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*Howard J. Pryor
(April 27, 1923 - October 11, 2002)*



Howard J. Pryor, passed away at age 79 following a valiant battle with cancer. He was born in Minersville, Utah to Franklin I. and Ima Myers Pryor. He married Gwen Charlotte Lashua August 14, 1943 in Port Townsend, WA. Their marriage was later solemnized in the St. George Temple.

Howard had a strong love and passion for public service and civic duty. He held many elected offices including Beaver County

Commissioner for more than twenty years and Mayor of Minersville for several terms. Howard served on the Steering Committee of the Five County Association of Governments and as the Five County representative on the State of Utah Community Development Block Grant Policy Committee. Howard served in those roles for the Five County Association of Governments with distinction. Most recently Howard served as a member of a site selection committee for the new Five County Association of Governments office building.

Throughout his many years of dedicated public service, Howard was instrumental in securing betterment projects for Minersville City, Beaver County and for the Five County region. Recently the new Minersville Senior Citizens Center, which Howard was instrumental in its development, was named in his honor.

Together with his wife, Gwen, Howard owned and operated businesses which were the hub of the community for many decades: Pryor's Mercantile and Pryor's Cafe.

Howard is survived by two daughters, 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters and two brothers. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Gwen, who passed away on September 9, 2002, his parents, his twin brother, and a son. Funeral services for Howard

were held October 15, 2002.

The staff of the Five County Association of Governments expresses our condolences to the family of Howard and Gwen Pryor. With certainty, they will both be missed and will be especially remembered by us as having been our friends. Thank you Howard and Gwen for your association with us and a job well done.

Highway 12 Plan Receives Utah Planning Achievement Award

The Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) recognized the Highway 12 Corridor Management Plan prepared by the Five County Association of Governments with



a Plan Development Achievement Award at its annual conference in Park City on October 25, 2002. The Plan Development award was based upon the project's innovation, transferability, quality, implementation, and comprehensiveness. Brian Maxfield, the Utah APA Awards Committee Chairman, noted that the Corridor Management Plan exhibited many excellent qualities, but was especially notable for the involvement of so many agency partners. Kenneth Sizemore, who directed the plan development project, thanked his team members who made the plan a reality. The team included Allysia Angus, who provided excellent graphics and layout support, Gael Hill, who was the primary writer/editor, and Shane Luck, who worked diligently with local community and business leaders. Ken also recognized the many committee members who continue to oversee the implementation of the plan. The Committee Co-Chairs, Nan Anderson and Bruce Fullmer were specifically recognized.

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The Highway 12 Corridor Management Plan was a key component of the application package that resulted in the designation of Highway 12 as Utah's first All American Road in June 2002. The All-American Road designation comes from the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program. An All-American Road exhibits archeological, cultural, historic, natural, and scenic qualities. Such roads are also destinations that attract visitors who make traveling the road a primary reason for their trip. Highway 12 joins 19 other roads around the US in this elite designation.

Scenic Byway 12 is one of America's most rugged and beautiful stretches of road and was recognized by "Car and Driver" Magazine as one of America's top 10 roads to travel. The byway winds its way through millions of years of geological strata, mosaics of landscape representing vastly different ecosystems, relics of Indian settlements of long ago, and quaint towns which still have the spirit and appearances of the early settlement of the romantic American west. Scenic Byway 12 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 4,000 feet at the Escalante River to 11,000 feet at the top of Boulder Mountain. The road was designated as a Utah State Scenic Byway in 1990, and is noted as a "crown jewel" of the state's scenic byways. (Ken Sizemore)



Staff Spotlight:

Dennis Broad, an AmeriCorps*VISTA member, coordinates Court-ordered Community Service at the Volunteer Center of Washington County, and was recently named an officer of the Washington County Justice Court. Word of his excellent program has reached Mesquite, NV courts

and those in Cedar City and northern Utah where he has been invited to share information as to the format of his activities. In addition to the local court system, Dennis is also involved with offenders from three different states and a multitude of court clerks.

Being an officer of the court means working closely with city and county attorneys. It is Dennis' responsibility to give reports on the progress of the people on his program. His other assignments include maintaining good communications with judges and clerks and with area agencies to determine their need for and willingness to accept court-ordered volunteers, appropriate placement and monitoring of those required to do punitive community service, and management of files to provide accurate evidence of completion of service

mandated by the courts. Dennis is a California native who moved to southwestern Utah in 1993 and enlisted in August, 2001 as an AmeriCorps *VISTA after working eight years with people with disabilities.

With permission from the Corporation for National and Community Service to attend college while serving as an AmeriCorps*VISTA member, Dennis is now working to complete a bachelor's degree in psychology from Utah State University in classrooms located at Dixie State College. Dennis, and his wife Shannon, are parents to Katelyn, Jared and Dylan. As a family they enjoy fishing, boating and other area activities.

Staff on the Move

Over the past few months, several staffing changes have occurred at Five County. **Patti Sill**, Accounting Technician, has moved to Missouri to pursue personal business ventures. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Carolyn Moss has moved into the accounting technician position for the Aging unit. She is very excited about this promotion, and is looking forward to the new duties and responsibilities. **Suzanne Sondrup** will be assuming the position of accounting technician for Weatherization and Aging programs.

Danna Alvey has moved from the Circuit Rider Planning Office in Cedar City to administer the HOME program, which includes Emergency Home Repairs. She has attended several training sessions, and looks forward to working with housing programs. Her new telephone number is 435-865-0195.

In addition, **Tracy HeavyRunner**, Case Manager for the Aging Unit, has moved from the St. George Office to the Cedar City Office. She will be serving clients in Beaver, and Iron Counties. To reach her call: 435-586-2975.

Kristi Lasson, Case Manager for the Aging Unit, has moved from the Cedar City Office to the St. George Office. She and her husband will be building a new home in St. George.

H.E.A.T. Program

Cold winter can be a hardship for some Utah families, not only in trying to keep warm, but in paying for the higher heating bills.

The Utah Division of Community Development's HEAT Program is once again available to help. Beginning Friday, November 1, 2002, HEAT (Home Energy Assistance Target) will accept applications for this assistance. To be eligible for HEAT assistance, total household income must

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Applicants must have some form of picture identification, social security cards for all persons in the household, a copy of the most recent bill from each utility supplier, and proof of household income for the month prior to applying for the program.

HEAT is a federally funded program administered in Utah by the Division of Community Development, and locally by the Five County Association of Governments. HEAT assists households in paying winter heating bills by making a one-time payment directly to the utility company. The amount of the payment is based on a household's income and energy use. Households with elderly or disabled residents or with children age six or under may qualify for additional assistance.

To apply for HEAT assistance in the five-county area, residents may call the following numbers to schedule an appointment:

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| Beaver County | 435-438-5313 | Garfield County | 435-826-4317 |
| Iron County | 435-586-0858 | Kane County | 435-644-3803 |
| Washington Co. | 435-652-9643 | | |

The applications are taken at the Senior Citizen Centers in each of the five county areas. If additional information is needed, please contact Jo Seegmiller at the Five County Association of Governments Office in St. George at 435-673-3548. (Jo Seegmiller)

*Metropolitan Planning Organization:
"A Done Deal"*

After several years of planning and actions to comply with local, federal and state requirements, Governor Leavitt designated Utah's newest metropolitan planning organization (MPO) on September 20, 2002. The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMPO) will be housed at the Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG). The federal government acknowledged Governor Leavitt's designation of the Dixie MPO on October 8, 2002, clearing the way for this partnership. The MPO will allocate federal transportation dollars dedicated to the St. George Urbanized Area (UZA) announced by the US Census Bureau on May 1, 2002.

The Dixie MPO is composed of three recognized entities: 1) The Dixie Transportation Planning Office (DTPO) located at FCAOG; 2) a policy body known as the Dixie Transportation Executive Council (DTEC) comprised of elected officials representing the cities of Ivins, St. George, Santa Clara, and Washington, the county of Washington, and the State Transportation Commissioner representing the southwest part of the state; and 3) The Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee, comprised of public works officials of the entities noted above and the UDOT Cedar District Engineer, who will advise the executive council on regional transportation issues,

programs, and projects.

Suzanne Allen, St. George City Council member, was appointed to Chair the DTEC, with Roger Bundy, council member of Washington City as Vice Chair. They will hold office a minimum of two years. Larry Bulloch, Public Works Director for the City of St. George, continues as the Chair for the DTAC, with Bob Butler as Vice Chair. Mr. Butler is the Public Works Director for Ivins City. Lowell Elmer, the planner hired by the consortium to facilitate the pre-MPO planning in the spring of 2000, was recently named the Director of the MPO by the executive council and will administer the MPO planning process in cooperation with the local governments, operators of public transit, UDOT, and the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations of the US Department of Transportation.

The mission of the Dixie MPO is to administer transportation and related policies, and establish annual multi-modal transportation priorities for the urbanized area planning boundary which currently includes the municipal boundaries of Ivins, St. George, Santa Clara and Washington cities. Decisions will be based on the needs of the area in terms of regional significance, (what is good for the region, not necessarily the highest priority for any one city.).

The members of the Dixie MPO will participate, along with other stakeholders, land management agencies, and input from the public through a public involvement process, in forecasting transportation needs and determining just how resources will be utilized to develop and improve the transportation infrastructure, including, bicycle paths, highways, and public transit, while striving to minimize congestion, maintain quality air and environmental amenities that are so treasured in this area.

The City of St. George has asked the Governor to designate the city as the Designated Recipient for Federal Transit 5307 funds in order to legally function and carry out the obligations of a public transit system and its services. This action, along with necessary planning and environmental analysis, will allow the City to obtain federal approval and funding for making improvements to their public works facilities to manage the transit bus fleet and staff.

As indicated, public involvement is going to be a key element in the planning process so be on the lookout for announced public meetings, open houses and hearings required and desired to obtain input from interested citizens, stakeholders, and land management agencies in the decision making process. Partners in this planning process look forward to meeting all interested citizens on "the Dixie transportation planning field". (Lowell Elmer)

Brian Head Wildfire Workshop



On August 23-24, fifty-two wildland urban interface home owners met at the Brian Head City offices and received two days of community fire training. Under the direction of Community Fire Planner Keith Parke, the program was presented by Community Solutions from Sundance. Washington County was represented by home owners from Central, Brookside, Dixie Deer, New Harmony, Pine Valley, and Apple Valley. Iron County had residents from Brian Head; Beaver County was represented by residents from the High-Low subdivision. After the training, volunteers for each fire council were selected in preparation for writing a fire plan for each community.

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, November 20, 2002, 1:00 p.m.
Five County Association of Governments
Conference Room; 906 North 1400 West
St. George, UT

No meeting is scheduled in December. The annual meeting schedule will be published in the January-February, 2003 Newsletter.

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