

Council offers scholarships for agri-tourism days

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Sharing the rural experience and making a tourism business out of it is the objective of a two-day workshop in April, and the Sherman County Economic Development Council is offering scholarships to encourage people to attend.
The Arit-Tourism Plus workshop will begin in Goodland on Tuesday,

April 4, and continue in Colby the next day. Cost of the two-day workshop is \$50, and the council is offering to pay up to \$100 for Sherman County people who want to attend.
Anyone interested in taking advantage of the scholarship offer should call the council office at (785) 890-3743 by Friday, March 10.

Dwane Timm, a member from the First National Bank, said it would be a good idea for the council to encourage people to attend.
“I think it is a great idea,” said Steve West, a member from Western State Bank. “I think it is good to help promote business, and the people could come back with some ideas.”
Member Rick Breining asked

how the council wants to approach the selection of the people to get scholarships.
Timm said they should pay up to \$100 for two people for both days if they are willing to give a short report to the council after the workshop.
The scholarships will be given to the first to call.
The two-day workshop will be-

gin at the 4-H building here with a talk by Marci Penner, founder of the Kansas Sampler Festival and author of a book about exploring Kansas.
People will travel to the Kuhrt Ranch north of Goodland for a tour and presentations by Bryce Cole about the corn maze, and Ken Klemm about his buffalo ranch and the Buffalo Guys business, which sells buffalo steaks, burgers and jerky around the country.
There will be a panel of bed-and-breakfast and hunting-lodge owners.

breakout session on agritourism with the state Department of Commerce; marketing from an area tourism business; accessing local resources from the Northwest Kansas Travel Council; wildlife issues by the state Department of Wildlife and Parks and the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service; historical registration by the state Historical Society; and business structure and liability by the Small Business Development Center from Fort Hays State University.
There will be a working lunch and general session in the afternoon.

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dues, and said she had been told the \$600 was the wrong amount. She said it should have been \$50.
West said he felt they should pay the dues, and Timm made the motion to pay the \$50.
Thompson said the council has been asked to provide lunch for the Leadership Sherman County class on Monday, March 27. She said the class will visit the office between 8-8:30 a.m. that day.
The council approved.
Thompson said the council needs

to review its bylaws. She asked for volunteers and members Kim Bohme, Timm and Harlan House were named to see if any changes should be recommended to the county commissioners.
West said the search committee for a director had met and talked about a strategy and goals.
He said the committee has reviewed the resumes and is down to two or three. He said they need to advertise the position, and hope to have a selection in the next three to six months.
The council has been without a

director since Carolyn Applegate left in December 2004.
“This is a priority,” West said. “We need to have a director to determine long term goals.”
Thompson said Younger had asked to rearrange the offices and move her to where the chamber is, and move the chamber out to the front desk.
Younger said she feels the offices need to be moved to allow her to talk to people in a more confidential setting.
The council agreed that it would be better to have the offices rear-

anged, and to get a hold of Chamber President Brian Linin to discuss the change.
Thompson thanked Charlene Cole and Terry Richardson for coming from the Board of Realtors, and asked how the housing market was doing.
“We are ready for the energy center,” Cole said.
Richardson said the market has picked up since Christmas.
The next council meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, at the Western State Bank.

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tification committee met with the city and county commissions that Tuesday morning to ask for help with the citywide cleanup. The city proclaimed April to be Cleanup Month, he said, noting that the trash drive will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 8, and the highway entrance cleanup will be Saturday, April 22.
“Last year was very successful,” he said, “and we hope to have the same effort this year. We want to get people excited to participate. We are seeking a sponsor for the barbecue after the cleanup.
“It was actually fun gathering up the trash and hauling it out to the transfer station.”
Turning to the success of the Chamber in rebuilding, Clouse said, “The Chamber has about half the membership we had last year. We have about a \$10,000 balance from the dues. We don’t believe we are in a position to take flight yet. We need to double that and get more businesses.
“I would tell you we are inter-

ested in a joint directorship with you. We want to keep those cards on the table with you and know and understand we cannot be an equal partner in that. We hope you would look at some sort of split on a directorship.”
Dwane Timm, a council member from First National Bank, asked if the Chamber has an idea of what kind of person they are looking for.
Debbie Reed, a Chamber board member, said she could get a copy of the job description to the council.
“We would be stretched to pick up 20 percent,” Clouse said. “The whole key on our part is to increase membership. We have some ideas but they will be very different than they were in the past.
“We want to be able to walk Main Street on a regular basis is what we think is what we need to do. We have ideas, but we are volunteers. We need an employee who can run with this. We are all pushing for Goodland.
“We need to keep lines of communication open, and will try to have someone at your meetings.”

Clouse said the Chamber was working on a new web site with Darren Kannady, and S&T Communications will sponsor the site.
He said they will be featuring Chamber members on the site.
Shelly Thompson, council chairman, said the monthly meetings are the third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
“We know you are highly respon-

sible for our having an open office,” Clouse said.
“We tried to recognize the Economic Development Council and our volunteers who man the office at the annual meeting.”
“We need a Chamber,” Timm said, “and the community needs a Chamber. It takes a lot of leadership to pull from where you have been.”

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