

Leadership group asks for money

Representatives from Leadership Sherman County asked county commissioners Thursday to consider a small donation to keep the program going.

Co-chairs Josh Dechant and Penny Nemecheck, treasurer Doug Sederstrom and board member Michelle Shoff were at the meeting to talk about the program, which give people an overview of civic affairs, local government and public life.

Dechant said he hoped the county would consider sponsoring someone in the class, noting that Treasurer Iris Scheopner had gone through the class last year.

"We have been pleased that people who have taken the class have gone on to leadership roles in Sherman County," Dechant said. He said the \$200 class fee has

stayed the same for 10 years, noting that the county paid \$150 for Scheopner and she had paid the other \$50.

"We have not asked for donations over the 10 years," Dechant said. "I understand the city and county did donate to get the program started."

"We have been working with some groups to help with getting some money."

"The costs may be down a bit this year because we are not going to do a joint trip (to Topeka) with Thomas County. We would ask the county to consider a small donation to help with some of the costs like postage."

Sederstrom said the fees raise about \$2,000, and other donations they have received amount to about \$500. He said the board has run a game at the home-owned carnival

to help raise money and always likes to give back to the carnival if they can.

He said the annual trip to Topeka is the big cost, but that is pretty well covered in the class fees.

"We lost \$500-\$700 last year," Sederstrom said. "We are asking for some money to get us through the next year or two."

"Have you talked to the city yet?" asked Commissioner Chuck Thomas.

Sederstrom said they were on the agenda for Monday.

Tiede said he did not know if there was anyone from the county interested in the class. Dechant said the deadline for nominations will be in August.

Dechant said he felt that everyone who has gone through the class has learned something about their

county. The commissioners said they would consider a donation.

Dechant handed out a tentative schedule for the upcoming class sessions:

Nomination deadline Aug. 1; selection Aug. 16; candidate notification Sept. 18; and announcement and public reception Sept. 25.

All the sessions except the trip to Topeka will be held on Wednesdays. The first class session will be a ropes course and team building on Sept. 26. Agriculture day will be Oct. 17, leadership and media day Nov. 7, education day Dec. 5, city-county day Jan. 9 and health care Jan. 20.

The trip to the Statehouse is scheduled for Feb. 20-22. The last class will be economic development day and graduation on March 5.

Being fire fighter chief's career choice

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done here in combination with the county fire departments.

He said he is getting applications from people who want to be on the city department and will take more.

To get the firemen trained, James said, he is talking to the University of Kansas about putting on a firefighting academy in Goodland. He said the KU people say it would take two to three months for a firefighter course.

He said he knows people here are concerned about the fire department. He said the Berthoud department worked hard to get an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 3, and was working to get it down to 2, which would make Berthoud one of the best departments in the nation. Goodland's rating is 5, he said.

"This takes a lot of hard work, and I believe these men will do that work," James said. "I am confident these men are willing and able to do the job as professionals."

Donations needed for July 4 fireworks

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\$1,000 to cover the cost of this year's blowout. In all, he said, they need to raise about \$4,000 this month.

"We have about \$6,000 in the fund," Schields said. "That is about \$1,000 short to pay for this year's show, and we would like to raise an additional \$3,000 to put us in good shape for next year."

Last year, Schields said, the carnival group decided to take the lead in organizing the annual fireworks display and celebration. He said plans for entertainment this year are in good shape.

Special funds were set up through the Sherman County Community Foundation to allow people to make donations to the fireworks or the entertainment.

Donations should be sent to the foundation at Box 888, Goodland, Kan. 67735, and earmarked for the Freedom Fest fireworks fund or entertainment fund, said Kin Huang, foundation director.

So far, Price said, jars are out at the Sherman Theater, Cowboy Loop, Hank's Café, Pizza Hut, Gambino's, Crazy R's, Goodland Grind and Gallery, Bubba's Meat Block and *The Goodland Star-News*.

Carnival building gets additional \$25,000

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of the cost is for labor to finish the interior before the fair."

Schields said another part of the addition is to do some sidewalks from the building into the fairgrounds.

"What size of sidewalk?" Tiede asked.

"To make it handicap accessible, we are looking at six feet," Schields said. "That is why we are over what we had originally estimated. We will get a great building when it is finished."

Schields said half the building has a concrete floor, and the group

hopes to get some asphalt millings to put on the other half.

He said he has talked to the city about the power, and they need a fire hydrant west of the building. He said there will be lights inside, and it might be good to have a couple outside to illuminate the parking area.

Schields passed out a list of the items with estimated costs and said the total should be under \$25,000.

Thomas asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel if the county has money in the special building fund to pay for the costs.

"The building will be done by the fair?" Rasure asked.

"It will be done by July," Schields said.

Rumpel said there is \$17,265 in the courthouse general budget for building. She said the commissioners could use capital outlay to pay for completing the project.

"I don't want a half finished building," Rasure said.

Rumpel said the commissioners could take the money out of capital improvements, and there is \$93,982 in that fund.

The commissioners agreed to take the money out of capital improvements with a motion not to exceed \$25,000.

Rasure said in the future the

county may want to plant some trees around the parking area. Tiede said they will probably need to put some poles through the middle of the lot to have some light at night.

Rasure asked Schields about the Fourth of July Freedom Fest. Schields said things were coming together for the fireworks and entertainment.

Schields said with the money raised last year and donations from community organizations, they have about \$6,000 to pay for the fireworks. He said it would be good to have about \$4,000 more to give them a base to build on for next year.

County can sell land; owner to present proposal

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because of the snow drifts."

Selby came to the meeting and Thomas asked about the closed session.

"You cannot go into closed session when you are selling property," she said. "The price is not something you can do in closed session."

"I guess I got that mixed up," Thomas said.

"I think you (Stasser) should draw up a proposal and give it to us," Tiede said.

"You will have to pay the survey costs," Thomas added.

"Who do you want to do the survey?" Stasser asked.

Thomas said it was Stasser's choice, but that Curt Way, public works manager, would need to be there to make sure the surveyor uses the right point.

Stasser said he would go and measure the area and see what he needs.

Tiede said Way could help him help determine what Stasser will need to end up with the size of entrance he wants.

Stasser said he would try to get the commissioners a proposal before their next meeting on Tuesday, June 12.

The location is east of Merna

Dautel's place on County Road 25, Way said. The right of way there is about 200 feet wider than most along the sides of the old highway. There are several similar blocks of land between Edson and Brewster, but this one is the deepest.

In April, Way said the access would take a sizable culvert or two because the ditch along old U.S. 24 drains two sections.

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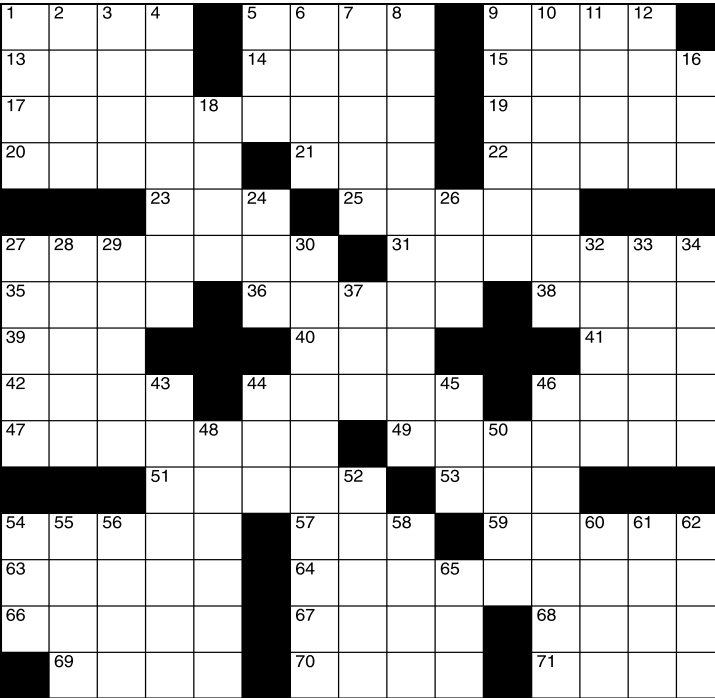


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