

Women ask for money

Two women asked the members of the Oberlin Convention and Visitor Bureau for financial support to put a design made of heavy-duty plastic cups in the chain-link fence south of Decatur Implement on Main Street.

At the meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17, Shayla Williby and Kem Bryan, who run DreamMakers, a grant application business, said they had found a \$500 grant for the project, but were looking for others to help with the cost.

The Last Indian Raid Museum, which is across the street from the fence, is a great asset, said Mrs. Williby. It would be nice to put something on that fence for people who go to the museum or come out of it.

Mrs. Bryan already received permission from Kary Anderson, owner of the implement store. She said she is going to talk with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., Chamber of Commerce, Decatur Tomorrow and Oberlin Business Alliance boards.

Whoever helps pay for the project, she said, will have input on the design.

The plastic cups have a lifespan of five years and take little maintenance, she said.

Mrs. Williby said the guy can do any design in the cups, which hook into the fence. The square cups are heavy duty plastic and come in an array of colors.

Mrs. Bryan said she knows a design that was six by six feet which cost \$160. The cost depends on the size.

She said they need to figure out how much money they can raise and then see how big of a design they can do. The business owner from Forth Worth, Texas, said Mrs. Bryan, said the bigger and taller the design, the more detail.

Mrs. Williby asked if the bureau members were interested in the project.

The group hasn't yet received the fourth quarter money, which is paid based on collections from the city room tax. Gary Anderson said they don't know how much they will be getting.

Mr. Anderson said the board would have to talk about it at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bryan said she's talked with Jeff Thorpe, who is involved with developing Dodge City, about grant money from a new state-owned casino in Dodge City.

At the beginning of March, he is going to be here and wants to meet with the presidents of the Chamber, Business Alliance, development corporation and visitors bureau. She said he's interested in tourism and what people want here.

The idea is to figure out a tie to Dodge City so that Decatur County can be eligible for the part of the 1 percent from the casino that has to go back in tourism promotion grants.

Mrs. Williby said she also wants to pick his brain about the possibility of casinos in this part of the state.

Mrs. Bryan also talked to the group about an idea of holding Oberlin's First Annual Tournament, which would allow people from other towns to come here to play in a golf tournament or poker or chess. All the tournaments would take place the same day, she said. The goal is to get a value-added process going, but it will take everyone working together.

Connie Grafel, a bureau board member, and marketing manager for the development agency, said she thought the idea had potential, but they would need to get people involved.

In other business, the members:

- Heard that the Sappa Park committee is changing from a Decatur Tomorrow action team to a city advisory committee, appointed by the council.

- Heard there is water in the wetlands at Sappa Park and ducks swimming on the pond. New playground equipment is in, but not yet put up.

- Talked about going to two months only on the table-tent schedules put out in restaurants instead of three.

Chamber Manager Carolyn Hackney said she's working on the next batch, for March and April.

Swimming around



TWODUCKS swam around the pond at Sappa Park before the last freeze. The pond has had some water since last summer. The wetlands in front of the shelter house have been retaining water since last month and should start to fill up this spring.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Colby College raises tuition

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The Colby Community College board agreed last week to raise tuition for the 2011-2012 year from \$52 per credit hour to \$57 for in-state students, hoping to help close a \$400,000 budget gap.

The hike was recommended by Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs, and Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs, at a regular board meeting at Thomas Hall. In-state students will pay an extra \$5 per credit hour; out of state, an extra \$8; and international students, \$12, they said.

For in state students taking 15 hours a semester, this would increase tuition costs by \$75.

Waites said at the meeting Feb. 21 that the college is increasing tuition to help make up for a revenue shortfall expected next year. The gap stems from a 7.5 percent decline in credit hours students took in the fall and having 50 fewer students living in dorms than expected this year, he said.

Board member Arlen Leiker asked if the increase would discourage students from lower-income areas, such as Rawlins and Wallace counties, from attending the college. Nichols said the majority of students receive some sort of scholarship. In an interview the next day, she said 85 percent are on scholarship.

She said these students should have no obstacles when it comes to registering for class. She also said lower-income students can get federal Pell Grants to help pay for college, as well as loans.

On a positive note, Waites said students had enrolled enough credit hours this spring to keep the short-

fall from getting any worse. Nichols said students enrolled in 12,402 credit hours this spring, adding that the college needed at least 12,400 to keep the budget stable. She said the college will add credit hours from the spring eight-week courses to the total when the are counted in mid-March.

Waites said the board would have to resolve some financial issues and address problems over the next two months, adding that it may have to hold some special meetings focused on the budget.

In other business, the board:

- Approved giving Chartwell's, the college's food provider, a contract increase of 3.5 percent. Nichols said the dining service wanted the raise because of increasing health-care and gas costs.

- Listened to Bryan Staats of the accounting firm Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball discuss the results of the audit he conducted of the 2009-2010 school budget. Staats told the board the college's reserves are dangerously low. He said the

college should have \$3.5 million in reserves, but has about \$1 million.

Staats told the board that net revenue requirements of the 2007 revenue bonds are not being met. The bond issue was used to construct the new dorm. Waites said the board will have to address the situation.

He said the problem relates to lack of occupancy in the residence hall. Waites said the college is in compliance with reserve requirement of \$340,000 or more.

- Heard Waites say the college has \$5.7 million left in the current budget, or about about 42 percent, with five months left to go.

- Listened to Waites say the college's cash balance at the end of December was \$330,000. The college brought in about \$3 million that month, spending almost \$1.4 million on payroll, bills and debt service.

Waites said the cash balance at the end of January was \$2 million. The bulk of this money — \$1.76 million — was in Sunflower Bank.

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Healthy yards on agenda

It's beginning to look like spring. Anyone interested in learning more about yard care can attend the Kansas Healthy Yards and Communities program at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Decatur County Courthouse.

Jessica Milliman, a Kansas State University Research and Extension agent from Sheridan County, will be in Oberlin to lead the program, designed to teach environmentally conscious lawn- and garden-care techniques.

Anyone who wants to attend should let the county extension office know by Tuesday at 475-8121 or by e-mail at kbryan@ksu.edu.

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Volunteers needed to join Fair Board

County commissioners are looking for two volunteers to serve on the Decatur County Fair Board.

The commissioners talked about the open seats at their meeting last Tuesday. Commissioner Gene Gallentine and Stan McEvoy both said they had talked to people about serving on the board, but no one has said "yes" yet.

Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact the county clerk's office at 475-8102, they said. The two spots were vacated by Melissa Carlton and Linda Bunney.

The commissioners approved a bid of \$3,376 from Joe Heskett from Hinkle Termite Pest Control of Colby to treat the courthouse for termites. He said he plans to use

a chemical spray rather than bait stations.

The commissioners discussed reports of employees driving around town in county vehicles with no destination during the work day, then leaving those vehicles parked in front of businesses for long periods. They asked that employees stopped doing both of these.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Held closed sessions of 15 and 10 minutes for attorney-client privilege. No action was taken afterwards.

- Held a 15-minute closed session for non elected personnel. Again, no action was taken.

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