Local bull excels at Lloydminster Bull Sale

K-Cow Ranch of Elk Point took home Reserve Grand Champion Pollied Hereford honours with their bull K-Cow Resistol 291R at the 88th Annual Lloydminster Bull Sale held March 12 and 13. Kevin and Janice 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 CFIP 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 email.

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 interlibrary 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.

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