

Grant gives boost to space museum

HUTCHINSON — Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Kansas Cosmosphere will be updating its museum over the next two years to take guests from the past to the present and even glimpse the future of space exploration.

The \$137,000 grant will allow the Cosmosphere to add several new interactive simulators and to extend the exhibits to include more on the shuttle era, the International Space Station, Mars exploration and a peek at the new Moon, Mars and Beyond project. The Cosmosphere will be actively searching for funds to match this grant award over the next 6 to 12 months and will begin construction on these improvements this winter.

“This grant will greatly increase the interactivity of the museum

and bring our exhibits beyond the Apollo era and into the present and future of space exploration, which is what many visitors want to know more about,” said Marisa Honomichl, vice president of marketing and development.

Museums for America is the Institute’s largest grant program for museums. This year 433 applications were received by the institute and 167 projects were selected.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.

The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patrons’ knowledge of space exploration. For information visit www.cosmo.org.

Bus to tour Rush County

The Ellis County Historical Society plans a fall bus tour south into Rush County from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11.

The county was settled on the banks of Walnut Creek near the present day Rush Center in 1870. Rush County grew rapidly and the census in 1930 shows a population of 9,093. The 2000 census population was 3,406, as can be seen in today’s rural towns and churches.

The tour will visit Pat’s Beef Jerky and St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Liebenenthal, and Fairview Farms, a 100-year old historical heritage farm raising alpacas. Riders will get a hands-on opportunity to learn about the art of hand-spinning fiber.

Also at the farm will be Alan Miller, author of “Yankee on the Prairie.” Two Catholic churches

in the region will be visited, St. Mary’s at McCracken, and St. Mary, Help of Christians, at Loretta. A buffet dinner in LaCrosse will complete the tour.

The cost is \$45 per person, which covers all costs, including dinner. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, Oct. 5. They are available at society’s museum, 100 W. Seventh St., Hays, Kan., 67601, phone (785) 628-2624; and the Hays Welcome Center, 2700 Vine St., (785) 628-8202.

Hours for the museum are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, from June through August. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children.

For information, go to www.elliscountymuseum.org.

Fun day is fund day for firemen



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Fire trucks from departments as near as Oberlin and as far as Littleton, Colo., came to Jennings for the 18th annual Fireman’s Fun Day on Saturday. The afternoon event, which included a parade and fun outdoor games for children, raised about \$5,000 for the Jennings Fire Department.

Photo contest open in Goodland

The Goodland Arts Council needs entries for its annual Flatlander Photography Contest Sept. 6 to 30 at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland.

All area photographers are invited to submit black-and-white and color prints.

Anyone interested in entering a photograph should bring it to the center before Friday, Sept. 4, ready to hang. For information, call the center at (785) 890-6442.

Photos will be on display Sunday, Sept. 6 through Wednesday, Sept. 30. Winners will be awarded in four categories – landscape, still life, people and other. Exhibit visitors may vote for their favorite photograph and a People’s Choice award will be given to the winners of each category.

Sponsor for the exhibit is Ron Harding’s Expert Carpet and Upholstery.

The center will have a reception and book-signing event for murder mystery writer Charlotte Hinger from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26. This will be the first signing for her newly published book, “Deadly Descent!”

The center is at 120 W. 12th in Goodland. Gallery hours are 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, and 1 to 6 p.m. Monday. Admission is free.

Deeds

Real Estate recorded Aug. 10-14

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- July 20, quit claim deed; Rob Ilves, to Robert E. Snyder; Lots 10 and 11, Block 23, Brewster Original.
- Aug. 5, warranty deed; Phyllis Scott, to Phyllis I. Scott Trust; Lot 6, Block 7, Colby Eastern Heights Addition.
- Aug. 11, warranty deed; Greg and Vicki L. Beiser to Brad L. and Amanda K. Roulier; Lot 1 and N/2 of Lot 2, Block 3, Brewster Depe Addition.
- Aug. 10, quit claim deed, Max Earl Pickerill, to Max Earl Pickerill Trust; N/2 of Lots 1-4, E15’ of Lot 5, Block 15, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.
- Aug. 10, quit claim deed, Max Earl Pickerill, to Max Earl Pickerill Trust; Lots 4-7 and N7’ of Lot 8, Block 20, Colby South Park Addition.
- Aug. 10, quit claim deed, Max Earl Pickerill, to Max Earl Pickerill Trust; E/2 of Lots 11-14, Block 23, Colby South Park Addition.
- Aug. 11, warranty deed; Alan D. and Sherry D. Rupp to Tod and Jessica A. Hileman; east 50 ‘ of Lots 16 through 20, Block 69, Colby West Addition.
- Aug. 12, trustees deed; Reginal V. Nollette Trust to Nollette Family Trust (undivided half interest); SE/4 of Sec. 8, T10, R33; Sec. 9, T10, R33; NW/4 of Sec. 15, T10, R33; W/2 of Sec. 20, T10, R33; NW/4 of Sec. 23, T10, R33; SW/4 of Sec. 6, T 10, R32; W/2 of Sec. 21, T10, R32.
- Aug. 13, quit claim deed, Rob Ilves to Robert E. Snyder, Lots 1- and 11, Block 23, Brewster Original.
- Aug. 14, trustees deed; Dorothy B. Stephens Revocable Trust to Peter J. Stephens; west half of Lot 16, Block 3, Colby Ostmeyer Addition.

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