



# FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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## *Minersville Senior Citizen Center Receives Name*



**Minersville Mayor Robert Crow (R) presents plaque to Howard Pryor (L)**

On May 23, 2002, a special program was held at the Senior Citizen Center in Minersville to honor former Minersville Town Mayor, Howard J. Pryor. At that time the new Senior Citizen Center was given the name Howard J. Pryor Minersville Senior Citizen Center.

Howard Pryor has a strong sense of community. That is typical of post WWII veterans who came home to rebuild and restart a country and their homes.



**Howard Pryor (L) and Gwen Pryor (R)**

As a resident of Minersville, Howard has served in many capacities. First as a businessman, running the local mercantile for 40 plus years. Everyone has some memory of Howard and his wife Gwen behind the counter of Pryor's. Every child in

town knew Howard and knew he was good for a lollipop or a black licorice.

Howard was always first to respond when there was a fire in Town, or when the school needed a Santa for the Christmas program. He has been the town handyman always fixing a lawn mower, weed eater or stove. He can fix just about anything.

Running for political office seemed a natural course of events. Howard has a natural sense of leadership and commitment, loyalty and fair judgment. He has served for over 30 years either as a Beaver County Commissioner or Mayor of Minersville Town. Howard has served on the Milford Hospital Board, Special Service District #2 Fire Board, Five County Association of Governem ents Steering

Committee and the Utah State CDBG Policy Committee.



**Howard J. Pryor Minersville Senior Citizens Center**

Howard has been instrumental in planning and completing many community betterment projects, including building and maintaining new roads, building of

the Beaver County Fairgrounds, Minersville sewer and water projects, Minersville Medical Clinic and the new Senior Citizen Center. (Sue Carter, Town Clerk)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**We are pleased to announce that Jerry B. Lewis, former Washington County commissioner, has been appointed by Governor Leavitt to serve as the State Transportation Commissioner for this area. He is replacing Grey Larkin as the commissioner. He will also serve as a member of the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Council. We are excited to have Mr. Lewis represent this region and look forward to working with him again.**

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## Staff Spotlights:



**Karyn Wright** of St. George, an AmeriCorps\* VISTA member, has joined the Volunteer Center of Washington County to coordinate the 1-year-old Seniors-in-Schools Program and build toward the program goal of 500 tutors in Washington County schools.

Wright, an 8-year resident of Washington County who relocated from Las Vegas in

1994, knows from personal experience that "reading is essential." As a mother of four boys and with a degree in education, Wright believes the skills a child develops during their primary education grades play a crucial role in future academic achievements. The program she coordinates at the Volunteer Center uses the rich resources of senior men and women to help kindergarten through third grade students increase their reading skills toward grade level ability.

In an organized team format, one volunteer leader and 15 tutors are recruited, trained and placed to work in neighborhood schools, with the district's Reading Readiness staff to help accomplish improved literacy consistent with the America Reads Challenge and Utah's Promise goals of helping at-risk youngsters attain at least a third grade reading level. By teaming children with a caring adult, volunteer leaders and tutors help focus attention on reading readiness and literacy skills in three groups, including early intervention with pre-schoolers, working one-on-one with children with limited or no reading support at home due to illiterate or literacy-challenged adults or parents and children from non-English speaking households.

Wright's day-to-day responsibilities include recruiting, training and placing tutors at any of Washington County's 35 elementary, intermediate, middle and high schools. At the same time, she is working to fill the demand for volunteers at Head Start and area agencies which focus on the needs of children.

VISTA, an acronym for Volunteers in Service to America, is a national service program in which members pledge themselves to serve on a full-time basis for a term of one year. In certain circumstances, members may extend or re-enroll for a second year. The role of AmeriCorps\*VISTA members is to mobilize resources, link agencies with each other and recruit volunteers from the community to solve issues. The assignment each member performs depends on the particular problem being addressed. In addition to the education award, AmeriCorps\*VISTA members also

receive a living allowance, health insurance and child care, if needed.

For more information relating to volunteer opportunities through the Volunteer Center of Washington County, call 674-5757 or toll free to 1-800-250-SERVE.



**Joan Hopkins.** After retiring in April, 2001, from Red Mountain Resort & Spa, Joan Hopkins volunteered as a Senior Companion in order to give back to the community. After six months of hanging around the wonderful group at the Volunteer Center she had the opportunity to become an AmeriCorps\* Vista with the "Tapping Senior Power" program as the recruiter for the senior programs. Joan moved to St George 4 years

ago from the Denver area to care for her ailing mother.

Joan spent 28 years in the travel industry in a lot of different areas. She has traveled the world extensively and has had the privilege of experiencing many different people, histories, and cultures. This has given her a tremendous ability to recognize and appreciate diversity. The last 10 years was spent as the founder and administrator of the June Morris School of Travel.

As an ordained minister, Joan has fulfilled a lifelong dream of furthering her education in spiritual and humanitarian services. She is the President and Directing Minister for a spiritual group she co-founded three years ago.

### **NOTICE**

**Community Development staff members are in the process of updating the Rating and Ranking Criteria for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. A mailer will be provided within the next week to county and community officials in the Five County region. We encourage local elected officials to review the criteria and provide input into this important process. The revised criteria will be presented to the Steering Committee during their August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for adoption.**

## Utah Summer Games Set to Host Athletes of All Ages and Skill Levels



Athletes from all over Utah will descend on Iron County June 6-23, 2002, as the 17th Annual Utah Summer Games get under way. From archery to wrestling, basketball to soccer and inline roller hockey to skateboarding, more than 10,000 athletes will compete in one or more of 50 Utah Summer Games sports. Among this year's new sports are arcathlon, observed motorcycle trials, rugby and squash.

"We always have a tremendous increase in participation at the Utah Summer Games following an Olympic year and we expect interest to be extremely high since the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Games touched the lives of so many in our state," said Bryan Dangerfield, executive director. "For many Utah athletes, the fire has been burning within, and continues to burn within, since 1986 when the USG was founded."



A pair of Olympic Gold Medalists and other contributors to sport in the state of Utah, will be inducted into the Utah Summer Games Hall of Honor set for Thursday, June 13, at the Gilbert Great Hall at SUU. Following the Hall of Honor, the Opening Ceremonies will get underway at 8:30 p.m. As always, the festivities will be exciting and colorful with the athlete and VIP parade, music by the 80s rock group "Survivor", mascot mania, world-champion trampolinists, torch run and an awesome fireworks display.

RSVP and the Volunteer Center of Iron County are once again involved in helping coordinate volunteers for the Games. While many volunteer needs are covered by sport and event managers, the Volunteer Center has carved out a niche in assisting sports which need extra help and recruiting volunteers to serve in other, non-sport areas. RSVP Volunteers from Iron County will fill 41 of the 56 slots

at the USG Information Desk, while RSVP Volunteers from Washington County will assist with the Triathlon at Quail Lake.

"We appreciate the volunteer support each year," commented Dangerfield. "The dedication of volunteers from Iron County and all of southwestern Utah is wonderful and appreciated by our staff and the participants."

Individuals wishing to volunteer should call the Volunteer Center of Iron County at 867-8384 or e-mail at [volcenter@netutah.com](mailto:volcenter@netutah.com). Athletes who have not yet registered should do so at [www.utahsummergames.org](http://www.utahsummergames.org).

The Utah Summer Games is a non-profit organization founded in 1986 and committed to encouraging healthy lifestyles and sportsmanship. The Cedar City-based foundation has provided an "Olympic-style" experience for nearly 100,000 athletes with help from our Gold Medal partners: Cedar City Corporation, Delta Air Lines, Intermountain Health Care, Wells Fargo Bank, KUTV2, MB Media Group Radio Stations and YESCO. (Ron Cardon)

## RSVP GOES TO PURGATORY

The Purgatory Correctional Facility, at the Hurricane off-ramp just off Interstate 15, has maximum housing for 420 inmates, limited opportunities for appropriate and beneficial correctional education, life skills programs and services and a 72% recidivism rate. Inmates have three things in common: (1) No ready access to resources



available in the community; (2) Inadequate education, vocational and/or life skills or marketable abilities to provide an income; and (3) Lack of transitional housing, employment, or treatment for drug and alcohol use.

At Purgatory Correctional Facility, RSVP volunteers are needed to help prepare offenders to return to the community through the creation of a discharge planning model, develop programs for offender education, including tutoring, scholarships, assistance with obtaining education (including GED), life skills assistance, apprenticeships, training and job skills development (examples might include Computer Assisted Drafting, printing, web page design, woodworking, greenhouse gardening and technical/vocational apprenticeships). Call 674-5757 today for more information or to share your ideas. This is a great opportunity to make a difference!!! (Linda Sappington)

**Congratulation to Kanab City for earning the  
21st Century Communities Bronze Award!**



**Curt Hutchings, Senior Planner, Five County Association of Governments, presents award to Mayor Kim Lawson**

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**Steering Committee Meeting  
Schedule:**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2002, 1:00 p.m.**  
Kane County Courthouse, Commission Chambers; 76 North Main Street; Kanab, UT

**Wednesday, August 14, 2002, 1:00 p.m.**  
Panguitch City Library, Meeting Room, 25 South 200 East; Panguitch, UT