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Partners share work, drink stand profits
Taisa Thompson pours a glass of refreshing punch while business partner Jan Haycock looks for prospective customers. The girls experienced a little free enterprise last week by opening an old-fashioned drink stand, serving up Kool-Aid. For 15 cents, consumers in the Westwood subdivision were served a drink over ice and even got to keep the cup.

East Carbon stipulates to closures

By SCOTT PARKER
Staff reporter

After quite a struggle and several hundred hours of work, an agreement has been reached by East Carbon, Sunnyside, Penta Creeks and Magnificent Seven for the sale of property, and water rights in Whitmore and Sunnyside Canyons.

However, two paragraphs in a joint stipulation are already under fire because they state that public access to the Grassy Trail Reservoir will be prohibited and a gate will be placed across Whitmore Canyon Road.

"Fishing and general public access to or on the Grassy Trail Reservoir shall be prohibited," states paragraph 15 in the stipulation ending the lawsuit.

"The cities shall maintain a locked gate on the access road to the dam and reservoir at all times, to prevent public access, fishing or recreation to the dam and reservoir area," the agreement continues.

By entering into the stipulation in the lawsuit, the cities agreed to cooperate with Penta Creeks in efforts to replace the

gate. The gate will be installed at a location to be determined by Penta Creeks - no lower than the fork in the road and keys will be provided to the cities, Carbon County and private land owners.

The stipulation agreement points out that the reservoir is a public raw water supply and must be managed at all times by the cities to protect the quality and availability of water.

Access is restricted according to the rules of the Utah Drinking Water Division to assure compliance with all drinking water quality standards.

However, there is a problem with the cities placing a gate on the road because Carbon County has previously claimed ownership.

"They could encourage the county to do it, but they don't have authority over the road," pointed out Carbon Commissioner Bill Krompel during an interview last week.

Penta Creeks had a gate blocking access to the road a couple of years ago and the county sent notices that the company needed to remove the

obstruction.

Approximately one and one-half years ago, Carbon County officials traveled to Whitmore Canyon and removed the gate blocking the roadway to public access.

"Certain property owners cite trespassing, destruction of property or vandalism and will attempt to solve the problem by constructing a locked gate along the road that leads to or through their property hence denying access to the general public," explained Krompel.

Krompel recently wrote a letter concerning several areas where gates have been placed across public access roads within the county.

In the case of Whitmore Canyon, the road leads to approximately 320 acres of public land in close proximity to the Grassy Trail Reservoir.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources does not want public access to be denied because the Grassy Trail Reservoir is a wonderful asset to anglers in Carbon County.

Louis Berg, regional aquatic program manager for the DWR,

pointed out that the reservoir is the only fishing spot close to East Carbon and Sunnyside.

Residents would have to travel approximately 50 miles to Huntington North just to get in a little fishing.

"It's an important urban fishing environment and has been a great resource," said Berg during a phone interview.

The reservoir was planted by the DWR last May and there were plans to supply more fish to the reservoir near the middle of July. But East Carbon City put in a request for the lake not to be stocked with fish.

Most anglers catch rainbow trout at the reservoir, but the lake also has ideal conditions for brown trout and naturally bred brown trout up to 12 pounds have been caught at the site.

"There will still be limited natural fish, but it will be a completely wasted resource if the public can't fish there," Berg stated.

According to Berg, the land where most people fish is owned by the United States Bureau of Land Management.

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School district faces judgment tax levy

By KEVIN ASHBY
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Carbon County Board of Education members passed a budget totaling \$26.2 million for 1998-99 at the June 17 regular meeting.

There will be little change in allocations compared to the current year, according to Bill Jewkes, business administrator for the entity.

The district expects 140 fewer students next year, which will bring the layoff of eight teachers and one secretarial position at the district office.

Some aides, and possibly other positions, will be at risk after the school year starts in August, depending on student population counts. District employees across the board will

increase for the coming year.

The district will be forced to pass a special judgment tax levy to repay \$333,000 of taxes already collected, and spent, to companies who won a judgment against the way the state of Utah assesses taxes.

The district's maintenance and operation budget will be \$19,659,563. The figure is up \$302,000 from the current year, and accounts basically for the salary and benefit increase for the coming year.

The non-kindergarten through 12th grade programs that include preschool and adult education programs will be \$818,761, compared to \$793,033 in the current year.

The district has a total of six outstanding bonds totaling just under \$10 million. The current

\$1.16 million. The bonds are for building construction that took place in 1979, 1984, 1986, 1989, 1990 and 1993.

The capital outlay budget, which includes funds for remodeling, buses, roofs and other expenditures such as carpeting and computers, is set at \$3,062,280 for next year. The figure compares to \$2.8 million for the current year.

Food services will remain about the same, budgeted at \$1,572,088. The previous year's budget was just a little higher (\$1.68 million) than the new figure because of some equipment funding which will not be repeated this year.

About \$9.6 million will be spent on regular school programs for K-12 students, necessarily existent small schools,

trative costs for next year.

Special education, extended year, applied technology, youth in custody, accelerated learning, at-risk programs, career ladder and class size reduction for K-6th grades will spend \$3,670,108 next year. The amount is basically the same as the funds spent this year, \$3,616,024.

The basic educational program funds will total \$13,503,088 for next year as compared to \$13,352,735 this current year.

Local taxes will account for \$1,903,292 of the budgeted amount, with \$11,599,796 coming from the weighted pupil unit (WPU) state funding.

With an expected drop in the student count of 140 pupils, 4,496 students are expected in local schools for the coming year

State favors appeals, awards tax refunds to companies in area

A number of businesses across Utah appealed state assessed taxes and were awarded refunds that will adversely affect entities in Carbon County by approximately \$576,000.

Some businesses in Utah are centrally assessed property taxed by the state. What the businesses questioned was the practice of taxing "blue sky" or intangible assets.

For example, permits or permissions to do business would be an intangible asset as compared to buildings and land as tangible assets.

The state tax commission finally ruled on the issue that requires a refund to be paid to the businesses along with interest.

The challenged money has already been received and used by the various taxing entities throughout the state. The entities will have until Dec. 31 to refund the money plus interest through December.

Local entities will be able to impose a judgment levy that will make taxpayers pay the refund on the 1998 property notices.

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and below the reservoir.

Cooperation and support is also required of the cities for development of the land within city boundaries for residential;

lution species that keys will be provided to private land owners with properties in the canyon areas as well as the two cities and Carbon County.

Stipulates to closures:

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BLM officials have indicated that the company has really not been concerned with the access.

However, DWR conservation officers have reported to Berg that the area does get quite a bit of use and the last time he traveled to the area he saw 16 people and more than 6 vehicles at the reservoir.

Another person pushing public access to the reservoir is Jack Roraff from Columbia. Roraff is not only opposing a new gate, but has a petition stating the gate that has been in place since 1952 should be removed to allow access to everyone.

His petition currently carries more than 200 signatures and he stresses that elderly and handicapped citizens cannot access the resource because of the gate at the dam.

According to Roraff and a letter sent from East Carbon Mayor Paul Clark to Commissioner Krompel, vandalism isn't as much of a problem as littering.

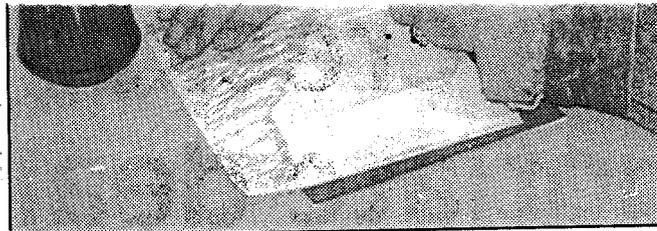
Krompel is suggesting a canyon land management plan to help keep canyon abuse to a minimum and Roraff suggests stiff fines and punishment for littering in the area.

"There are some people littering and thrashing the place, but I think if we came up with a cooperative agreement with the cities, county and DWR we could maybe address that," said Krompel.

Several solutions are being considered instead of the gate, however it has not yet been deciphered if the stipulation will be broken if no gate is constructed.

"We need to have a public hearing to explain to the taxpayers in your towns what's going on here. Hopefully we can come up with a resolution to this problem," said Krompel.

Mayor Paul Clark indicated at the last East Carbon City Council meeting that a public hearing in the matter would be conducted near mid-July. Officials will address questions and hear comments from the citizens concerned with the road.



Price resident creates napkin art in

Lingering over a cup of coffee, Sherrie Gammon yet another napkin drawing at the Century Cafe late. The local resident spends a few hours most mornings at the cafe, where she has sketched about a 6-inch stack of napkins done with different colors of ink. Gammon works on paper napkins and says drawing houses that she lives in are her favorite subjects to sketch. However, her creations are scenery, animals, people and even times, the cafe's customers. Raised near Gunnison, she won a blue ribbon at the local fair for an oil painting she was in junior high school and hasn't really stopped drawing since. "I took my drawing classes seriously and got A's in art in school," she chuckled. The talented artist worked with pastels, water colors, charcoal (even though it's 'messy') as well as creating ceramics and pottery. Art runs in her family, as her mother and son, John, also draw. If you would like her work, drop by the Century Cafe to check out the pile of drawings.

	U.S. West	D&RG WRR	Utah Railway	Plateau Mining
Price	22,601.84	672.70	0.00	0.00
Helper City	2,380.76	2,466.38	0.00	0.00
Wellington City	17,664.31	373.69	0.00	0.00
Sunnyside City	253.83	685.47	0.00	0.00
Hiawatha Town	1,104.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scofield Town	400.02	54.36	0.00	0.00
East Carbon City	3,749.57	979.45	0.00	0.00
County General	63,812.10	32,570.26	27,876.41	17,027.73
County School Dist	165,880.31	73,580.43	59,377.22	34,278.37
PRWID	20,966.71	6,403.57	5,857.66	0.00
Carbon Conservancy	907.84	1,139.60	989.49	625.22
Assessing and Collecting (St)	1,486.56	2,874.44	0.00	0.00
Municipal Service	1,445.32	1,409.16	1,516.71	913.36
Assessing & Collecting (Co.)	8,622.34	2,287.90	4,332.07	2,669.42
Totals	\$295,276.07	\$125,497.40	\$99,949.56	\$55,514.11

PET OF THE WEEK



CRASH
BANG
OUCH
RAM
BAM
BOOM

I don't really belong in the Demolition Derby.

State awards tax refund

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The entity impacted the most by the decision in Carbon County will be the school district, which will have to pay back more than \$333,000.

Next was Carbon County, which will have to repay almost \$159,000. Price River Water Improvement District and Price

The following entities are additional ones that recently won the process and could be receiving refunds from County taxing entities.

To date, Marilyn county treasurer, is determining the exact amount of any of the qualifying