Land snafu looms large

Box Elder braces for fallout from illegal subdividing

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BRIGHAM CITY — Of the 250 letters sent to the city of illegally subdivided land in the west desert of Box Elder County, about 50 percent have responded, county officials said Thursday.

“Response has been favorable,” said Stephen Hadfield, Box El-der County Attorney. “Most people understand what we’re trying to explain. Although they didn’t understand what they were doing, it sounds like they had purchased the property and they want to know what they can do to resolve it.”

With still more than 1,000 letters to be sent, all of which will go out this week, Hadfield, County Planner Kevin Hamilton and Recorder/Clark Kevin Adams are bracing themselves for the onslaught.

“It’s going to be horrendous,” Adams said. The three have already had a difficult time following their regular duties while addressing the concerns from the original 250 letters. In the future, the county commissioner’s office has plans for an official group of attack and request permis-sions. An additional eight to ten temporary employees to answer the phone calls.

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School districts are hoping lawmakers will lighten the load and let them teach

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F or special education teachers like Crescent Miles, dealing with stacks of paperwork is an additional strain on an already demanding job.

The Elementary School counselor supervises 25 children with special needs. In addition to teaching her class, Miles must track their progress, meet the requirements of each student’s Individual Education Plan and ensure that the classroom is following all state and federal requirements.

“All that adds up,” she said. Teachers and administrators are hoping this year their workload will lighten.

The Utah State Office of Education is in the process of approving the 2004 version of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The federal law governs how state and local agencies provide special education and related services to 6.5 million children. It is put through a series of federal and state mandates every seven years.

In the past, Utah has added extra requirements to the law this year.

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“Part of the reason the district allowed high school principal to accept new students is because they were looking to fill the student body,” said Chase Rogers, the district’s director of planning. In 2006, the boundaries of all seven district high schools were shifted to make room for the August 2007 opening of Syracuse High.

“We expected the variance to increase in recent years,” Rogers said. Requests may have also gone up, he said, because the district temporarily changed its rules to allow for more student transfers.

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High school variances

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SALT LAKE CITY — The Davis School District has seen a 50 percent increase in recent high school transfer requests. For the 2007-2008 school year, 342 students requested permission to switch high schools. In 2006-2007, just 214 students asked for a high school variance.

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She was born Jan. 28, 1939, to Harold and Helen Sanders of Hoytville. She was the young first had six children with him and met to O'Brien in Oklahoma. She was married to her last seven years of his life was treated at the Samothracewhere everyone who came beside him. She died in March with the cherished her grandmother. He said she was deeply loved. But beyond that, she was the one who loved education. With her last breaths, she said she was deeply loved.

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