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## Everyday heroes honored at Big Hearts and Helping Hands reception

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The annual county event honoring Big Hearts and Helping Hands within Juab County was held on March 30 at the Juab County Fairgrounds.

Clinton Painter, Juab County Commissioner, gave the welcome and the remarks during the evening.

Nominees honored were: Amanda Reynolds, Annie Armstrong, Brady Welburn, Brian and Tara Howard and Family, Brittany Steele, Bryson Ashworth, Carson Oswald, Craig Sperry, Daleen Anderson, Debbie Barnes, Dr. Jamie Udell, Ethan Carroll, Evige Warner, Fred Hermansen, Geri Sweat, Heath Butler, Jason Lear, Jay Mecham, Jed Tischner, Jessica Fauntin, Jessie Ann Wood, Jodi Sipple, Jordan Jones, Kaylee Curtis, Kevin Stanley, Lane Sorensen, Laura Hermansen, Linda Hanks, Luz Warner, Makenzie Stowell, Mariah Proctor, Mary Lou Sperry, Matt Warner, Mavanie Ariza, McKay Tenney, Mckelle Tenney, Michael Royce, Mindy Newell, Nikki Newton, Patricia Bigler, Patty Anderson, Juab High Principal Todd Quarnberg, Randy Park, Shari Cowan, Susan Cowan, Taylor Warburton, Traci Mecham, and Tyson Ashworth.

"Good evening everyone, It's sure good to see so many familiar faces here tonight and a few new ones too. That's one of the best parts of living in a place like Juab County, you never stay a stranger for long."

He said that, on behalf of all, he wanted to welcome everyone to the Big Hearts and Helping Hands reception. The theme was "Everyday Heroes."

"And I think that's just about perfect," he said. "Because when most folks hear the word 'hero,' they picture something big, something dramatic, maybe even something you'd see in a movie. But around here, we know better. Around here, heroes don't wear capes. They wear work boots or gym shoes, or church clothes or a volunteer t-shirt that's been washed a hundred times, they might wear a baseball cap or a cowboy hat."

He said that they're the ones who show up early, stay late, and never think twice about it. And more often than not, they don't see themselves as heroes at all.

That's part of what made the evening so special, he said. No one was there for headlines or attention. In fact, most of the folks being honored would probably be more comfortable out on the lawn with their family than sitting in the spotlight.

"And that's exactly why they deserve it," he said. "Be-



**WATER IN SALT CREEK IN NEPHI** • is down, as shown in this photo taken on Second East. Keep water use down so that we will have enough water to drink in July. Keeping your showers short, doing your dishes once a day and washing clothing every other week, if possible, are starters.

## Community encouraged to support children during Child Abuse Awareness Month

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The community is encouraged to support children during April's Child Abuse Awareness Month.

As April marks Child Abuse Awareness Month, residents across Juab County and Millard County are being encouraged to come together in support of children through a local awareness campaign.

"The 'Plant a Windmill. Plant Hope' display is being featured on the lawn of the Juab County building during the week of April 13, showcas-

ing blue pinwheels as symbols of hope, healing, and community support for children affected by abuse," said Ann Peterson, representing the Friends of the Children's Justice Center (CJC).

The CJC began serving the Nephi area in 2017 and has provided services for 480 child abuse cases through December 2025, underscoring the ongoing need for awareness and resources.

"Each pinwheel in the display represents an abused child and stands as a powerful reminder that every child deserves safety, love, and protection," said Peterson.

She said that the Friends of

the Children's Justice Center hope the display will inspire continued community involvement and reinforce the importance of protecting our children.

"This effort is about more than a display," Peterson, one of the organizers shared. "It's about recognizing the reality in our community and showing that we stand together to support children and families."

While the opportunity to sponsor individual pinwheels has now passed, community members can still make a meaningful impact by donating to the Children's Justice Center, which serves children and families within the two

counties.

Earlier, residents were asked to donate \$5 to pay for a pinwheel.

Donations to support the Children's Justice Center can always be made via Venmo at @friendsofjuabmillardejc (Jennifer Evans) or by contacting local organizers. One of those is Annette Sevy at (435) 660-1687.

"Residents are encouraged to visit the display, share its message, and continue supporting efforts that protect and advocate for children," said Peterson.

Residents are also encouraged to wear blue on Friday to support the cause.

## Agri-Park gains approval to allow additional acreage to project area

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The Central Utah Agri-Park for the Nebo North Zone required commissioners to approve a resolution that would be called Amendment #3 allowing the addition of acreage to the project area.

Danny Stewart, UIPA (Utah Inland Port Authority Board) Associate VP of Regional Project Area Development, presented the beginning process needed for the addition of land to the Nebo North Zone of the Agri-Park slated for development in Juab County.

Stewart said that the beginning of the amendment process required the adoption of a resolution by the county commission to update the project area plan and budget to include the additional

parcels and a vote by the UIPA Board at an upcoming meeting.

"The map shows the current zones for the project area in green," said Stewart. "The parcels proposed for amendment are shown in blue."

He said that the Nebo North Zone parcels have been the topic of discussion by the county commission and county planning commission for potential development north of the Mona Reservoir and the Boys Ranch Road.

"When we brought the project before you last year, it did not include the two parcels we are now proposing to add to the project area," said Stewart.

There is a parcel, owned by an individual, located between the two parcels proposed for addition that is not included. That creates a gap between the two parcels and Marty Palmer, commissioner, asked why the gap existed.

"It would be easy to include it," said Stewart.

However, the gap represents the property of an owner who was not interested in giving up ownership.

Jared Rowley, Deputy Juab County Attorney, asked for the parcel numbers and Stewart said that he would provide those and did have them with him.

"The addition represents the addition of just about 1,100 acres to the current Nebo North Zone of the Agri-Park," said Stewart.

"How much control do county commissioners have over what locates in the agri-park?" asked Palmer. "What happens if a business wants to locate there that we don't want?"

"Approval always comes from the bottom up," said Stewart. "Also there is the tax differential which would come before you."

A tax differential in Utah is a

public financing mechanism used primarily by the UIPA to fund infrastructure and economic development.

It captures 75 percent of the increase in property tax revenue (the differential) generated by new development within a project area, leaving 25 percent for existing taxing entities, without increasing taxes on existing property owners.

"The captured revenue is used to pay for public infrastructure, regional improvements, and incentivizing development," he said. It is the difference between property taxes generated by a project area's current assessed value and its base taxable value.

The tax differential is temporary and designed so that existing

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