

Library board cautious but optimistic at AGM

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Operation of Elk Point Public Library in 2006 was "once again, a monthly adventure in the financial area," according to board chairman Laverne Wilson.

"Our revenue, after operating costs, left us with a small balance at the end of each month. We continue to rely on and appreciate the support of the Friends of the Library and the bingo revenues they generate. The grants from the County of St. Paul and the financial support from our town council have been especially helpful."

Wilson said at last week's annual meeting that the monthly seniors' tea, the

summer programs and the increasing community use of the library "indicate that our facility provides an essential service to Elk Point and area, and must be maintained at all costs."

He praised the staff, volunteers and librarian Daphne Schnurer, whose continued efforts "keep our library a neat place for all to visit and make use of all the materials, books and computers."

Schnurer agreed that the year had been a successful and busy one.

"We saw many improvements in our library. Our Friends group remains active and continues to support us through fundraising efforts. With leftover money

from the CFEP roof project, we were able to purchase two new stands to display new junior and youth materials. This will allow for better visibility of new materials and hopefully encourage increased usage."

Increased funding from the government enabled the library to offer the Summer Reading Program once again, although with some difficulty in finding workers.

"Although we were approved for a STEP position, we received very few applications and therefore divided it into two seven-week positions which worked out very well. Although numbers were down, we had a very enthusiastic group and hopefully word will spread [about the program] for the coming year. Our summer reading program storyteller was well received and always enhances the program."

Schnurer says the seniors tea "continued to be a great way to stay in touch and encourage our seniors to utilize library services."

In addition, the library hosted three adult-interest workshops, in Raku pottery, quilting and beginner e-

mail.

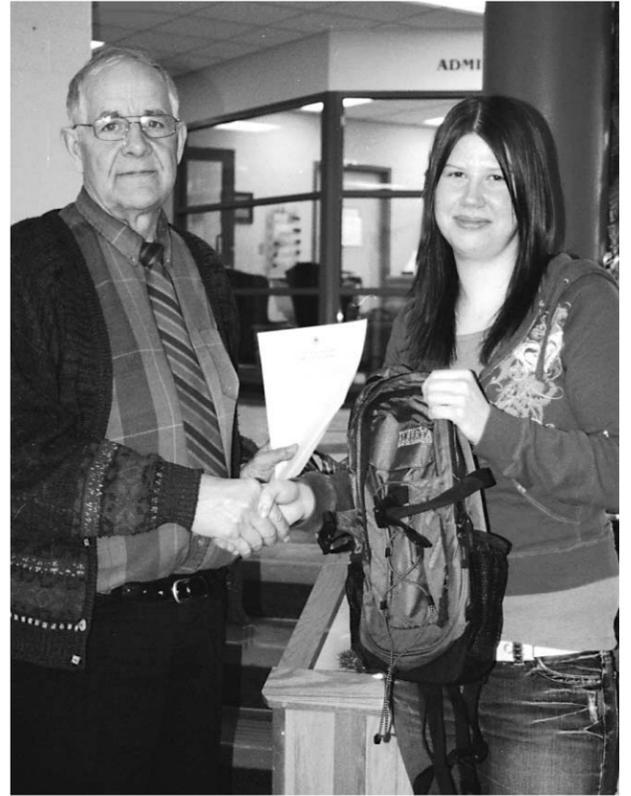
Schnurer feels the library is "very fortunate to have a great group of dedicated volunteers from our friends group, the ladies who do the seniors tea, and the people who come in and do inter-library loans and circulation. They are an important part of ongoing operations at our library."

The community also played an important role, she said.

"Our community was very generous in donations to increase our large print and DVD collections. As well, we received a donation from Elk Point Further Education to increase and update our health, senior, social and teen issues. We appreciate their generosity in helping to keep our information current."

Treasurer Amy Bullock presented her annual report, which shows the library to be in a much better financial situation than last year, thanks to increased grants. The board is cautiously optimistic, and decided they can even make some long-deferred purchases of much needed equipment this year.

The board's executive agreed to remain in office for another term.



Vicki Brooker photo

Academic Excellence

F. G. Miller High School principal Laverne Wilson added the school's congratulations as he presented Lisa Kozicky with a limited edition Academic Excellence backpack from the University of Alberta, along with the offer of a \$1,250 University of Alberta Academic Excellence scholarship and one of three faculty-specific scholarships: a \$1,000 Augustana Faculty Academic Excellence scholarship, a \$1,759 Faculty of Engineering Academic Excellence scholarship or a \$1,500 Campus Saint-Jean Academic Excellence scholarship which pays \$1,000 the first year and \$500 the second year.



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A sincere and grateful thank you to the wonderful staff and doctors at the Elk Point Health Care long term care facility, who with devotion and compassion cared for our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother during her time of illness.

Thank you to relatives, friends and neighbors for your expressions of sympathy, the cards, phone calls, donations of food and the beautiful floral arrangements.

Thank you to everyone who attended mom's funeral services. Your presence and words of comfort were greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Marion Crawford and Merlin Afflick for officiating at the wonderful service. Your heart warming support, words of comfort and inspiration helped us through this difficult time.

Thank you to the pianist, Carol Nelson, for playing the beautiful hymns before and during the service.

A special thank you to Caroline Yewchin and Ken Hladunewich of Yewchin's Funeral Chapel for your professional guidance in the handling of the funeral arrangements.

And thank you to those who made generous donations to a charity of your choice in memory of our mother. Your thoughtfulness and consideration is greatly appreciated.

Family of Doris Aarbo



Photo courtesy Grant Rolston

Local bull excels at Lloydminster Bull Sale

K-Cow Ranch of Elk Point took home Reserve Grand Champion Polled Hereford honours with their bull K-COW Resistol 291R at the 88th Annual Lloydminster Bull Sale held March 12 and 13. Kevin and Janice Wirsta's bull was also the high-selling Polled Hereford, bringing \$3,800 from the Bar JX Ranch of Czar. Sixteen Polled Herefords participated in the Show & Sale, reaching a sale average of \$2,634.



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