



Face of Fillmore

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The often-heard term “Man Cave” is quite common these days and I couldn’t help but use my imagination about where it originally came from. I can picture some hairy caveman drawing pictures on the walls of his cave of his most recent hunt, next to a collection of favorite clubs he uses on his hunting excursions.

I can imagine this evolving over the centuries. I am sure our pioneer forefathers enjoyed the solitude of their workshops where they repaired their wagons and sharpened their farming tools. A little quiet at the end of a long day’s work away from the chatter of their large families.

Recently these hideaways have changed to favorite places to enjoy a man’s hobbies – mechanics shops for the car lovers, wood working tools for the carpenter, fly tying retreats for the fisherman, a recliner and big screen TV for the arm chair quarterback.

This week I had the opportunity to see first-hand what has to be the largest Man Cave in Fillmore. Owned by Brandon Winget, it was built just last year and is a great asset to their property. Walking up to the doors was impressive. Two garage doors, large enough to accommodate a King-sized motorhome, face to the west with an entry door for people on the south. The exterior is stuccoed with rock trim to match their home. A window high up showed me this building was actually two stories tall.



The interior of this shop is lined with knotty pine on the walls and ceiling. The decorations hanging on them tell of the owner’s interest in farming and the outdoors. Antlers, some he shot and some he found as sheds, hang from the walls, as well as an interesting collection of old farm tools.

Upstairs is a large, unfinished room. Brandon told me jokingly that it was built so his father-in-law would have a place to sleep when he was in trouble.

The most amazing feature is the large tree standing near the staircase leading to the loft. It has been sculpted with a chainsaw by an artist from Richfield. The result is a huge, realistic-looking bear guarding the stairs.

The entire Winget home and yard have been an amazing transformation of what was just an empty lot only a few years ago. Complete with a waterfall, decks, lawns, garden, orchard, flowers, playground and other impressive improvements, it is a real showplace. Thanks to the Winget's for their great part in helping beautify the Face of Fillmore.

