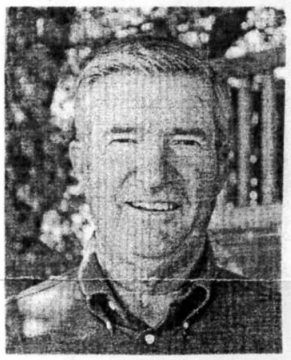
September 2009 Newsletter

Founders' Day 2009: A list of Founders' Day activities can be picked up at the City Office or can be found on the Wellsville City Website at ***www.wellsvillecity.com*** T-shirts and quilt raffle tickets are on sale now at the city office and will be available on the Square on Founders' Day. A softball tournament is underway at Darley Park, and there will be a dance at the Wellsville Elementary on Saturday, Sept. 5th at 8:30 p.m. Don't forget to attend our first ever semi-pro rodeo Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4-5th at 7 p.m. at the arena, and the Patriotic Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6th in the Historic Wellsville Tabernacle. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept 7th and will follow the traditional route. This is just a few of the activities to be held, so come and join in the fun!

Meet the Candidates Night: "Citizens for Wellsville" is offering an opportunity for city residents to meet and hear the views of the candidates running for city office. This event will take place at the gymnasium at Willow Valley Middle School, 525 North 200 West, on Thursday, September 10th from 7-9 p.m. This is a great opportunity for residents to become informed and involved.

Candidate Information for Wellsville Mayor's Seat

There are three candidates for the mayor's seat. A primary election will be held at the LDS Church at 49 West 200 South on September 15th, 2009 and the top 2 vote getters will be on the ballet for the general election in November.



Thomas Bailey: Thomas and his wife, Charlotte, are the parents of four children. Thomas has lived in Wellsville his entire life with the exception of two years while serving in the military. He is a retired school principle and teacher, and has been an active farmer/rancher his entire life. Thomas received a B.S. and a Masters Degree from USU, and an Education Specialist Degree in Administration from Idaho State University. He has a strong background of volunteer service in church and community. Thomas currently serves on the Wellsville City Council, the Wellsville Irrigation Co. Board of Directors, the South Cache Water Users Board, and the Blacksmith Fork Soil Conservation District. Prior to serving as a City Councilman, he was a member of Wellsville Planning Commission. His background has given him many years of experience in directing and supervising others as objectives are pursued. When asked what specific goals he has in mind as he seeks the office of Mayor, he answered that he wants to keep our citizens safe and to increase Wellsville's tax base by bringing new businesses into town. His favorite thing about living in Wellsville is the good people who live here and their willingness to donate their time and effort to keep Wellsville a great place to call home. Tom's greatest concern for Wellsville is future growth and keeping up with the demands on the municipal water and sewer systems.

M. Kent Larsen: Kent and his wife, Penny, are the parents of three sons. Kent was raised here in Wellsville and then moved away as he pursued his career, although it was always his goal to come back to his hometown. He returned to Wellsville in 2003 and is happy to be back here and share in the values of our community. Kent worked as a School Administrator and has a B.S. from USU and M.S. & Ed.D degrees from BYU. His career was in counseling and educational administration in both public and private sectors. He also has a background of

(Kent Larsen, continued) service to church, community, and service organizations. When asked what specific goals he has in mind as he seeks the office of Mayor, he listed three; to build open communication and positive relations between the citizens and city administration, to show fiscal responsibility and maintain a balanced budget, and to manage growth to maintain the quality of life in our community. His favorite thing about Wellsville is the peaceful, rural atmosphere and charm here. Kent feels Wellsville has a pioneer heritage and spirit that has endured through the generations, and residents who are friendly, caring, and are good neighbors. His greatest concern is making sure that while making new citizens welcome, future growth and development should enhance our lifestyle and reflect long range planning by our citizens.

Dick Wells: Dick and his wife, Joyce, are the parents of six children. They have lived in Wellsville for over 30 years after living in various communities outside of Cache Valley. This includes recently living three years abroad. Dick has an accounting degree and is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). He worked as an auditor and spent over 20 years managing large, complex operations, which has given him very diverse managerial experience. Also, Dick has served twice on the Wellsville City Council with two different mayors. He has held responsible positions in religious and volunteer organizations, and managed a family business for 13 years. When asked what specific goals he has in mind as he seeks the office of Mayor, he answered that he will be pro-active in development and progress for Wellsville, will work to maximize resources toward recreational development (soccer, baseball, and playground areas) and be creative and make things happen. He feels it is important to build on the "old" while working for the "new." Dick's favorite things about Wellsville are the rural atmosphere of our community and the long-standing traditions we have here, which has made Wellsville a wonderful place to rear his family. His greatest concern for our community is balancing the development and progress that has taken place with the culture and traditions that make Wellsville such an ideal place to live.

Candidate Information for City Council Seats

There are 8 candidates running for 2 council seats. A primary election will be held at the LDS Church at 49 West 200 South on September 15th, 2009 and the top 4 vote getters will be on the ballet for the general election in November.

Kaylene Ames: Kaylene and her husband, Glenn, have two sons and have lived in Wellsville nine years. In addition to being a wife, mom, and entrepreneur, she has been very active in serving in the community, the school system, and other service organizations. Kaylene was the Wellsville PTA President for two years, and has served as a Cub Scout Leader for four years. She is currently the President of the Wellsville Foundation and previously served as its 1st Vice President for seven years. She has been instrumental in lining-up many of the activities held in the Tabernacle and organizing volunteers to serve there. She has also served as president of the Wellsville Chapter of American Mothers Inc. Her goals in seeking office are to help preserve the beauty and heritage of our community, as well as help our community keep our children safe, well and happy. Kaylene loves looking at the Wellsville Tabernacle every morning as the sun rises, and would like to help our community manage growth and embrace the "Envision Cache Valley" opportunity.

Kent Bankhead: Kent and his wife, Susan, are the parents of 3 children and he has lived in Wellsville for 45 years. Kent works as a realtor and has received advanced leadership training through his current profession. When asked what specific goals he has in mind as he seeks this office, he answered that he wants to plan for the future of Wellsville to ensure the resources are in place as we grow. Kent's favorite thing about Wellsville is the great people who live here. His greatest concern for the future of our community is having the financial resources to provide for the needs of the citizens.

Ron Case: Ron and his wife, Bonnie, are the parents of 3 children and have lived in Wellsville 35 years. Ron works as a Programmer Analyst. He has served on the City Council for the past eight years, and currently serves as the City Council Representative to the Planning Commission. He served for two years as a founding member of the Cache Mosquito Abatement Board. Ron would love to see the city projects already underway through to completion. These projects include managing growth to retain Wellsville's country 'look and feel', completion of the current sewer project while meeting state mandated changes, completing the update of the Land Use Master Plan, continue to develop the City's website and use it as a tool to increase communication between city officials and residents, and to finish the improvements around Wellsville Dam. Ron's favorite thing about Wellsville is the people, and he loves the beauty of our surroundings. One of his concerns for our community is that long-range planning that has been done might give way to those who would like to make a quick buck at the expense of the city.

Mike Eyster: Mike and his wife, Robin, are the parents of four children and have lived in Wellsville for one year. Mike is an Information Technology Specialist at the IRS, and has experience serving city government though his appointment to the city council in another community. In the course of his past employment, he facilitated bringing many different ideas and thoughts from a variety of people together to find a workable solution to complicated issues. He has served on various citizen committees, and is currently a member of the Wellsville Emergency Medical Technicians, with 5 years prior EMT experience. His goal in seeking office is to help preserve our small town feel while ensuring our continued financial stability. Mike's favorite thing about living in Wellsville is the great people and their willingness to help each other, which has built a strong spirit of community. One of his concerns is the long-term vision and plan for our community. He fears that the things that make Wellsville what it is now may be lost in the future.

Colin Harrison: Colin and his wife, Bonnie, are the parents of 5 children and have lived in Wellsville for 16 years. He works as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Colin served for three years on the Providence Board of Adjustments and was chairman of the Wellsville Home Occupation Ordinance Committee. He has served on the Founders' Day Committee for the past 15 years, the last two of which he has been Chairman. He has also been very active in the scouting program and has served in many church leadership positions. Colin's goal is to maintain the services we have and to see that we grow in a very planned and careful way so that we can stay a friendly community with a small town feel. His loves the wonderful, friendly people here and the "open-space feel" with barns and animals scattered

(Colin Harrison, continued) throughout the town with the majestic mountains as a backdrop. One of Colin's concerns is making sure that the community doesn't grow faster than its ability to provide services like water and sewer. He would like to see community growth controlled carefully and wisely.

Carl Leatham: Carl and his wife, Karma, are the parents of three children, and he has lived in Wellsville his entire life. He works as a professional truck driver. Carl has been on the city's Planning Commission for the past five years. He has also served as a Founders' Day Chairman and on other Founders' Day Committees. Having family members who have served in city government allowed him to listen, learn, and glean from their experience. His farming background has given him an understanding of property lines, ditches, water rights, and natural resources. Carl's goal in seeking office is to serve the community, help protect property rights, and to see that our resources are developed wisely. Carl's favorite things about living here are the people and the rural atmosphere. Carl's greatest concerns for our community are maintaining unity as a city and addressing transportation issues. He would like to see safe accesses and crossings of the highway, and roads, bike trails, and walking paths throughout the city and future growth areas.

Brian Pattee: Brian and his wife, Keri, are the parents of two children, and he has lived in Wellsville for 22 years. Brian has worked for Logan City as a Cross Connection Inspector for the past 28 years. He feels his employment by a city government has prepared him to serve on the city council because it has given him a wide range of experience in the public works division, in community development, and in other city government divisions such as finance, legal, etc. Brian's goals as he seeks this office are to promote retail sales businesses, to ensure structured planning for residential growth, and to address demands on the infrastructure of the city, such a water, sewer, roads, and storm water systems. Brian's favorite things about living in Wellsville are the friendly and nice people and the rural country atmosphere. His greatest concern for the future of our community is financial viability and having taxes and fees so high that our children or grandchildren would not be able to live in Wellsville.

Kevin Tingey: Kevin has lived in Wellsville off and on through the years and has returned with the intention of making Wellsville his home. While working in the construction field, he has obtained degrees in both Physics and Law. He loves our small town and feels that his knowledge of law and construction, can be used to help shape building ordinances and provide consistency in enforcing those ordinances to maintain Wellsville's small town feel. Kevin is concerned about our town's dependency on electrical power from outside of the city and would like to explore options to provide power generation capabilities and pursue federal incentive money to provide this independence. He would also like to pursue opportunities to help Wellsville become a "greener" town. Kevin feels his past experience will be beneficial in dealing with development and developers with compassion yet understanding that their intentions do not always meet with retaining the community we call home.