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Beaver Officer invited to attend FBI National Academy

Sergeant Cameron Noel of the Beaver County Sheriff's Office has been selected as a candidate to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Officers are selected to attend from submitted application packets and two officers are chosen from each state throughout the United States. Approximately 10% of the officers attending the National Academy come from outside the United States. Since its elite establishment in 1935, nearly 35,000 law enforcement officers have attended the National Academy. The only other officer to attend the National Academy from Beaver County besides Sergeant Noel is the late Sheriff Dale Nelson who graduated in 1980.

The National Academy is 10 weeks in length and the curriculum is taught by the FBI teaching staff and other professional educators. It focuses on leadership development and emphasizes critical thinking. Courses in criminal law, police management, behavioral science, forensic science, law enforcement communication, fitness/health, and a specialized instruction program in the law enforcement arts are taught. Sergeant Noel will return to Beaver after graduating in March and use the new skills and techniques taught by the FBI in his duties as a police officer for the citizens of Beaver County.

Noel's law enforcement career started with the United States Army as a Military Police Officer. He served in Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and served as a Lieutenant throughout the country. Cameron came back to his home town of Kanab with his wife and four children and was hired by the Kane County Sheriff's Office where he worked with the drug task force. Cameron was then hired by the Beaver County Sheriff's Office where he currently works.



Little Miss New Year

The daughter of Danny and Alisha Little of Kanab welcomes in the New Year with smiles and good cheer. May your new year be filled with smiles, good cheer and excellent health. Photo by Myrna Cox.

SUWA fails in oil and gas lease case

The Interior Board of Land Appeals has ruled that the Bureau of Land Management took the necessary "hard look" during 2001 oil and gas lease sale, and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance failed to meet its burden of proof that the BLM acted arbitrarily or capriciously in considering the issuance of leases.

Utah BLM acknowledged that the recent ruling shows the BLM is following regulations and policy in considering parcels for oil and gas leasing. SUWA has protested and appealed 21 of the last 22 Utah quarterly lease sales, but has not won a single case.

"In cases after case, IBLA has rejected SUWA's arguments that BLM must conduct inventories and amend land use plans prior to issuing leases," said Kent Hoffman, Utah BLM Deputy State Director of Lands and Minerals. "This is an affirmation that we are taking a 'hard look' and abiding by our existing land use plans. Clearly these issues are very complex. We have dug into the details and made a call.

The ruling came at the heels of an oil and gas lease sale in November that was also protested by SUWA. In the sale, 24 percent of the parcels offered

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Big plans for Big Water

A group of planning and development professionals has come together to explore the possibility of creating an economic development initiative in Big Water and the surrounding region through the establishment of a new community based on ecologically harmonious, locally sustainable technologies and practices.

Miguel Uribe has 30 years of experience in developing organic agriculture techniques and in the management of organic farming operations in the United States and Mexico. He has marketed and distributed organic produce domestically and internationally.

Boudicca Joseph is a newly elected Councilwoman from Big Water and a 20-year veteran in economic development for Big Water and the Lake Powell area of Kane County.

Richardson Robertson III and Susan Lustik are partners in Robertson Partners, an architectural and planning firm with offices in Los Angeles and New York. Richardson Robertson III received the Star of Design award in Architecture for Los Angeles in 2003 and one of his projects has recently been cited by the government of France for excellence in architecture and design.

Didacus Ramos is an urban planner trained in economic development and sustainable design, working with David Lakeman, President of Best Technology Co., and Bill Wilson, President of Environmental Planning and Design, LLC, on water management issues, including water purification and waste water reuse.

An innovative partnering of Trust Lands, the Town of Big Water and Kane County will present a unique opportunity to bring much-needed economic development to the region. The

proposed vision for the pristine SITLA land surrounding Big Water is to create a model village that exemplifies state-of-the-art ecological technologies and practices. An integrated architectural design will evoke the majestic rugged beauty of the area and create a sense of place. The architecture will be of the highest quality and compatible with the spirit and the heritage of southern Utah. The village design will be pedestrian-friendly, showcasing the natural beauty of the region and incorporating many of the local raw materials as architectural elements.

The overall concept will be to create a community that will be the standard for sustainable growth and development through the incorporation of innovative technologies for water management, power, agriculture and architecture. The village will be designed to provide opportunities for housing, low impact industries, retail businesses, as well as to create recreation and resort opportunities.

The group has held extensive meetings in December, 2003 with SITLA and Federal, State and County officials, and appreciates the interest and support that it is receiving from each of them to pursue this vision.

KANAB WEATHER

December

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26	44	27	.46
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28	31	4	.21
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Courtesy: Frank Swapp Family