

Director visits 86 stores

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Travel Council. The board unanimously approved paying the dues. Applegate said the budget for dues of \$1,000 may be a bit short based on the list she had, however, Bohme said money could be moved from another line to cover this as long as the total budget stayed in balance. "I have a fax machine and a phone with an answering machine to catch calls when I am out," Applegate said.

Work on newsletter continuing

Advertising committee chairman Larry Harper told the Sherman County Economic Development Council on Monday the he was continuing to work on a newsletter project. He said he hopes to meet with Carolyn Applegate, the council's director, soon. He said the idea is to communicate with the public by having the newsletter inserted in the newspaper, giving it wider circulation than most similar publications. He said the plan is to sell business card ads to support the newsletter at a cost of \$15 a month. Applegate said it sounded like a unique idea, and said she did not know of anyone else doing this. She said she would set up a meeting with Harper, and he said the next advertising committee meeting would be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Safari Steakhouse. Schyler Goodwin talked about a retail cooperative he is trying to estab-

"The phone number is 899-3743 and the fax is 899-3744." She said one priority was getting the county's micro loan program moving, and that in the next week she hoped to have a meeting with the program's board. She hopes a request to lower the loan interest rate from 8 percent to 5 percent could be presented to the county commissioners. "I have been told we have a bit more time to get this money out," she said, "and I think there are a number of

people in the community who are interested, but the interest rate has been holding them back." She said it takes about 30 days to process a loan. Board member David Daniels asked how she has been received by the businesses she has visited, and Applegate said she has had a good reception, including contribution checks from several. "I have only had three tell me not to bother to come back," she said.

lish. He told the board it will take 15 individual businesses willing to pay \$250 per month to get the program established. He said the idea is to set this up like a business incubator and to give small entrepreneurs an opportunity to rent downtown space like a part of a department store. There would be one employee to operate the checkout and handle the computer system. He said each business would have a code which would identify merchandise that was being sold, and the checkout would collect the money and the sales tax for all of the businesses. "I am looking for a variety of retail businesses," Goodwin said. "This is not just a craft fair type thing." Members said it sounded like a great idea, and hoped Goodwin would be able to find the 15 he needed to get it open. Dave Daniels, vice-president, reported on the ongoing discussions be-

tween the city and county about the trash system, and said he has told people to call him if they have questions or ideas about the process. "There are a lot of misconceptions out there," Daniels said. "I am available to answer questions and listen." Treasurer Kim Bohme presented the list of bills so far totaling \$3,087, and asked for approval to take them to the county to be paid. Daniels made the motion to approve seconded by board member John Garcia. Finance committee chair Harlan House said he had not had a meeting recently, but said it was time to get a letter out about business and personal contributions to before the end of the year. Applegate said she would like to meet with the finance committee to review the letter and the list of who it would be sent to. The next council meeting will be 5:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, at Wheat Ridge Estates.

Guardsman puts magazine on hold

AUGUSTA (AP) — Kansas National Guardsman Mike Wallace delivered the latest issue of the Butler County Chronicle last week before preparing to go to Bosnia as a weapons inspector. It will be the last issue his readers get for at least a year. Wallace, the monthly news magazine's only full-time employee, left Saturday for Leavenworth for training and then to a peacekeeping mission as a U.S. Army captain in Bosnia. About 120 Kansas soldiers with the First Battalion, 108th Aviation, a T-28 helicopter unit, are training in

Fort Riley, said Joy Moser, Kansas National Guard spokeswoman. More soldiers from the 35th Infantry Division will join them later in Bosnia. About 200 Kansans will likely replace other units stationed in Bosnia, Moser said. Wallace started the Butler County Chronicle in 1997, when he returned from his last service in Bosnia. The retired Kansas Army National Guard member has put the magazine together from his home in rural Augusta for the past six years. He said he prints several thousand issues each month, and plans to bring the magazine back when he returns.

Moser said Wallace's situation is not unusual, and soldiers who are small-business owners often must put their businesses on hold. "It's an example of the sacrifices people make to serve their country," Moser said. Wallace will also be leaving behind his wife, Teresa, and their three children, Lenora, Katina, and Heath. Augusta resident Diane Lewis, who has subscribed to the Chronicle since 1997, said she'll miss the magazine. She owns the Three French Hens gallery and gift shop in Augusta, and said she can relate to Wallace as a small-business owner.

Tag recycling



Warren Schroyer of Florence, Colo., shows prospective buyers his dustpans made out of old license plates and the antique metal ceiling tiles that he has saved from old buildings. Schroyer said they had a very good time at the We Made It craft fair Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign War building.

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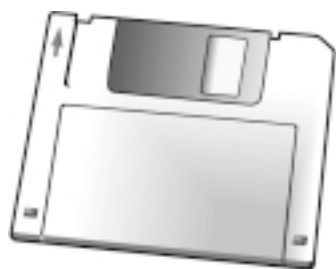
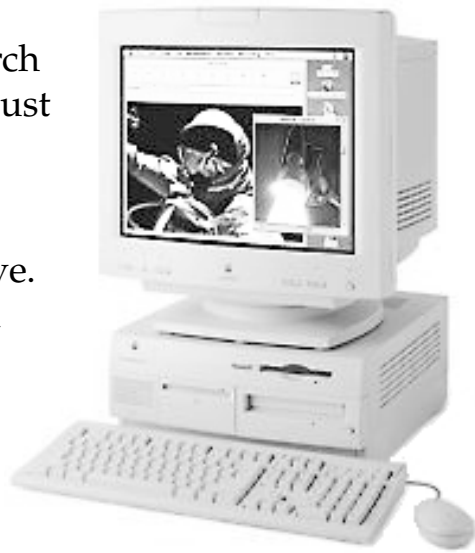
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