

Grant writers start business

By KIMBERLY DAVIS
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 Two Decatur County women plan to help organizations and others by researching, finding and writing applications for grants.
 Kem Bryan and Shayla Williby said they started their business, Dream Makers, in the middle of August with the hope of helping keep Oberlin and Decatur County viable.
 Mrs. Bryan said she called Mrs. Williby and asked her what it would take to get her back to writing grant applications. She said she thought they would make a good team.
 The women have an office in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center and plan to have office hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. The office is just across from the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp.
 Mrs. Bryan said they won't charge for the applications, but if they apply for a grant and the organization receives it, the team will get

a 4 percent commission. They ask that people sign a contract up front agreeing to the fee.
 Mrs. Bryan said they both support the county, which is their home, and want to continue to help make it inviting to people to come visit and move in.
 They ask that if anyone reads an article in any newspaper about a community receiving a grant, to please bring it to them. Also, said Mrs. Bryan, if anyone finds a grant that's open, bring it in.
 Bring in any ideas at all, she said.
 Anyone who is looking for a grant or a scholarship should come in, they said. For research for a grant or scholarship that the women don't write up, they will charge \$25 an hour. The women are filing information on grants and scholarships they run across, so if the team already have it on file, they will charge a flat \$25.
 Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Williby are already working on a grant for playground equipment, signs, lighting

and trails at Sappa Park. They are trying to find one for bathrooms for the park, too, Mrs. Bryan said.
 They are also writing a grant application for shoes for the new bowling alley.
 Both said they also will be doing some of the work at home, so if they aren't in the office, people can call them at their homes.
 Mrs. Williby said she has a certificate from Fort Hays State University in advanced grant and proposal development through the department of sociology and social work. She did some grant writing after finishing the course.
 The women hope to find a young person who will help them set up a website.
 "We want to do positive things for the community," said Mrs. Williby.
 Mrs. Bryan said they want to get grants so people will not only want to travel here, but move here. She said they want to help enhance the quality of living for people in the entire county.



DONDELMONTE and his horse Rico set out to raise awareness about child abuse and suicide prevention, but when Rico took ill in Norcatour over the weekend, it stopped their ride across the country – at least for now.

Man rides to raise awareness

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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 When Don DelMonte left Lexington, Ky., this spring on the back of a 3-year old Tennessee Walker stallion named Rico, he was on a mission to raise awareness about child abuse and suicide prevention.
 Now, he's in a fight to save his horse.
 Mr. DelMonte left Lexington on March 5. He had been in Kansas several days when he was steered to the home of Newt and Bonnie Younquist in Kensington. Mrs. Younquist, who is secretary-manager of the U.S. Highway 36 Association, called ahead to set up lodging for Mr. DelMonte and Rico for the rest of their trip across Kansas. He stayed with the Younquists four nights while Rico rested. Friday, horse and rider made it to Norton, where Carolyn Applegate, a county commissioner and U.S. 36 board member, had arranged accommodations for the two at the Brooks Motel.
 Saturday, the two were scheduled to make a stop-over at the Norcatour home of Jim and Carolyn Plotts. That's when things

took a turn for the worse. When the two arrived in town, Rico had a badly broken front hoof. Mr. DelMonte decided that he could not continue until the hoof could be mended. Even then, he might need another day or two off before trying to go on.
 Sunday morning, a farrier repaired the shoe and hoof, but Rico wasn't acting right. He wanted only to lie down and not get up, although he would with kind words and coaxing from his owner.
 Worry turned into real concern as day turned into afternoon and then into night. Rico was a very sick horse. He was not eliminating his feed and his owner and others suspected colic. The Plotts, concerned neighbors who had heard of Rico's plight and Mr. DelMonte, stood by, helpless, as the sorrel stallion moaned in pain.
 It was after midnight when they called Dr. Aaron White of the Norton Animal Health Center, and within 30 minutes, he was examining Rico. His diagnosis confirmed the suspicion of colic with the possibility of what veterinarians call a "twisted gut," a

sometimes fatal ailment.
 Dr. White inserted a nasal-gastro tube into the horse's stomach and drenched him with a gallon of mineral oil, then gave him an injection of a muscle relaxant and two liters of hydrating fluids intravenously.
 Dr. White's other recommendation was to keep him walking in hopes the blockage would correct itself. His parting comments were, "If this doesn't take care of it, the only other thing to do is surgery."
 That's why Monday morning, when it was obvious Rico's condition had not changed, the men made plans to take the horse to Kansas State University's School of Veterinary Medicine in Manhattan for surgery. Mr. Plotts and Mr. DelMonte left Norcatour pulling a horse trailer borrowed from Don Daniels. They stopped in Norton at the vet clinic for one more examination before heading east.
 The results of Rico's surgery and Mr. DelMonte's plans regarding completion of his trip still hung in the balance late in the day.



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 The evening will start at 6 p.m. with the theme "Soap and Suds."

Pastor Doug Mason, who leads the teen group, suggests that the kids not wear their best clothes, but something that can get a little messy.
 The group is open to all teens

in seventh through 12th grades. It doesn't cost anything to join, he said.

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