

FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW



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Director's Dialogue: **DON'T FORGET THE CDBG "HOW TO APPLY WORKSHOPS"**

(See details below)

CDBG "HOW TO APPLY WORKSHOPS"

Tuesday, September 25, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.
Hurricane City Office, City Council Chambers
147 North 870 West, Hurricane, Utah

Wednesday, September 26, 2001 - 10:30 A.M.
Panguitch Fire Station
40 North 100 East, Panguitch, Utah

Any jurisdiction that is contemplating applying for CDBG funding must assign at least one elected official from their governing body to attend one of the two scheduled workshops whether you are applying directly, or if you are sponsoring another entity through your jurisdiction. A representative of the "other entity" must also be in attendance with the elected official. A post card will be mailed in the first part of September reminding jurisdictions of the upcoming workshops.

(John S. Williams)

Highway 12 Corridor Management Plan



Utah's Highway 12 State Scenic Byway is unquestionably one of the most amazing roads in the country. It stretches 124 scenic miles across a richly varied landscape and serves as the main artery to and from this remote and rugged region of the Colorado Plateau. Its sensational scenery draws people from all over the world and in its natural, yet majestic way, journeys through unforgettable terrain and time.

Highway 12 runs in a west-east direction that travels through several ecosystems, from sage to ponderosa pine to slick-rock desert to quaking aspen stands. It lies between Bryce Canyon and Capitol Reef National Parks and travels through Dixie National Forest as well as the northern part of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The road spans elevations ranging from 4000 feet at the Escalante River to 11,000 feet at the top of Boulder Mountain. Travelers encounter archeological, cultural, historical, natural, recreational and scenic qualities while experiencing this unique and thrilling route.

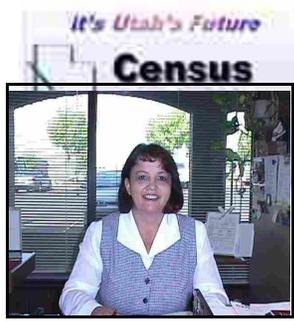
Scenic Highway 12 was designated a National Forest Scenic Byway in 1988. State Scenic Byway designation followed in April of 1990; the first highway in Utah to gain this status. These designations recognize its diverse scenic qualities, geologic features, cultural heritage and recreational opportunities.

Recognizing the uniqueness of Highway 12, local agency and community leaders decided that it was time to compile a plan to protect this valuable resource and to pursue national designation. The Association of Governments was employed to prepare a Corridor Management Plan under the direction of a local steering committee.

The Corridor Management Plan describes how the lands along Highway 12 exhibit six "intrinsic qualities" listed in federal guidelines for designating All American Roads (Archeology, Culture, History, Nature, Recreation, Scenery). Also included in the plan are goals and strategies for protecting and interpreting the intrinsic qualities. Finally, the Plan will recognize the vital importance of Highway 12 as the only means to transport goods and services to and from the region.

A draft Plan will be reviewed in September of this year. The final plan will be ready for submission to the Federal Highway Administration in December, as part of the application for All American Road designation. All involved in this process are confident that Highway 12 will be recognized as a "crown jewel" of scenic highways in the country. (Kenneth L. Sizemore)

Staff Spotlights:



Jo Seegmiller is the Management Services Coordinator at the Five County Association of Governments. Before moving to St. George, Jo attended LDS Business College in Salt Lake City and was employed at the Six County AOG in Richfield.

She worked for the Department of Social Services in St. George for three years before marrying her sweetheart, Terry, and leaving the workforce to start her family. She spent ten years at home getting a head start on raising her five children, Darren, Shannon, Tracy, Kelly, and Carson.

She has been with the AOG for the past twelve years and has seen the staff grow from just over 20 employees to well over 70 today. Jo has worked with the Weatherization and Home Programs and presently works with the RSVP and HEAT/Utility Assistance Programs, in addition to her main assignment in administration and accounts payable. She loves her job (thank goodness) and also enjoys spending occasional lunch hours in her husband's third-grade classroom, playing the piano, and supporting her family's extra-curricular activities.



Bob Rasmussen started working for the Five County Association of Governments in December of 1979 as an accountant for the AOG and program specialist for the Nutrition Program under the Area Agency on Aging. Over

the years he has taken on other responsibilities which have included: Director of the Weatherization Program, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, Program Specialist for the HEAT and Utility Assistance Programs. Bob is currently working in all of these areas but is willing and flexible enough to take on responsibilities as needed.

Bob has an accounting degree from Southern Utah State College, now Southern Utah State University, in Cedar City, Utah and currently resides near Cedar City in Enoch. His wife's name is Brenda and they are the parents of 5 children. They have lived in southern Utah for most of their lives.

Bob's main interests outside of work include gardening, fishing, and spending time with his family. He also loves the varied types of terrain and scenery found in southern Utah and spends as much time as possible hiking and camping out in it.

Over the years, Bob has had the good fortune of associating with many people living here in the towns and cities of Southwest Utah, he feels that it is these people who make this area such a great place to live.



Collene Taylor is the Human Services Secretary/Account Tech and Front Desk/Telephone Receptionist at the Five County Association of Governments. She relocated to the St. George area on July 17, 1984 with

her husband, Murray, and their five children, (Marnie, Jana, Tara, Jonathan and Erin) from Gunnison, Utah. She had been employed at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah as Administrative Assistant to the Upward Bound Program. Prior to coming on board with Five County in July of 1991, she was employed at Dixie College and the St. George Chamber of Commerce. In the seventeen years Collene's family has been in St. George, their family has expanded to include three son's- in- law, one daughter-in-law and twelve beautiful grandchildren. Her husband Murray, joined the ranks of the retirement community in 1999 after 30 years of teaching in elementary schools in the Granite, North Sanpete and Washington County School Districts!

During her tenure with the AOG, Collene worked in the former Color Country Travel Region Division and in 1993 transferred to the Human Services Division providing staff support to the Human Services Planner and programs including the CSBG (Community Services Block Grant), SSBG (Social Services Block Grant), Emergency Food & Shelter Programs as well as Front Desk and Telephone Receptionist. Collene enjoys her job and co-workers very much - - but her true first love is her family and grandchildren.



Adrienne Meldrum was recently hired as phone counselor for the St. George office of Child Care Resource & Referral. She and her husband just celebrated their first anniversary and have just recently moved from Salt Lake City.

Adrienne is currently attending Southern Utah University to complete her Elementary Education degree, with a Kindergarten Endorsement. She grew up in St. George, but her husband is from Boise, Idaho. She loves to oil paint and draw, and her favorite treat is a coke from the Frostop. We're excited to have her as part of our team!
The success of Census 2000 in Utah is vitally important. Not only does Utah's political representation in the U.S. Congress and in the

State Legislature rest on population totals, but billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to Utah over a ten-year period based on census statistics." . . . Governor Michael O. Leavitt

On April 1, 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau conducted the 22nd national census. The results are a snapshot of the population and make-up of Utah its counties and communities; who we are, how we've changed, and the direction we are heading.

At the date of the Census, Utah's population had reached 2,233,169 which is an increase of 510,319 people since 1990. That 29.6% increase ranks Utah as fourth among states in the rate of population growth between 1990 and 2000. Utah grew more than twice as fast as the Nation (13.2%) during this ten year period. Utah ranks 34th in the nation in total population just behind Arkansas and just ahead of Nevada.

The Five County area has seen its share of high growth. In fact, Washington and Iron counties were the second and third fastest growing counties in Utah in the last decade. Washington County's population increased by 86.1% since 1990 or more than triple the state rate. Iron County grew at a rate of 62.5% which is more than double that of the state.

Populations for County Seats in each of the five counties are:

Beaver City	2,454	Panguitch	1,623
Parowan	2,565	Kanab	3,564
St. George	49,663		

The changes in population since 1990 for each county, city and town in our Five County area, as reported by the Census, are listed here:

	1990	2000
Beaver County	4,765	6,005
Beaver City	1,998	2,454
Milford City	1,107	1,451
Minersville City	608	817
Garfield County	3,980	4,735
Antimony Town	83	122
Boulder Town	126	180
Cannonville Town	131	148

	1990	2000
Garfield County (Continued)		

Escalante Town	818	818
Hatch Town	103	127
Henrieville Town	163	159
Panguitch City	1,444	1,623
Tropic Town	374	508
Iron County	20,789	33,779
Brian Head Town	109	118
Cedar City	13,443	20,527
Enoch City	1,947	3,467
Kanarrville Town	228	311
Paragonah Town	307	470
Parowan City	1,873	2,565
Kane County	5,169	6,046
Alton Town	93	134
Big Water Town	326	417
Glendale Town	282	355
Kanab City	3,289	3,564
Orderville Town	422	596
Washington County	48,560	90,354
Enterprise City	936	1,285
Hildale Town	1,325	1,895
Hurricane City	3,915	8,250
Ivins City	1,630	4,450
LaVerkin City	1,771	3,392
Leeds Town	254	547
New Harmony Town	101	190
Rockville Town	182	247
Santa Clara City	2,322	4,630
Springdale Town	275	457
St. George City	28,502	49,663
Toquerville Town	488	910
Virgin Town	229	394
Washington City	4,198	8,186

(Curt Hutchings)

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM



Mayor Dan Howard and the City Council of LaVerkin City accepted an award presented by John S. Williams of the Association of Governments. Congratulations to LaVerkin City as the newest "Gold Level" community in the state.

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: <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, 1:00 p.m.
Beaver County Administration Building
Conference Room (Old Commission
Chambers) 105 East Center, Beaver, UT

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, 1:00 p.m.
Parowan Public Library, Meeting Room
16 South Main, Parowan, UT

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