



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Director's Dialogue:

As we come to the end of another year, I think it is appropriate to take a few moments to express our thanks to those elected officials who will be leaving office at the end of the December. A special thank you is extended to Mayor Karen Alvey, Kanab City, after her 1st term as mayor and 24 years of service in various capacities; Mayor Howard Pryor, Minersville Town, after 34 years of service as a local elected official, and one of the original signers of documents when the Association of Governments was formed in 1972; Mayor Jon Torgerson, Panguitch City, after his 3rd term; and Mayor Doug Garner, Hurricane City, after serving one term. These mayors have volunteered their service not only as members of the Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee, but in various other capacities on both local and state levels. Their efforts have been very much appreciated, and we will miss their guidance and association. We wish them all well in future endeavors.

We also wish to express our appreciation to other mayors throughout the region for the countless years of dedicated service. Other mayors leaving office at the end of December include the following: Mayor James Robinson, Beaver City; Mayor Tim Westwood, Antimony Town; Mayor Al Stone, Cannonville Town; Mayor Marjie Lee Spencer, Escalante City; Mayor Rick Sawyer, Hatch Town; Mayor Thorley Johnson, Henrieville Town; Mayor Harold Shirley, Cedar City; Mayor Glen Halterman, Parowan City; Mayor Tonya Rosebury, Big Water; Mayor Bill Spencer, Glendale Town; Mayor Robert Caruso, Orderville Town; Mayor Douglas Grant Clove, Enterprise City; Mayor Chris Blake, Ivins City; Mayor Dan Howard, LaVerkin City; Mayor Michael Empey, Leeds Town; Mayor Kay Edwards, New Harmony Town; Mayor David Hatfield, Rockville Town; Mayor Fred Rowley, Santa Clara City; Mayor Phillip Bimstein, Springdale Town; and Mayor Charles Wahlquist, Toquerville Town.

We extend our best wishes to these mayors as they embark on new horizons. Happy Holidays to all.

(John S. Williams)

2002 Meeting Schedule

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee will meet in regular session in 2002 on the following schedule:

| Meeting Date | Location |
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| Wednesday, January 9, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Five County AOG Conference Room 906 North 1400 West St. George, Utah |
| Wednesday, February 13, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Kane County Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, Utah |
| Wednesday, March 13, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, Utah |
| Wednesday, April 10, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Parowan Public Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, Utah |
| Wednesday, May 8, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Panguitch City Library Council Chambers 25 South 200 East Panguitch, Utah |
| Wednesday, June 12, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Kane County Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, Utah |
| Wednesday, August 14, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Panguitch City Library Council Chambers 25 South 200 East Panguitch, Utah |
| Wednesday, September 11, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, Utah |
| Wednesday, October 9, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Parowan Public Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, Utah |
| Wednesday, November 20, 2002 1:00 p.m. | Five County AOG Conference Room 906 North 1400 West St. George, Utah |

Staff Spotlights:



Carrie Dennis, the youngest of six children, was born and raised on a ranch near Nephi, Utah. In 1985 her family moved to St. George where she attended Pine View High School, graduating in 1986. In 1990, She graduated from Southern Utah University with a degree in Psychology and Sociology.

She moved to Oceanside, California where she met and married Jack Duane Dennis Jr., a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. In 1993 they moved back to the St. George area to make their home and start a family. They recently moved to Washington City purchasing a pioneer home, which they look forward to remodeling and fixing up. They are the proud parents of two boys, Jackson an active 2 ½ yr old, and 4 month-old Braxton.

Carrie spent several years working for Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside, California and worked at St. George Care Center after moving back to Southern Utah. In 1994, Carrie was given the opportunity to work with families spending 4 years as the Executive Director of the Washington County Family Support Center, where she continues to teach parenting classes. In December 1997 she began working for Five County AOG as a Case Manager for the In-Home and Community Based Aging programs. Carrie is currently the Human Services Coordinator overseeing an array of Human Service programs, including: Home & Community Based Services, SSBG, CSBG, FEMA, Federal Foods and other Human Services planning & programming. When she is not spending quality time caring for and playing with her children, Carrie enjoys crafts, working in the yard, fixing up their pioneer home and spending time with family and friends.

Gayle Broberg joined the Child Care Resource and Referral, Western Region office in October, 2001. Her official title is Referral Specialist, and she helps Lis Barker by running the St. George CCR&R office. She is happy to finally have a job that uses the Child Development degrees that she got m-a-n-y years ago (BS from BYU - Early Childhood Education, MS from Oklahoma State University - Child Development). Prior to coming to the AOG she worked for six years as an elementary school media specialist in both Shawnee, Oklahoma and St. George, plus three years as Director of ESL.



Gayle was born and raised in West Lafayette, Indiana.

She met her husband, John, at BYU and they lived in Orem, Utah for 14 years and Shawnee, Oklahoma for 11 years. When they decided they had missed the beautiful Western mountains long enough, they moved to St. George in 1997.

Along with her husband, who is a school administrator, they have raised five outstanding children (biased observation) and are the proud grandparents of four of the cutest, smartest grandchildren ever (truthful information)!!! She spends her spare time quilting, gardening, hiking, traveling to Provo (where three of her children live) and enjoying the beauty of southern Utah.

Rosanne Tietjen is the new old girl at the front desk reception for Five County Association of Governments. Born and raised under the sagebrush in Kanab, St. George seems like a rumbling huge metropolitan development. She moved here in August of 1985, with her three children. It was a hot summer that year, (Kanab has a much cooler climate) that combined with the horrible taste of water she was sure she had made a huge mistake.



She doesn't knit, quilt, cook or do windows, but enjoys a clean environment wherever she is. She loves to write, play piano, a little guitar, and "toots" on her flute.

She would love to open a joint bank account with someone who has an unlimited supply of money, and she promised she would share with anyone of us who knows of such a person.

Rosanne has one little granddaughter who she nicknamed Rainbow and claims she is colorful enough to be one.

She loves St. George now and feels at home here at the AOG as she already has friends here.

Capital Improvements Lists

The Five County Association of Governments has been requested by the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board to assist in updating the Capital Improvements Lists for the Five County region. A mailer will be sent in the first part of January to counties, municipalities, special service districts, and school districts. In order for a project to receive CIB funding, it must be included on these lists. Your assistance in completing this project is appreciated.

Aging and Nutrition Programs

The Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Utah, as administered by the Five County Association of Governments, is responsible for providing programs and services on behalf of approximately 17,500 residents of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties who are age 60 and over and their caregivers.

As you look through our services, you will notice that they are designed to enable our older adult population to remain vital, active, and participating members of their communities. This is done by encouraging them to live as independently as possible. These services include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Congregate & Home Delivered Meals
- ◆ Information and Referral Services
- ◆ Friendly Visiting
- ◆ Telephone Reassurance
- ◆ Chore Services
- ◆ Legal Services
- ◆ Recreation and Socialization
- ◆ In-Home Services
- ◆ Aging Medicaid Waiver Program
- ◆ Caregiving & Caregiver Support

In addition to these services, funding is made available to help support the operation of 13 Senior Citizens Centers. They are located in the following counties and cities as shown here:

| County | Senior Citizen Centers | | |
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| Beaver | Beaver City | Milford City | Minersville Town |
| Garfield | Escalante City | Henrieville Town | Panguitch City |
| Iron | Cedar City | Parowan City | |
| Kane | Kanab City | Orderville Town | |
| Washington | Enterprise City | Hurricane City | St. George City |

Anyone desiring information about the services provided by Five County Aging & Nutrition Programs can do so by calling Bob Rasmussen or Patti Sill at the Five County Association of Governments office in St. George (435) 673-3548. A person can also receive information about services provided in each of the five individual counties by contacting:

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| Kelly Beeson, Beaver County | 435-438-5313 |
| Deon Alvey, Garfield County | 435-826-4317 |
| Connie Lloyd, Iron County | 435-477-8385 |
| Fay Ann Christensen, Kane County | 435-644-5250 |
| Betty McCarty, Washington County | 435-634-5716 |

When you contact us, we hope you will be able to find the information you need, and maybe even learn something new. (Bob Rasmussen)

First Night, 2002



"First Night 2002" is guaranteed to be the biggest and best New Years Eve celebration ever in the St. George area. Food and fun, belly dancers, face painters, mimes, clowns, chalk artists, jugglers, drum circles, fireworks, a light parade, and ongoing entertainment - inside at the St. George Opera House, Tabernacle, Washington County Library, the old Electric Theater and

the renovated Dixie Theater on Main Street - and outside on 6-7 stages will feature local talent, as well as some exciting surprises. All this and more will usher in the new year!!!

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, First Night 2002 will occupy the heart of the Downtown Historic District from the Pioneer Center for the Arts on the north to the Dixie Arts Center on the south. The cost is still an affordable \$3.00 per adult button / child wristbands (\$5.00 on the day of the event) which provides access to all activities. . . . sorry, food is extra!

RSVP volunteers will be needed to take tickets and other assignments on the night, so if you want to be part of the kick-off of the Dixie New Year, call today for more information or to sign up (435-674-5757). Volunteers will each receive the "blinking" badge.

(Linda Sappington)



**An Open House
Dixie Urbanizing Area
Long Range Transportation Planning**

**The Gardner Center
Dixie State College
225 S. 700 E., Conference Room B**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2001
4:00 to 8:00 P.M.**

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550. For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at:
www.fcaog.state.ut.us

**Steering Committee Meeting
Schedule:**

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, 1:00 p.m.
Five County Association of Governments,
Conference Room
906 North 1400 West; St. George, UT

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