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North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

If there is one thing that keeps our attention and we all talk about, it's the weather.

December looked like we were going to have another year of relatively small amounts of snowfall in the mountains and it became a concern that this would be another year of near drought conditions. That all changed in January and the snow came. By the end of April over 500 inches was the measured amount in the mountains. It was a gift of moisture that kept on giving and giving, until into May. The good news is there is plenty of water available for irrigation, and the aquifers are re-charging.

We have had a very cool spring and Logan River is still tame—but the conditions that can produce flooding are lining up and if we get heavy rainfall over short periods of time, the potential for flooding can occur even into late summer.

One such flood occurred in late summer of 1983. Dee Israelsen was the Public Works Director of the city then. I asked him to tell me about it. We sat down at his kitchen table and he opened a large journal; between the pages was a slightly yellowed Herald Journal article dated August 10th.

The headline read: **"Flash flood gouges Green Canyon Again"**.

Dee recalled; "That year we had an extra heavy snow pack. Water flowed all the way down the canyon. It came down the natural channels from Green Canyon and ended up in the upper canal. When this happened it deposited silt and debris into the canal and messed things up. We solved this by building a settling pond in Johnson's gravel pit, just north of where the nursery is situated. This pond had overflow culverts that allowed the silt and debris to settle out so when the water drained from the settling pond it was relatively clean. The pond did the job pretty well.

Early Tuesday morning, August 9th, 1983, A heavy cloudburst in the upper regions of Green and Water Canyons, caused a flash flood down the canyon. It brought in excess of 700 cubic feet per second (CFS). It filled all of Johnson's gravel pits to overflowing and overflowed the canal at a number of locations in North Logan and in Hyde Park.

Bob Wilhelm drove the city backhoe and Tim Jorgensen and I went up in the truck to determine the extent of the damage. We had to remove large rocks and fill in washed out sections in order to get up the canyon. At Preston Valley trail we met a couple and their two grandsons, camped there. They said it was a terrible night. We told them the road was not passable yet and asked if they needed anything. The boys said they needed "pop". When we reached the forks of Water and Green Canyons, we met a sheep man who was trying to get his herder to the hospital as he had had a heart attack. He said they had slept in a new tent and it had leaked during the storm. He was disappointed in the tent until he got up in the morning and saw what a storm it had been. He told us that when they reached 4th trough, they had to swim the horses through the mud. We helped clear the road a little better so they could get their truck out. We also radioed ahead to Paul LaMont so he could meet them and assist in getting the herder to the hospital.

Early the next morning we went back up and partially cleared the road as we went. Upon entering Water Canyon, we discovered that the road was completely gone in places. The creek channel was where the road had been. In trying to get the backhoe up the channel, a front tire hit a sharp rock and blew out the tire. We removed the front wheel and loaded it into the truck, planning to have it repaired in the morning. The mayor and others met us at the mouth of the canyon. We were discussing our options as to what to do in the morning. I observed a huge black cloud forming above the mountain. I told the boys to get the tire repaired immediately. They did and we went back up and put it on and moved the backhoe to higher ground. That night there was another flash flood just as bad as the first one. In the morning we drove the truck up as far as we could. We had to hike the rest of the way and then bring the backhoe down to the truck, rebuilding the road as we came. We finally reached the lower collection box and were able to clean it out. We discovered that the water line from there down was intact. After cleaning and disinfecting the line. We sent samples to be tested and were able to put it back in service as soon as the results came back, safe. The citizens only had to boil the water for 24 hours.

On the first morning there were about 50 volunteers including North Logan Mayor Bruce King, and Hyde Park Mayor Lee Osborne. They put over 200 sand bags along the upper canal to keep the flooding under control. This pretty well prevented any flooding there during the second flood. The flood had caused over \$135,000 damage to the city water system. Fortunately there were not many homes in the immediate area, so damage was relatively light. This is one time I will never forget."

What a story!

If you have any issue you want to talk about, please call me at 760-4615 or email d.carywatkins@gmail.com

Sincerely, Cary Watkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meetings for the month of June will be held on the 4th and the 18th. During the meeting on June 4th the council will hold public hearings on proposed changes to the fiscal year 2008 budget. There will also be a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed fiscal year 2009 municipal budget that will begin July 1st. When this article was written the plan for the budget for next year included a reduction in the energy sales and use tax for the residents (the tax on our electricity and natural gas) and revising the property tax such that the total property tax rate for next year would be the same as it has been for the past three years. If that rate is approved, residents with an increase in the assessed value of their property will see a corresponding increase in the actual taxes they would pay while those with no change in their assessed value would pay the same property taxes next year that they paid this year. This plan is to be discussed further during the council meetings in June. The proposed budget for FY2009 includes a decrease in the anticipated revenue from a variety of sources due to the anticipated slow down in growth and revenue from sales taxes. The budget being developed is conservative in estimating next year's revenue and also cuts back on some of the expenditures that are lower in priority.

Look for the official council agendas as they are posted at the city offices and the library. The Herald Journal is given a copy of the official agenda as well and they normally print it in the newspaper a day or two before the meeting.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH LOGAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The North Logan Cemetery Committee announces that the city will start selling plots for the North Logan Memorial Park this fall. The committee has been working on this since March 1998 and is very pleased to let the residents of North Logan know about the progress that has been made.

The land is paid for, the bridge is done, the water line is hooked up, the sprinkler system is in and the trees are planted. The city is waiting to level the ground and then plant grass in the first two acres that will be developed.

On July 1st starting at 10:00 a.m., North Logan residents can sign up at the city office or call to get on a list to request the number of cemetery plots they would like to purchase, up to **eight** plots per person.

Someone from the city office will then contact those on the list to let them know what time they can come to purchase the cemetery plots on Monday, September 15th. This is done in an effort to organize and control the process for those interested.

The North Logan resident's plots will be \$250.00 each for the first year of sale, then the price will increase. Non-residents will pay \$400.00 for the first year of sale, then the price will increase.

The dedication of the new cemetery will be Saturday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m.

The Committee thanks the North Logan City staff for all of their help in moving this project forward and also former and current Mayors Jack Draxler, Val Potter and Cary Watkins and the city council members for their support.

WANTED - NOXIOUS WEEDS DEAD

Noxious weeds pose a serious problem in North Logan. They include Dyer's Woad, Poison Hemlock, Thistle, Bindweed, Burdock and some others. They are coming in bloom now and each property owner has the responsibility to control weeds on their land. Common herbicides containing 24-D, Roundup or Finale will kill most of them. You can pick up a brochure at the city office that describes all the primary noxious weeds and how to control them. If you spot something growing on your land that you did not plant, it is a weed. Get rid of it now!!!

PARENTS: Child Restraint Law - Legislation passed a law this past session that is now in effect. The new law requires motor vehicle operators to provide "appropriate" child restraining devices for all passengers under the age of eight, unless the child is over 57 inches tall and able to use a standard seat belt.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Just a reminder that May 31st was the **last day** for open burning. The burn season opens September 15th and runs to the end of the year. Rules and Regulation can be found on the Fire Department's web site at www.northloganfire.net. You can call 994-1530 with any questions.

Pioneer Day Celebration Volunteers Needed

Preparations are underway for our July 24th Pioneer Day Celebration. Our festivities will begin with a flag ceremony and pancake breakfast at Elk Ridge Park, followed by our annual Pioneer Day Parade and entertainment, food and games at Mt. View Park. The day will conclude with fireworks at dark at Elk Ridge Park. Mark your calendars now and plan on spending the day with family, friends and neighbors. Volunteers are needed to be part of the committee or to just help out where possible. Individuals, groups and organizations are encouraged to show their community spirit and put an entry in the parade. If you are willing to help or be part of the celebration contact GayLynn at 755-7147.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 4 - City Council 6:00 p.m.**
- 5 - Planning Commission 7:00 pm **
- 9 - Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
- 14 - Flag Day
- 15 - FATHER'S DAY
- 18 - City Council 6:00 p.m.**
- 19 - Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.**
- 28 - Art on the Lawn

For more calendar of events visit our web site at:
<http://www.ci.north-logan.ut.us/calendar>

For events at **Pioneer Valley Lodge**, please visit our web site at: <http://www.ci.north-logan.ut.us>

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**JUST A REMINDER - THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS
 WILL BE PICKED UP ON JUNE 12TH & 26TH.**



Commercial Building Permits

None
Home Businesses
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Commercial Businesses

Naomi Peak Enterprises, Inc (Pizza Restaurant)

Comparison to previous year:

| Permit Type | 2008 to date | 2007 to date |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Single Family Residence | 8 | 25 |
| Multi-Family (Apt) | 0 | 0 |
| New Commercial (Retail) | 0 | 3 |
| Office | 0 | 5 |
| Remodel (Existing Comm) | 0 | 0 |
| Industrial | 0 | 2 |

GROWTH CORNER

THE FEES FOR BUSINESS LICENSES:

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| Home Business - Class 1 | \$ 45.00 |
| Home Business - Class 2 | \$ 90.00 |
| Commercial Business - Class 1 | \$ 135.00 |
| Commercial Business - Class 2 | \$ 175.00 |
| Hazardous Materials add | \$ 16.00 |

IDENTITY THEFT/SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL TIP-CAREFUL INVESTING

Check out the product to see if it is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); **Check out the person** selling the product - are they licensed in Utah or with the SEC? If not, BEWARE! If you are contacted by someone trying to scam you out of money, report the experience to your local police dept. 435-753-7600, and your local Senior Medicare Patrol Team office at BRAG, 435-752-7242 ext 469. By doing so, the community can be alerted to watch out for similar problems.

SUPER CITIZENS!

June is City Library Month

Complete your June Super Citizen Requirement by doing one of the following:

- Attend the summer reading program kickoff.
- Check out from the library a book, video or something else.
- Get a library card if you don't already have one.

Get your SUPER CITIZEN PASSPORT Stamped for June at the North Logan City Offices or the North Logan City Library.

ATTENTION – All Super Citizens that think they will earn the super Citizen Award need to call the City Offices (752-1310) and order the size of tee-shirt they will be awarded with in July. We will only order enough tee-shirts for those who call!

You may have noticed that some of the North Logan streets look a little nicer. The **North Logan Youth Council** took on the task of cleaning up along the streets on the 26th of April. We encourage everyone to help keep our city streets looking nice by picking up trash along the roads while out walking; and never throw garbage on the roadsides.

Officer Kim Hawkes will meet with the Youth Council on June 19th at the Fire Station at 8:00 p.m. He will talk to the youth about traffic issues and concerns our community has; and what we can do to be better citizens.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, **June 9th** at the Golden Corral at 2044 North Main in North Logan. The cost is \$3.50 per person and all senior citizens are invited to attend.

Please **RSVP** to Savannah Baker at (753-0287), Lila Eddington (753-0203), Eva Fay Anderson (753-0340), Eileen Stocking (752-1217) or Alva Johnson (753-3070) by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6th**.



LIBRARY NEWS

Greetings from Marcia Cheney, the new Library Director!

I was born and raised in Hyde Park—the youngest of David and Ann Cheney's four children. After I graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, I began working at USU at the Merrill Library. While there, I earned a master's degree in Instructional Technology and obtained my Library Media Certificate. I realized that my true love was working in libraries and that I really needed to receive my masters in Library Science so that I could advance in my profession. I worked full-time during the day at the library and then attended school full-time in the evenings through a distance education program with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After I received my MLS I knew I wanted to work with children so I moved to Gillette, WY in 2005 to take the job of a Children's Librarian at the Campbell County Public Library. I worked there for about two and a half years before moving back here to North Logan.

Some of my favorite activities include camping trips with my parents to Yellowstone, rockhounding, jewelry making, spending time with my nieces and nephews and of course reading. I am so excited to be back in Cache Valley and I look forward to working at the North Logan City Library. Please feel welcome to come to the library and get to know all of the wonderful librarians.

Summer Reading Program: Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library and Metamorphosis @ Your Library

We held our kick-off party on May 31st, so the Summer Reading Program is now in full swing! If you missed the kick-off, you can stop in at the library any time to sign up. Everyone aged 0-18 is invited to participate! You just need to read (or be read to) for 10 hours to earn a trip to the Prize Room. You can even keep reading for *another* 10 hours to earn a second Prize Room visit. This year we have some really special prizes from local businesses and we can't wait to start handing them out!

Library Book Sale June 6-7

The Friends of the North Logan City Library will be hosting a huge book sale on the front lawn of Wal-Mart. It will be open from 12:00pm – 8:00pm on Friday, June 6th and 9:00am – 3:00pm on Saturday, June 7th. Come on down and find great deals on books, movies, and more!

Library Book Club: The Giver by Lois Lowry

The library's book group will discuss this Newberry-award-winning book on Thursday, June 12th at 9:00am in the library. Copies are available at the circulation desk and all are welcome!

ART ON THE LAWN

JOIN US....SATURDAY, JUNE 28 FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM AT 1491 EAST 2300 NORTH

INTERACTIVE ART EVENT FEATURING:

COMMUNITY PAINT-IN: SPONSORED BY NOTED ARTIST MICHAEL BINGHAM.

LEE BURNINGHAM, WELL RESPECTED CERAMIST AND TEACHER WILL BRING THREE POTTERY WHEELS.

PLEIN AIR ARTISTS INCLUDE: KATHY ASHCROFT, CHARLES ENGBRETSON,
TRENT GUDMUNDSON, SHANE LARSON.

SILENT AUCTION AND ART SHOW IN THE OLD HOME.

ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES: THE KINGSMEN, DE-JA-VA (ROCK & ROLL), LESLIE RAY
JAZZ & POP), SASSAFRASS, JUNIPER DAY, BALLAM BLUES & JAZZ TRIO.

RAFFLE (YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE TO WIN) QUILT BY SOUTH CACHE QUILTERS & MANY MORE ITEMS.

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AT 435-752-4749 WWW.ARTONTHELAWN.NET*

NORTH LOGAN RECREATION HOSTING UTAH JAZZ PLAYER APPEARANCE

On Wednesday, June 11th from 6 PM to 7 PM all North Logan youth who participated in Jr. Jazz basketball this year are invited to attend a 1-hour basketball clinic at the Logan Recreation Center. A Utah Jazz player will be there to conduct the clinic. The clinic is free of charge. For more information contact Brett @ 755-7147.

National Trails Day is Saturday, June 7th from 8:30 am to noon. Meet at the Green Canyon Trailhead to help with finishing work on a trail along 1900 N from King Nature Park to the Green Canyon Trailhead, a singletrack trail up Green Canyon, controlling Dyer's Woad and cleaning fire rings. Volunteers should come prepared to work with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, water, sunscreen and eye protection. Some tools will be provided but bringing shovels and rakes will be helpful. WalMart will be providing some light refreshments. This is a great service project for your organizations or anyone who values the recreational opportunities we have here in North Logan. Groups please RSVP with Marta Deberard at 787-1699.

