



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Director's Dialogue

Last fall's election brought many new elected leaders onto the scene in southwestern Utah.

We welcome the following new representatives to the Steering Committee:

Clare Ramsay, Garfield County Commissioner for 16 years, will be taking the seat held by Maloy Dodds. **Dale Brinkerhoff** is a newly-elected Iron County Commissioner, but has served in both county and municipal positions, bringing a wide range of experience to the table. **Ken Platt** will be representing the Garfield County School Board. Mayor **Jerry Taylor** of Escalante is the new Garfield County Mayor's representative. Each will add new perspectives and judgement as they join with the Steering Committee.

February is also the month when the chair rotates to a new county. Commissioner **Chad Johnson** of Beaver County will be taking the reins. Mayor **Mark Yardley** of Beaver City will serve as Vice Chair. I look forward to working with both of these effective representatives.



Volunteer Network Programs Review

Utah is known for its volunteer spirit. More

volunteers donate their time and money than in any other state. The same is true here in southwestern Utah. A few recent highlights are found below:

Youth Volunteer Corp (YVC)-- There are currently 30+ youth participating in this program. At Christmas time, participants helped Dove Center children make gifts for their mothers, which was a huge success! Then for the Dixie Care and Share dinner, they stuffed 200 pairs of socks with candy and oranges for the kids.

On Martin Luther King day, YVC participants ushered at the Tabernacle for the "Man of Peace" ceremony and handed out 230+ buttons. We have an incredible bunch of kids in the YVC program.

In December, our Youth Court participants were sworn in at the court house by Judge Staheli. What a powerful experience for youth to be in a real court, with a real judge, being commended and sworn in.

Volunteer Center-- A fund-raising walk is scheduled on February 12th. Everyone needs to dust off their tennis shoes and join us! Flyers are available in the volunteer center. The Volunteer Center has a fantastic new board that is doing some amazing things to help increase the funds for their programs. They have also increased the office volunteer staff to help out with the chaos, so be nice to them when you come and visit.

Senior Health Insurance Program(SHIIP)-- Volunteers and staff put in over 1500 counseling hours in the month of December. This made a huge impact on seniors that needed help with Medicare questions. Having Tom Everett in the office for six weeks was so wonderful.

RSVP Program-- In the last four months a total of four new volunteer stations have been added to this program with over 700+ new volunteers. This means a much larger face in the community for The Volunteer Center. The feedback in the last couple of months has been very positive and the referrals are starting to come in for more and more RSVP's.

Tuacahn season is about ready to start and that is always exciting. There are 11 concerts scheduled this year so far, i.e, Sara Evans, Bill Cosby, REO Speedwagon, Air Supply, Eddie Money, etc.

Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs-- Both programs have been running strong because Chris McDonald and Julie Duckett are so awesome. We have added on three new senior companions and six new foster grandparents. The seniors who work in these programs are so big hearted and full of life, they serve and serve and serve. Assistance is provided to people who have nowhere else to turn, and these services do not cost the clients anything. We want to welcome

Julie Duckett back to full time! She was a huge lifesaver over the last week of December and deserves a special hug!! (Carol Hollowell)

Town Office Under Construction in Rockville

Work began on January 3, 2011 to make room for a new town office addition in front of the Rockville Town Community Center recreation hall structure. As of January 17th framing of the facility was underway.



Site demolition began on January 3, 2011 to make way for new Rockville town office addition

This is a significant project for the residents of this small Washington County town. Rockville is a community of 255 residents and is located along Utah State Route 9 on the eastern side of the county.

In 1992, Rockville received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to purchase property containing a former Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel building and recreation hall for use as a community center. Both buildings have become assets not only to Rockville, but to many others who may rent the facilities for weddings, reunions, musical performances, etc.

Town leaders have continuously budgeted for repairs and upgrades to the facilities. They have replaced both roofs, added central heating and cooling to the main hall and have repaired the stucco exteriors and painted both buildings.



Rockville Community Center

Later on the town constructed a small structure in front of the recreation hall to serve as a part-time contract "post office" for the town that allows the residents to mail parcels and letters as well as have local P.O. Box services in the town.

Because the original acquisition of the recreation hall/chapel building was accomplished with CDBG funds, the town knew that they could not utilize either of those buildings for town administrative offices. Non-CDBG funding along with local dollars would be necessary to construct the town's first office facility.

During 2010 Five County AOG community development staff assisted the town officials to apply for needed funding through the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB). The town's efforts were successful and funding was provided in the form of a loan and a grant from the Board. A local building authority was then established to administer the CIB loan. The town is very appreciative of the Community Impact Board that has allowed this project to become a reality.

Prior to applying for the CIB funding, the town needed to know what a project of this nature would entail, both design-wise and financially. The town initiated a formal project design process, and knew exactly where to find technical expertise.

Former Mayor Dan McGuire asked Brian Cottam, Associate Director of Government Relations and Regional Services at Southern Utah University to connect the town to a service being offered to local entities by the architectural and residential design program at SUU.

Brian put the town in touch with architect John Colton Sargent, an adjunct instructor at SUU, who teaches architectural and residential design classes in the Department of Engineering Technology and Construction Management. Students take on design projects that are being considered by local governmental entities.

The SUU program is not an architectural office and cannot provide architectural services, but they can provide design concepts. Rockville employed the services of the SUU class in developing the design for the new Rockville town office addition. The new 1,170 sq. ft. addition will house the administrative functions of the town as well as the contract post office that has been temporarily relocated during construction.

In addition to Rockville, SUU students have also provided design concepts for Brian Head town's proposed public safety building, Washington County's justice center, and Cedar City Housing Authority's new apartment building.

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The class was able to provide several iterations of designs that enabled the town leaders to ultimately select the design shown below.



Design rendering of town office addition at the Rockville Community Center property.

This project is intended to provide the town, incorporated in 1987, its first “real” town office. The reason we say “real” town office is because the town’s long-serving Clerk, Elaine Harris, has surrendered a room in her home as the town “office” for the past 23+ years. While this arrangement sufficed over those many years, it was certainly not an ideal situation. No one is looking forward to this new project more than Elaine.

Former Mayor McGuire and Shirley Ballard are co-project managers for the town for this project. Current Mayor Allen Brown, the town council members and town residents alike are looking forward to the completion of this much needed addition. It is anticipated that the facility will be completed in a few months and will serve the administrative needs of the town for years to come. (Gary Zabriskie)

Staff Spotlights



Lisa Anderson, Case Manager

Lisa was born in Cody, Wyoming and raised in St. George, Utah with the exception of living in Beaver, Utah for about three years. After graduation from Pine View High School, she completed her associates degree at Dixie State College.

Lisa met her husband, Curtis Anderson, the summer of 2004 and was married August 2005. They lived in Cedar City while she finished her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and then moved back to St. George.

Upon graduation, she started working at the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) at which time she was expecting with her daughter Lizzy. Fifteen months after

Lizzy was born, their son Deron arrived. Lisa worked at DCFS for three years, but wanted to be home with her kids more. She worked in Washington County preschools while trying to find a part-time social service worker position with hours that would work with her husband’s schedule. Needless to say, she was excited when offered the position as a part-time Case Manager with Five County AOG and hopes to be employed here for a long time.

Lisa is currently expecting with about 8 weeks to her due date. She likes reading, completing puzzles, baking, basketball and spending time with her family.

Cassie is so excited to join the Association of Governments as part of Child Care Resource and Referral (CR&R). She and her husband, Trevor, are from Pleasant Grove, Utah, recently married this past July. They both attend school at Southern Utah University where Cassie is pursuing a dual degree in Elementary and Special Education.



Cassie Walker, Program Assistant

Living Well with Chronic Disease - Class Schedule

Location/Address	Class Schedule	Contact
Parowan Senior Center 685 North 300 East Parowan, UT	Mondays Jan 31 - Mar 7 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Carolyn Moss 1-800-705-1699
Emerald Point Assisted Living 995 East Regency Road Cedar City, UT	Fridays Jan 21 - Feb 25 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Carolyn Moss 1-800-705-1699
Cedar Senior Center 489 East 200 South Cedar City, UT	Wednesdays Feb 2 - Mar 9 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Carolyn Moss 1-800-705-1699
IHC - Dixie Regional Health & Performance Center 652 S. Medical Center Dr. St. George, UT	Wednesdays Feb 1 - Mar 8 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Carolyn Moss 1-800-705-1699
Sun River Community 1404 West Sun River Parkway St. George, UT	Wednesdays Mar 16 - Apr 20 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Carolyn Moss 1-800-705-1699
Kanab Health Dept. 445 North Main Street Kanab, UT (Tentative)	Wednesdays Mar 2 - Apr 6 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Carolyn Moss or Cambree Johnson 435-865-5151
St. George Senior Center 245 North 200 West St. George, UT	To Be Announced	Carolyn Moss 1-800-705-1699

HOSPITAL IMPROVES CAPABILITIES



The Kane County Human Resource Special Service District, which administers the Kane County Hospital, has just completed installation of a 1,500 gallon tank to provide a required 96 hour supply of oxygen. Previously the hospital was using small tanks that did not provide the required amount of storage.

Funding for the project was through a grant from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB). The Hospital Auxiliary also donated money towards the project. According to the Hospital Chief Financial Officer, Stephen Howells, this addition to the hospital provides a reliable supply of vitally important oxygen to hospital patients.

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov 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://fivecounty.utah.gov>

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 - 1:00 p.m.

Kane County Courthouse
Commission Chambers - 76 North Main Street
Kanab, UT

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - 1:00 p.m.

Beaver County School District Office
Board Room - 291 North Main Street
Beaver, UT

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Home Repair Loans

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Free Tax Help

An initiative of



and dozens of Community Partners

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provides
FREE tax help in the community

Volunteers help people with basic tax return, particular those with low and limited income, individuals with disabilities, and elderly taxpayers.

There is no charge for this services.

**KEEP YOUR MONEY - You've earned it and then use your refund to invest in your future.
In many cases, a direct deposit refund will be received in 7-10 days.**

For More Information and Set an Appointment
Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.utahtaxhelp.org

Taxes are prepared by IRS as certified volunteers

Washington County

Dixie State College (walk-in)
225 South 700 East
HAZY Bldg. Rm. 203, St. George
Tues-Thurs 4:30-7:30

Wal-Mart Bloomington
2610 Pioneer Rd, St. George

USU Extension of Washington
44 North 100 East, St. George

Red Rock Center for Independence
515 West 300 North, Suite A; St. George

Shivwitz Band
One Day Event
Time and place, yet to be announced

Beaver County

Beaver City
Call 2-1-1 for site and times

Milford
VITA day – One Day Only
Time and place, yet to be announced

Iron County

Southern Utah University (walk-in)
351 West University Ave., Cedar City
BU 207 Dixie Leavitt Business Building
Monday – Thursday, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Piute Tribe
One Day Event
Time and place, yet to be announced

Garfield County

Garfield Public Library
25 South 200 East, Garfield

Escalante
One Day Event
Time and place, yet to be announced

Kane County

Kanab
Kane County Volunteer Center
176 South 100 East, Kanab
Call 435-644-3696 for appointment

Big Water
VITA day-One Day Only
Time and place, yet to be announced

An initiative of Community Action of Five County

