



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Director's Dialogue

Five County Association of Governments is experiencing the baby-boomer exodus first hand in 2010. Another program director has announced that she is retiring and moving on to church service with her husband.

Linda Sappington began her service with regional volunteer network and Senior Corps programs in 1994. She has dedicated significant time, talent, and dedication in fostering a wide-ranging network of volunteers who donate thousands of hours across southwestern Utah in bettering the lives of residents and visitors. This network is one of the largest in a state that is widely recognized as a leader in volunteer activities.

Linda has displayed superb motivational and organizational skills in leading programs that reach out to all age groups, income levels and interests. All will miss her excitement, energy and enthusiasm in building a successful and vibrant volunteer network.



Carol Hollowell (left) and Linda Sappington (right)

Filling Linda's shoes will not be easy, but we have selected an individual who is up to the task! Carol Hollowell is a graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in exercise sport science. She keeps track of four handsome and active sons and a husband, enjoys hiking, golf, taking care of neighbors in need and spending time with her sons. She operated a successful chain of beauty salons for more than twenty years, and looks forward to applying her business acumen and desire to serve in

building upon the foundation established by Linda and the volunteer network staff. (Kenneth Sizemore)

***Linda will be honored at an Open House
scheduled for
Monday, September 27, 2010
from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the
Community Arts Center
100 South Main, 3rd Floor
St. George, UT***

***A short presentation will occur at 3:00 p.m.
We invite all who have been touched by Linda's
work to join us.***

New City Office/Community Center Under Construction in Town of Hatch

(Editor's Note: This follows up on an article about this project presented in the March-April 2010 edition of this Newsletter.)

Work began in earnest this summer on a project of great importance to the residents of the small Garfield County town of Hatch. Hatch is located along U.S. 89 and is 15 miles south of the county seat of Panguitch. This project, adjacent to the town park, is intended to provide the town with its very first public multi-purpose meeting space and will be used for community functions, town celebrations and other functions such as family reunions. The Town Council will also hold its meetings in a portion of the facility.



Town of Hatch Multi-Purpose Community Center Under Construction

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Hatch was a 2009 recipient of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Utah Division of Housing & Community Development. Their project ranked as the highest regional priority during the Five County AOG Steering Committee CDBG "Rating & Ranking" process. The town, with technical assistance from Five County AOG staff, applied for and received loan and grant funding from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB). A municipal building authority was established by the Town for the CIB loan portion of the project funding. Only through the leveraging of funding through these important funding sources was this project able to become a reality.

The new building was designed by Stempel Form PC Architects of Hurricane, Utah. General contractor of the project is Precision Development of Cedar City, Utah, a firm establishing a solid reputation of successfully undertaking projects funded with federal/state funds with the myriad of requirements that places on them.

Stempel Form PC Architects undertook a well-received needs scoping/design process with town residents to determine what they would like to see in their town's new facility. From that process it was determined the existing former fire station could be re-purposed. An old attached "shed" room that has housed the council chambers/town office was determined unusable in the new design and was demolished. The remaining cinder block structure was remarkably well-built and is being fully integrated into the new facility. The City office portion of the new facility is located in what was the engine bays of the old fire station. While minor modifications of the design were necessary to keep the project within budget, the project as being built closely resembles the architectural rendering of the building.



This project has involved on-going cooperation and collaboration of the Town with Garfield County.



The Town's American Bicentennial picnic pavilion has been re-purposed as a porch covering for the new community center.

The Community & Economic Development staff of the Association looks forward to the completion of this much needed facility. It is anticipated that the project

will be completed this fall. We know it will open up a new chapter in the history of the town of Hatch, finally establishing a community 'center' both literally and figuratively. (Gary Zabriskie)

Weatherization Program On Target

Robert Adams, Supervisor of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Team of the U.S. Department of Energy, recently extended thanks to everyone who helped grantees and sub-grantees exceed their June target of weatherizing 30,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-funded homes in one month. He continues that, "Achieving this milestone has been noticed by the upper management of the Department, the White House, the national press and both supporters and critics throughout Washington, DC and the country. This was a production figure many said could not be reached – even by some in our own network. Yet we did it!"

Achieving a goal like this comes with great effort and even greater satisfaction. The Weatherization network has hired and supported more new jobs in this economy than most of the Recovery-funded programs – ranking 8th out of 225 programs. The network has spent nearly \$1.4 billion since it began producing units in the fall of 2009 after resolving many barriers. The national network has weatherized over 200,000 ARRA homes through August 2010 and could top 300,000 homes by the end of the year. Weatherization crews can take pride in these accomplishments, knowing that this work has helped hundreds of thousands of American families save energy, save money, and improve their living conditions.

During FY 2010 almost \$500,000 of ARRA funds have been used to improve more than 60 residences in southwestern Utah. This number doubles the number of units improved in FY 2009.

WAP's slogan is "Weatherization Works!" Thanks to Weatherization workers in the state of Utah and around the country who work on this Program every day, this is not just a slogan but a reality.

Staff Spotlights



Jason Kimball

Jason grew up in central Louisiana and brought a little southern drawl with him to Utah. He is the fifth child in a family of eight; five boys and three girls. He attended high school at Dixie High, but later moved to Cedar City in order for his mother to finish her degree. So he attended Cedar High School as well.

Jason then moved to Georgia to pursue a degree in journalism, but ended up in Las Vegas, Nevada where he became a gold miner. He worked in the mining industry

for several years, and then moved on to architectural sheet metal which he really enjoyed for years.

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He later moved back to Cedar City where he worked in the construction industry and met his wife. He is the proud father of three children, Sadie who is 10, Jolie who is three and Mccoy who just turned one in July.

Jason looks forward to working with everyone at the Five County AOG and hopes to be an asset to the Weatherization Program.



Wade Forsyth

Wade was born in Cedar City, Utah. He started working in heating and air conditioning at the age of 12 in his father's business.

Growing up, he enjoyed riding ATV's and having fun in the outdoors. He received his Eagle Scout award in 1998, graduated from Canyon View High School in 1999 and served a two-year LDS mission to London England.

Six months after returning home from his mission, he married his high school sweetheart, Julianne Fales. Wade attended Southern Utah University and graduated with a BS degree in Business Marketing and an AS degree in automotive technology.

Wade is the proud father of four children, Andrea 6, Lydia 4, Damon 2, and Bella two months.

He enjoys automotive work on the side and is the manager of a horse ranch and storage unit facility. He is a certified C.E.R.T. member and enjoys serving in his church callings. He also enjoys spending time with his family and takes them camping and hiking often.



Joe Hunter

Joe was born in Cedar City where he has lived his entire life creating many memories with family and friends. While growing up, he spent many hours working on cars with his father. As a result, he now has a love for classic cars and owns a 1955 Chevy Belair and a 1967 Mustang Fast Back.... soon to be a Shelby GT 500.

He graduated from Cedar High School in 1997. Shortly after graduating from high school, he married Christina

Jones. They have four girls who are the light of his life. Eyzlei is 11, Felicity is 10, Kierra is 7, and his baby girl Peyton is four.

In 1996, Joe was hired by Kool Air, based in St. George, which sparked his interest and talents in heating and air conditioning. While employed for this company, he gained experience working on construction ranging from new homes to federal buildings.

Joe eventually decided that commuting to St. George every day was a hassle and found employment with Guymon Sheet Metal. In 1999, he went to work for Premiere Heating and Cooling doing a lot of new construction in Cedar City. While with this firm he became a supervisor and enjoyed meeting and becoming friends with everyone he worked around. In the fall of 2002, Joe was offered a position with Bergstrom Heating where he learned new skills and attended classes to certify in Rocky Mountain Gas and earned his EPA.

Joe is excited to be working for the Five County Association of Governments and being a part of the Weatherization Team.



Lloyd Peterson

Lloyd is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada. He graduated from Rancho High School in North Las Vegas and attended Com College for two years studying construction and business management. He has worked in the construction industry since he was 15 years old and has been a member of the carpenters union for 30 years. Lloyd was a licensed framer for eight years doing both commercial and residential work.

He has been married to his second wife, Michelle, for 18 years. She is currently enrolled at Evans Hair Academy and is a two time survivor of cancer which is currently in remission for the past two years. Lloyd is very proud of Michelle. They have three children, the oldest from his first marriage resides in Las Vegas with her husband and two children. A son and daughter live in Cedar with Lloyd and Michelle.

The family moved to Cedar City to enjoy the four seasons as well as the outdoors and the activities it affords them. They are very into camping and fishing. Lloyd also enjoys softball, horseshoes, and barbecuing (hence his nickname at work bar-b-cue-sauce).

He is really enjoying working with the Weatherization Program and finds it rewarding to help people in need. He is hopeful that this will become a career rather than just another job.

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Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 1:00 p.m.
Parowan Public Library
Meeting Room - 16 South Main
Parowan, UT

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 1:00 p.m.
Five County Association of Governments
Conference Room - 1070 W. 1600 S.,
Building B, St. George, UT

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