

Lakeside

Sunset to get teen center

Intention of Playhouse is to 'keep kids off the street'

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SUNSET — One resident says Sunset is in sore need of a facility to entertain its youth, and he knows just the place.

Despite some citizens' expressed concerns over potential problems of noise, security, fighting and substance abuse at a May 15 meeting, the city council gave John Venturino and his wife, Tamera, permission to open the Sunset Playhouse in Scottsdale Square, two doors east of Winegar's.

Venturino had addressed the council two weeks earlier with his proposal when Mayor Norm Sant recommended the council seek input from residents in the surrounding area. About 10 residents appeared at the request of a letter sent out by the city.

Venturino said he originally wanted to open a business all week with arcade games and other activities. He was worried the place would become a hangout for kids and, he says, that's not what he wants.

Instead he will hold youth dances in the building on Friday and Saturday nights leaving the rest of the week open for adult dances, meetings, weddings and other large groups. "Sunset doesn't have a municipal building," he said.

"Our intention is to give Sunset children something to do and to keep them off the street," Mrs. Venturino said.

The business will target kids from age 13. Fire Chief Arley Wallace said several improve-

ments need to be made to the building to meet fire safety and sanitary needs. Although the building has room for more than 700 occupants, Venturino is planning to use only enough space for about 400 youth with possible expansion.

As the parents of eight children, ranging in ages 6 months to 14 years, the Venturinos say they are worried about the lack of activities for young kids in the city and want their own children to have a drug-free, alcohol-free environment to enjoy.

Citizens present at the meeting said they think Venturino's intention is good, but, "What time is he calling curfew?" resident Ruth Jorgensen asked.

Sunset has a curfew of 11 p.m. Jorgensen is concerned that noise and music from the building would disturb her nearby residence.

Sant said, "We'd have to close it by 10:30 to get those kids off the street by 11 p.m."

Jorgensen also expressed concern over the type of youth the dances would attract. "You're right smack dab in the middle of a residential area. I'm afraid you're going to have gangs," she said.

Venturino assured the group he would agree to reasonable security measures as outlined by the city in his conditional-use business license. He said he would charge kids to enter the dances, if they leave, they will be charged a second time to return. He said he hoped the strict rule would curb loitering and fighting by youth outside the building. Police Chief Bruce Gunderson said he would provide extra patrolling of the area on weekends.

DHS administrator to retire

KAYSVILLE — The assistant principal at Davis High School will retire in June after 35 years as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Davis School District.

Purdy began his career as an instructor and coach at Davis High School in 1955 and coached Davis athletic teams to a variety of state and national championships.

He later was appointed the vice principal at Clearfield High School before returning as an assistant principal at Davis High in 1976.

In 1988, he became the first vice principal ever to win election as president of the 42,000-member National Association of Secondary School Principals

headquartered in Reston, Va.

He has been involved in local government also. He has served on the Kaysville city council and as Kaysville mayor.

Purdy was also appointed a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Community Affairs.

He was a chairman of the Wasatch Front Regional Council of governments and the Davis County Council of Governments. He is running for a seat on the Davis County commission.

He is a graduate of the University of Utah.

He and his wife, Faye, are the parents of four children.

The couple has 11 grandchildren.



Gerald Purdy

10 teachers awarded fellowships

FARMINGTON — Ten area teachers have been awarded fellowships by the Davis School District Foundation.

The \$200 fellowships were awarded to teachers working on a master's degree who intend to develop information and skill levels for the benefit of students in the classroom. These are the first awards from the Foundation's Teacher Fellowship Program. All awards come from donated funds.

The fellowships were presented by Sherrie Johnson, foundation

vice chairman, to: Norma Jean Remington, Centerville Junior High; Corine Saylor, Davis High; Norman Enomoto, South Davis Junior High; Russell Holmes, Clearfield High; Kyle Dean Saunders, Layton High; Judy McIntosh Kelly, Reading Elementary; Rebecca L. Walker, Columbia Elementary; and Linda Easley, South Weber Elementary and Doxey Elementary.

Foundation director Nancy Lyon says, "The purpose of the fellowship program is to encourage and assist teachers working to-

ward advanced degrees, as well as expanding the teaching ability. We hope, through additional contributions, to expand our level of assistance in the future."

The Davis School District Foundation was created to enlist financial support from business and individuals in the district to fund programs to enhance education.

Governed primarily by community leaders, foundation chairman is C. Patrick Bates. The Business Education Partnership is one of the foundations' endeavors.

Flag request gets waived

FARMINGTON — The Davis County Commission has tabled a request from the Farmington centennial committee to help buy American flags to line the streets of the county seat.

John Green and Connie Bentley, members of the centennial committee, approached the commission recently requesting \$400 for its participation with Farmington City and several private businesses to buy 75 to 100 flags.

Green said the 3-by-5-foot nylon flags will be attached to street poles and displayed during July in conjunction with the Fourth of July and July 24th holidays.

"It would be a substantial display," Green said.

But County Commissioner Gayle Stevenson questioned where the county was going to get the money for the flags and moved the request be tabled until funds could be reviewed.

Commissioner Bill Peters, who supported the motion, said if the county did not have funds available the commissioners could make a private donation toward buying the flags if they desired.

"Maybe each of us could donate money to help out," he said.

Peters said it is difficult for the commission to allocate funds to a city, when it can't afford to do it for every city.

Green said even if the county opts not to participate in funding the project he hopes to have the flags in place by July 1.

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