



Antique show and sale draws over 600 visitors . . .



Donna Waugh, Sundance, is shown above looking at the beautiful antique pots and glassware at the Northeast Wyoming antique show and sale held last Saturday in Sundance. 600 people attended the event which had fifteen booths, thirty tables, eighteen vendors and five appraisers. Roger Wolfskill reported the appraisers love to come because they never know what they will see.

Sundance welcomes new business. . .



The winter winds have brought a new business to town. Owner, Bobbi Kiser opened the doors to Silver Creek Design & Decco on December 6. The store is located between Higbee's cafe and Wild West Video & Espresso.

Silver Creek Design & Decco offers original and unique pieces of art that cannot be found in catalogs. The pieces are created by local artists and some out-of-state artists. Among the collection are jewelry, pottery, paintings and other fine arts.

According to Kiser, "There is something for everyone."

The artwork will be rotated out every 30 to 90 days so that customers will be able to view new pieces with the changing seasons.

Kiser has her degree in design and decorating and will be doing design consulting as well.

Kiser and her family moved to Sundance from Gillette in June, 2003. Her husband, Pat, works for Black Thunder Coal Co. They have two children: Garret, 4 and Emylee, 2.

The Kisers bought land on Highway 585, which was instrumental in the naming of the store. Kiser said that Silver Creek runs through their property and seemed like a good name for the store.

Starting April 5, the store hours will be extended to Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The store will stay open until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

City council begins budget process

By Teresa Thybo

The City Council held a rather calm and collected meeting on Monday evening with one of the highlights being the discussion of the proposed Capital Facilities Tax. During the March meeting, council members voted to request \$350,000 for the purpose of paying down existing debt. Mayor Miller asked that the council raise their request to \$750,000, as this is the amount being requested by surrounding cities. The additional money would possibly be used to fund the extension of sewer and water to the Sundance Systems site. When the subject was broached, Alan Roberts questioned the council as to how much research has been done on the Sundance Systems. Miller stated that they were going to ride the fence on the new business and not get tied into it. The city will not change their approach to annexing because of the Sundance Systems.

The budget was also a topic of major consideration. Miller said that there had been a zero percent increase in salaries last year. He proposed that there be a flat salary increase of \$1,500 this year for all city employees. The council agreed with the increase. Health insurance became a topic of discussion. Miller proposed a 15 percent increase in health insurance. A suggestion was made to bid the city's health insurance policy because they do not know whether the policy they are carrying is even within the ball park range of other carriers. The council agreed and quotes will be solicited. The budget was approved at its first reading.

Other expenditures discussed were a skidsteer loader for the maintenance crew, a replacement police car for the Intrepid, as well as a computer upgrade for the police department and clerk.

City Maintenance Foreman John Kiplinger approached the council with a request from Neiman Timber to grant an easement on the property owned by Bruce and June Johnson located next to the Sundance West subdivision. The Johnsons would like to sell a portion of their land to Neiman Timber so that Neimans may access their property with their logging trucks. After much discussion about the negative effects of the logging trucks rolling up and down the residential street, the council decided that it is their duty to protect these residents and the matter will be tabled until the next meeting. There will be a public hearing set for 7:30 p.m. at the April meeting, in which the Johnsons and the Neimans may present their own case to the council and residents of the Sundance West subdivision.

Norval Waller brought up the issue of mosquitoes and the standing water under Les Fullerton's bridge. He stated that this area is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The city agreed to clean out its portion of the creek. Getting roped into this matter were the Destination Imagination students who came to the meeting to request money in exchange for cleaning the sidewalks again this year in order to earn money for their global competition in Knoxville, Tenn. They were asked if they would be willing to clean the trash from the creek in order to earn an extra \$500. The students agreed and will be given \$1,500 by the city council for their hard work.

The issue of mosquito control continued and Roberts stated, "The City would be amiss if we do not do something about the mosquito problem." Kiplinger will look into purchasing a fogger and obtaining a license to spray. Paul Brooks made a motion to have Kiplinger do whatever it takes to get the project rolling before the next council meeting.

Dr. Wayne Phillips, pastor for Gateway Ministries, requested that his garbage pick-up fees be reduced from the \$35 double fee to a single fee of \$17.50 seeing as how the church only meets for three hours each week and does not produce that much garbage. Phillips' request was adamantly denied by Brooks who stated that the fee is part of the annexation agreement and that to make an exception for Phillips would open up the door to many more such requests.

Phillips asked if he could relinquish his service and carry his own trash. His request was once again denied. The council stated that the landfill is the largest cost in the budget and they must follow the fee schedule to keep up the landfill.

Free landfill days will be May 21, 22 and 23 for anyone who would like to use the services.

Representative Mark Semlek spoke to the council about the 57th Legislature. Semlek recommended that the council make a case to the legislature about the needs they cannot meet with local resources. He also suggested that Sundance take advantage of the numerous state grants available. Progress on the Vore Buffalo Jump was questioned by the council. Semlek said that Travel, Recreation and Wildlife had developed criteria to accept new sites into the state park system. He stated that there is a good chance of the Buffalo Jump developing into a state park now that the Territorial Prison has been adopted and is no longer a topic of concern.

Miller approached the council with a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$21,201. The grant requires no matching money. It is to

be used to enhance the city's equipment to guard against terrorism. City Attorney, Mark Hughes, will review the grant and make suggestions regarding the usage of the grant.

Roberts asked the council about putting radar units in town. Miller is going to get quotes from traffic contractors and request permission from the DOT to install these units.

The council was approached about designating the city park as Sundance Memorial Park. A local grief support group represented by Terri Buckman requested permission to make improvements to the park by fixing the stairs, planting trees and adding benches. The group will raise their own money and place plaques by each improvement in memory of lost loved ones. The council eagerly agreed to assist the group with their efforts.

Randy Lincoln requested permission and assistance from the council in putting in two clean outs for the sewer system running from his house at Second and Thompson. The council agreed to pay for the dig and installation, while Lincoln pays for the materials.

The council ended the meeting by going into executive session to discuss "possible litigation."

Elementary principal announces retirement

Bob Campbell to retire after 16 years

Sundance Elementary Principal, Bob Campbell, announced his retirement after 16 years of service to the Sundance school system.

Campbell expressed that his decision to retire was hard. "I will miss my teachers, and I will miss my kids," Campbell said. He hopes that the transition will not be too hard on him.

He and his wife, Kay, will stay in Sundance but are anxious to do some traveling. Although they are both still in good health, they have noticed the changes that the years have brought to their bodies and would like to spend some time traveling.

The Campbells met in Germany while they were both serving in the army and would like the opportunity to go back for a visit.

Campbell grew up in Missouri where he completed his undergraduate and graduate schooling. He finished his specialty training at Chadron College in Nebraska. While teaching in Nebraska, the principal position opened in Chugwater. He and his wife decided to make the move to Wyoming. After seven years in Chugwater, the Campbells felt it was time to move their children to a larger school system.

In 1988, Campbell took the job as the Sundance High School principal. It was only one year before the elementary principal position opened and he was able to move into the spot. He said that he enjoys elementary education the most because of its focus on learning rather than the activity driven high school atmosphere.

According to Campbell, there are many great rewards to working in Sundance, but there are two that really stand out. He said that he has been honored to work with a staff who are so accomplished, exciting and uplifting. "I have the highest regard for them," said Campbell.

The second reward is the children. He loves working with the children of Sundance because they come from nice families that teach them priorities.

The board hopes to have the principal position filled before the end of this school year.

The elementary school is losing several other valuable staff members at the end of this school year. Barb Croell has decided to retire after seven years as the reading recovery instructor. Dave Geiman will retire as custodian after 26 years of service. Suzanne Peterson will also be leaving the kitchen after 23 years.

Easter Egg hunt this Saturday

The annual Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Sundance Kiwanis and the Bearlodge Snowmobile Association is scheduled to commence this Saturday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m.

This year's event will again be held in Clarenbaugh Park on Third street, south of the Bearlodge Motel.

The hunt will be separated into two age groups of 1 to 6 year-olds and 7 to 12 year-olds.



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