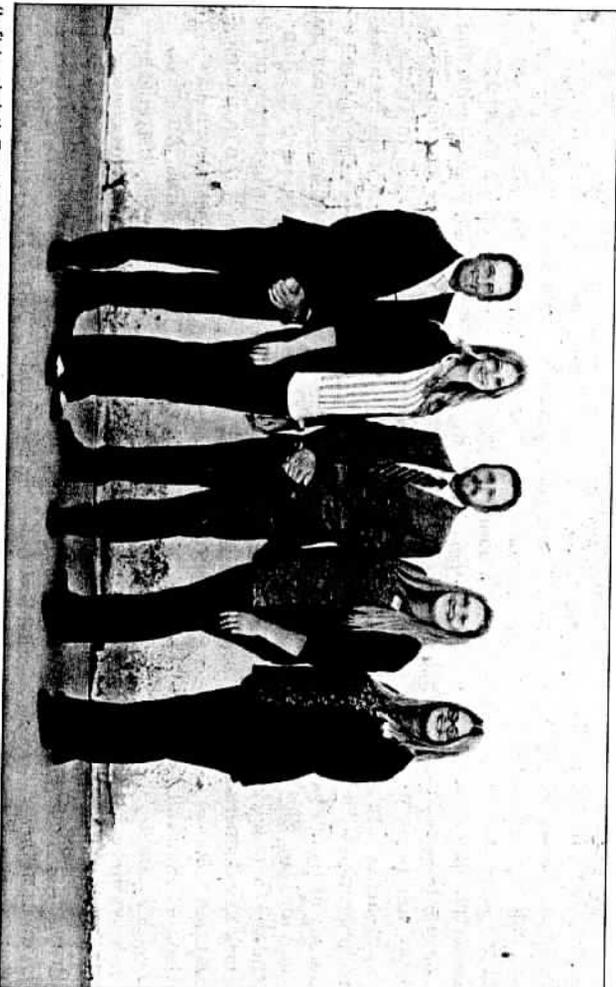
Michael Greene will be the Commercial Relationship Manager. He has been with Zions Bank for three and a half years, and he's a recent graduate of the Zions Bank Intermediate Credit Program. Greene enjoys spending time outdoors when he is not in the office.

Priscilla Harrison will be taking on the role of Personal Banking Officer. Previously, she has worked as a teller for Zions Bank in the Vernal office. Harrison loves to travel when she gets an opportunity to fit it into her schedule, and

enjoys spending time with her husband.

Kami Gines has been a teller for Zion Banks for two years. Aside from banking, Gines enjoys watching the Utah Jazz and cheering on her nephews on the football field.

Ashley Barrow has been with Zions Bank for a little more than two years. Prior to her teller position with Zions, Barrow was a caregiver. As a Zions employee, she loves to volunteer at the bank's annual Paint-a-Thon, helping low-income families spruce up their homes. Outside of her job, she enjoys camping, fishing and four-wheel riding.



(left to right) Brady Fuller, Cassie Remund, Michael Greene, Ashley Barrow, and Kami Gines. Not pictured: Priscilla Harrison and Ben Ashby.

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