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## Problems with loose dogs in Mona persist, result in another child bitten

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In spite of the good work the Juab County Sheriff's Office is doing to ticket those offenders who allow their dogs to run loose on the streets of Mona, there continues to be a problem with dogs.

Jeff Smith, council member, said that another child had been bitten by a dog.

He said that the girl had been bitten by a German shepherd which was running at large.

"The dog was euthanized," said Smith.

He said this was the second time the dog owners had had to have one of their dogs put down because it had bitten a child. The previous situation happened just a few weeks ago.

"Both of the dog bites were reported and the dog owners went to court," said Smith. "Judge Sharla Williams said that enough was enough."

Smith said that the city did have a leash law which meant that the dog owners must have their dogs on a leash or that they must be confined.

When the animal is off-premises, it must be on a leash.

A dog at large is defined as one who is off the owner's property unaccompanied or not on a leash that would put him in control of his owners.

He hoped the word would get around the city and people who were not controlling their dogs would be aware of the illegality of allowing them to run loose.

"I would like to thank our peace officers for their work in trying to help by ticketing owners of dogs who are running at large," said Smith.



**SPRING'S FIRST FLOWERS** • Flowers have arrived all over town. These daffodils just east of Nephi City's buildings were in full bloom on Monday and we noticed that the apricot trees are blooming also. Time to get the spring gardening done. Too early for tomatoes, but just right for peas and spinach.

## School district garners beneficial information from "What Counts" needs assessment

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Juab School District is continuing with the "What Counts" program and recently held another forum to discuss what patrons of the district consider important.

The Juab stakeholders "What Counts" forum focus was to do a needs assessment and use the data from the meeting to help with long term vision and planning in the school district.

A discussion was held and the attendees were asked to identify topics that they considered important, said Dr. Rick Robins, superintendent. Following that the topics were posted and each person was asked to identify those topics considered by them to be most important.

"The 'What Counts' concept was developed by the Utah School Boards Association as a method for school districts to gather valuable input from school community stakeholders," said Robins.

The format is designed to ask patrons, parents, students, and educators two questions: "What is positive about your school?" "What is the ideal school?" "The responses are then ordered and ranked as priorities," said Robins. "This feedback is then used by local school boards to help drive their respective decision making process."

The feedback highlights what is working well, but also areas for improvement to reach the ideal.

The first topic was: "What do you value in your school (district) on this topic--school safety?"

Eleven of the stakeholders responded that they would like to see more reenactments; nine valued seeing students warm, comfortable and safe; nine would like more specific drug information given to students; seven would like more lock-down drills in the elementary schools; and one would like to see appropriate consequences for bullying.

The question was then asked: "What is the ideal you would like to see in your school or district on this topic--school safety?"

A school resource officer was ranked first by 32 people; 18 wanted a Hope Squad; 16 wanted RADKids; 14 thought more counselors in the high school would be ideal; eight wanted Red Ribbon Week; eight wanted the Community Night Out; and four wanted to see a drama program in the elementary.

Stakeholders were next asked "What do you value in your school (district) on this topic--Whole Child Approach?"

Twenty-two of the participants would like to see more opportunities in computer sci-

ence (coding); eight thought that the elementary fifth and sixth band program had helped secondary programs; five would like to see suicide prevention training every three years for teachers; and five would like to see Hope Squad training in grades 7-12 every year.

Participants were also asked what the ideal was for the Whole Child Approach in the school and the district.

A full time elementary counselor was high priority for 38 people; 12 favored art instruction all year; 12 wanted specific information about scholarship opportunities presented earlier in the Seventh Grade and a follow-up in the 10th Grade; seven thought first year teachers should receive suicide prevention training; four thought there should be an elementary coding program; four thought that suicide prevention training should be available to every student.

The next question was what was valued about the district, school, teacher, parent communication system.

Twenty-five said that they valued Powerschool (checking grades, assignments, attendance, weekly report); 17 valued the Text/Remind App, 12 appreciated the District App (reminders, district calendar, Parentlink); 11 liked the district website; one liked the district Facebook page; and there were no votes for the Twitter site.

The partner to this question was what stakeholders would see as the ideal when it came to communications among all parties.

## Agriculture not a high priority in survey responses

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Agriculture didn't show up on the list of high priorities for attracting new business on the survey that the county economic development director conducted.

Jeff Hearty and Jonathan Jones, Mona City Council members, reported to the council on their participation on the committee.

Though East Juab has a large number of people engaged in agriculture, it was not one of the industries receiving high interest on the survey, said Jones.

"It has been interesting to be on the committee, said Hearty.

Jones said that there were 40 people on the economic

development committee who were working to determine which of the 177 responses were the most advantageous matches for the county.

The number of surveys completed by residents of the county dealing with the ASAP (Area Sector Analysis Process) set a new record.

Brent Boswell, county economic development director, is spear heading the process.

The Western Rural Development Center Area Sector Analysis Process (ASAP) was designed by Extension Specialists and Agents for Extension to use in collaboration with community leaders and has already been successfully applied to several communities across the region.

A team of community development specialists from

throughout the west developed ASAP to assist communities in their economic development efforts.

A six-county collaboration exists between Wayne, Juab, Grand, Sanpete, Sevier, Millard and Piute Counties.

Hearty said that the committee had eliminated some of those industries which were possible matches.

"In the first round," said Hearty, "we eliminated some of the industries. In the second round, we started breaking the list down."

The list now was down from 177 to the top 15.

"We are trying to get the list down to the top three or four," said Jones.

He said that the committee would keep working together under the direction of Boswell.



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