



Sundance High School music students are showing off some of the many awards they have won this year in front of the trophy case donated by the Robert Sharp Memorial. Sylvia Sharp would like to thank the community for their donations and support that allowed her to have the case built in honor of her late husband. Pictured left to right: back row, Tony Meier, Ian Policky, Sylvia Sharp, Chris Mitchell, Shad Schloretd and Brad Hooper; front row, Jaime Adams, Whitney Lenz and Jessica Aberle.

Hospital to purchase \$46,000 in new cardiac rehab equipment

By Teresa Thybo

The Crook County Medical Services District held their monthly meeting Monday afternoon.

Larry Potter, CEO, reported to the board that new cardiac rehab equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive in four to five weeks. The board hopes to find funding to purchase the equipment outright, otherwise, it will have to be leased. If the equipment is purchased outright, it will cost approximately \$46,000. The cost to lease the equipment for 60 months would be approximately \$60,000. The We Care Campaign will provide \$5,000 towards the purchase.

According to Potter, the current equipment works fine but is outdated, and they are no longer able to find parts for it. Potter said that not updating the equipment is not an option.

The chemistry analyzer in the lab is also being replaced. According to Potter, it is outdated as well. "We are no longer able to purchase chemicals," Potter said. "We have enough for several more months."

Separate funding will have to be found for the chemistry analyzer.

"We have to keep up to date," Potter said about the purchase of the new equipment.

Potter also reported that OSHA had visited the hospital on March 11 and 12, and that they have almost everything corrected. OSHA assisted in making some of these corrections while they were there.

A new air conditioning and furnace system was put in at the Hulett Clinic. The cost was approximately \$5,000.

The board agreed to increase prices for emergency medical services. EMS Director, Dione' Moon found the current prices to be deficient.

Texaco in Sundance changes ownership



The Texaco at the west end of town is under the ownership of Rick and Linda Smith of Sundance, as of April 13.

The Smiths also own a business on Deadwood Ave. in Rapid City, S.D., called Rapid Packaging and one by the same name in Brookings, S.D. The Texaco is their first venture in retail, so they are looking forward to learning the business.

May will bring about a new image for the Texaco. The name will be changed to Rapid Stop and will become a Conoco station. The building will be expanded, remodeled inside and out and the asphalt will be resealed. There will be no interruption in business during the transition period.

Collins is new elementary principal

The Crook County School Board has hired Lynda Collins of Hulett as the new principal for Sundance Elementary. The decision was made official at the school board meeting on Thursday evening.

Collins is currently the literacy coordinator, Title I reading teacher and administrative assistant at the Hulett School. She has been with this district for 19 years. Collins also taught in Montana and South Dakota before coming to Wyoming. She has been an educator for 26 years. In this time she has taught kindergarten, first grade, second grade, fifth grade, gifted/talented, remedial summer school and K-12 music.

She earned her bachelors of science in elementary education and vocal music and her masters



degree in administrative curriculum and instruction. Both degrees were earned at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D. She just recently finished her administrative endorsement through the University of Wyoming.

Collins was looking for an opportunity to enter the administrative field when the position in Sundance opened. She said that she looks forward to being in Sundance because it is a good school, and there are many people here she knows and respects. While here, she hopes to continue to develop the positive learning community.

The Collins' reside in Hulett. Lynda's husband, Tom, teaches social studies and coaches golf at the Hulett School. Their daughter Julie is a junior at Drake University. Daughter Nicole is a freshman at Skagit Valley College in Washington.

Restrictions for BH forest

The era of unrestricted access in the Black Hills National Forest is coming to an end. Due to the great increase in ATV usage, the forest service is being forced to look at restricting access to the forest. Homeowners, fishermen, hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders do not appreciate finding a motorized vehicle at every turn of a trail. Another major concern is the well-being of the wildlife that are still able to roam free in the forest.

The 1.2 million acre Black Hills National Forest is one of the last open forests. According to Bearlodge District Ranger Steve Kozel, most forests are closed unless designated open.

Kozel said that the forest service is in the beginning stages of discussing travel management. The forest service has made contact with user groups and has given presentations on the impact of those groups on the forest. Kozel has found that most people are in agreement that trails need to be designated for motorized use. The key is to continue to build public understanding.

The restrictions will be a coordinated effort by all districts, due to the fact that each district's regulations will impact the other districts. The districts will work on identifying high quality trails that will be managed by the forest service. Some areas may be closed down completely.

Kozel said, "This issue is so big that we want to get our arms around it and be proactive, yet allow users to have quality trails for travel."

New EMS/Ambulance Director



Crook County Medical Services has hired a new EMS/Ambulance Director.

Dione' Moon is a welcome addition to the staff at Crook County Medical Services. She is a Certified EMS Paramedic, EMT instructor and Wyoming State Evaluator. She is also certified in several other areas in the field. Moon transferred from Sheridan.

"Ms. Moon comes to us with a wealth of experience in her field," said Larry Potter, CEO. "She is well versed in all areas of her position, and her experience as an instructor will also be an asset to our community."

Defendant found guilty in Game & Fish trial

By Teresa Thybo

Friday brought many curious visitors to the courtroom in Sundance for the trial of the *State of Wyoming vs. David B. Gray*.

Gray resides in Bismarck, N.D., and has been hunting in Wyoming for several years. On November 1, 2003, Gray entered upon private property to hunt on state lands in Crook County. Gray was reported by the property owner, David Moline, and cited by Game and Fish Warden Chris Teter.

County Attorney Joe Baron gave his opening statements explaining that he was going to argue that the defendant had trespassed on private land to reach state property. Judge Dollison then asked Gray, who was representing himself, if he would like to give an opening statement. Gray replied sarcastically, "I've been looking forward to this for five months." He then proceeded to lean on the lectern and tell the jury that this was a case about access to state lands, about how the state of Wyoming conducts its business, about small town politics and the state not behaving fairly.

Game and Fish Warden Chris Teter was the first witness. During cross-examination, Gray continu-

ally asked Teter to draw legal conclusions and was overruled numerous times. He also made the argument that he was treated unfairly due to his out-of-state license plates. Gray then asked that the case be dismissed because the location stated on his citation was not in Crook County. Teter admitted that he had made a mistake in writing down the location of the infraction. However, the evidence still showed that Gray did indeed trespass on private property in Crook County.

After a trying afternoon for all involved, Gray was found guilty by the jury of violating Wyoming Statute §23-3-305(b), Trespass to Hunt, and sentenced to 30 days in jail, a \$600 fine, \$30 in court costs and \$219.93 in prosecution costs. However, \$300 of the \$600 fine was suspended, as well as the jail sentence, and the Defendant was given six months of unsupervised probation.

Gray's Wyoming Game and Fish licence has been revoked for the remainder of 2004. He will not be allowed to purchase another Wyoming license until January 1, 2006.

SHS Spring Concert and Art Show to be held April 27

The Sundance High School Music Department will present their annual spring concert on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. In conjunction with the concert there will be an Art Show presented by the SHS art students. The Art Show will be held in the SHS Commons beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Sundance FFCLA students will be selling dessert and drinks during the art show from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The concert will feature the Junior High and High School Concert Bands and Concert Choirs along with the outstanding soloists from both Junior High and High School Festival. The music will include concert marches, music from Romania and Scotland, American folk songs, gospel and a special song to help dedicate the new music trophy case donated in memory of Robert Sharp.

The SHS Band will be drawing the lucky winner's name for the pig during the concert. Tickets are still available from any band member. For questions call Phyllis Ramsey at 283-1948 or Todd Kahler at 283-1007. There is no charge for the concert and the doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

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