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12 Interior Design Students Present to Tourism Commission in Cave City

Original article by Gina Kinslow can be found at

<http://www.glasgowdailytimes.com/local/x967390037/Cave-City-welcomes-new-ideas-for-center>

GLASGOW — Twelve interior design students from Western Kentucky University gave presentations Monday to members of the Cave City Tourism & Convention Commission, as well as members of the Cave City City Council.

The welcome center, which is on Mammoth Cave Avenue, serves as the headquarters for the local chamber of commerce, as well as a visitors' center.

The purpose of the students' presentations was to help the tourism commission create a design that would provide privacy when needed, such as for chamber of commerce board of directors' meetings and office people working on projects. The students were also asked to help make information about the town and the area more accessible to visitors, which many did by designing new brochure racks.

In addition, the students were asked to create a small retail area where locally made items could be displayed and sold.

"Everybody had such good ideas," said Jeff Lawson, president of the chamber of commerce. "It's going to be hard to narrow it down. We thought we were getting two presentations and we got 12. We have a lot of work to do just to pick out what we want to do, but I love it. I think it's going to be awesome."

The WKU students were brought on board to help with the project in hopes they could provide tourism commissioners and council members with some insight.

"Young people have a lot of creative ideas and they tend to think a little bit out of the box," said Sharon Tabor, executive director of the Cave City Convention Center. "It also made a great project for the students and it gave us a great starting point."

The students were asked to develop designs using items that could be recycled or reused. Many of the designs presented included the use of wooden pallets, large wooden wire spools, milk crates, shutters, ladders and crumb rubber.

To help solve the privacy issue, students were asked to devise a way to separate the space for the two entities, which some did by either suggesting the installation of curtains or bi-folding doors.

"I think we could take away something from each [design]," said Mary Lou Carey, chair of the tourism commission.

A presentation she liked in particular was one utilizing three television monitors to provide information about Cave City and the local area.

Among city council members who turned out for the presentation was Seaborn Ellzey, who said he thought all of the presentations were very well done.

“Over all, [the designs] were very professional,” he said, adding he thought the students did a good job working within the parameters they were given. “Everything sounds like, since there are no structural changes to the building, interior or exterior, feasible. We will just have to wait and see.”

Councilman Gary Minor also commended the students on their presentations.

“They put in a lot of work and you can tell they spent a lot of time,” he said. “They should get some good grades out of this.”

The remodeling of the welcome center will be done by two tourism commission employees, who will do the work in between events at the convention center. Tabor anticipates the work to be done in January and February. She told the students, once the remodel is complete, she will invite them back to see what had been done.

Read more of this story in the print or digital Glasgow Daily Times.

<http://glasgowdailytimes.cnhinewsmemory.com/>

Social Work Senior Honored by Student Government Association

Eric Wills, a graduating senior from the Department of Social Work, was recently honored as an inductee into the Student Government Association’s Society for Distinguished Graduates in recognition of his passion and commitment to campus life as well as to the betterment of the broader community.

A bright, civic-minded student, Mr. Wills effectively balanced his work and family obligations with his service activities and academic commitments.

He was an active member of the Social Work Student Union providing volunteer hours, participating in community events, and engaging in fund raising efforts for local community-based organizations; and as an intern at the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), Mr. Wills worked with Warren County families to support their stability and independence, and developed an innovative project to extend public transportation options to families receiving services from DCBS.

Complementary to this work, he created the first-of-its-kind Arabic language study group at WKU in his role as a Resident Assistant. He worked summers at the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, providing support to medically challenged children and their families. And, as a member of the ALIVE Center’s Student Ambassadors of Service program, he was involved in a variety of service opportunities including events related to raising awareness about hunger and homelessness; and wrote an article

featured in the ALIVE Center's Progression Through Partnerships magazine about the local nonprofit organization, HOTEL INC., that works to promote and sustain families in the region.

Presently, he is seeking an entry level caseworker position to gain some additional experience in the field and will be applying to begin a social work graduate program in the fall. Ultimately, he plans to provide clinical services to military families.

Mr. Wills exemplifies the qualities and characteristics the Department of Social Work hopes to cultivate in its graduates. And, as a representative of the College and the University, we should be confident that he will continue to be a civic-minded leader who will bring the same passion and commitment he has had as a student to his work in the community.

Congratulations to Eric Wills!



Eric Wills

AHEC Students Complete GED in Spanish

The South Central Area for Health Education Center (AHEC) at WKU receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant with the city of Bowling Green and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to offer ESL and GED classes in Spanish. 7 students completed their GED in Spanish and passed the test in December before the new testing system went into place January 1, 2014.

Noé A Pérez, Claudia Valladares, Giraldo Borrego, Edith Velasco Hernández, José Roberto Alvarado, Enrique Rodríguez and Gerardo Alvarado all participated in a graduation ceremony that was held on Saturday, December 14th at the Carol Knicely Conference Center to recognize and honor these students and their families for this achievement.

This GED program is the only one offered in this area that is taught in Spanish. While it is very important for all immigrants to learn to speak English, it is much faster for them to pass the GED in Spanish. Completion of the GED usually leads to a salary increment especially for those who work in local industries. The GED program for Hispanics is taught by Pablo Nausa and Lucy Lira. A special thanks to Judy Schwank for providing space for this educational program.

For more information about this program or any of the services provided by South Central AHEC, please contact Lucy Juett, Director, South Central AHEC Lucy.juett@wku.edu (270) 745-3325.



Kudos for Caroline



The Communication Disorders Clinic is home to a new Tobii Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) device as a result of Caroline Hudson (right), Assistant Communication Disorders Clinic Director, being selected by Courtney Kuzma (left), regional sales consultant, to participate in Tobii ATI's Product Placement Program. Congratulations Caroline! Having the Tobii device available will mean that our students will be able to have this cutting edge technology at their fingertips to practice and our clients will be able to try out the new technology to see if it is appropriate for their use. We are most fortunate to have this Tobii AAC Device for our clinic. For further information about the CD Clinic please contact mary.lloyd.moore@wku.edu.

Sport Management Assistant Professor Gives Insights on Sochi

Original article by [John S Kiernan](http://wallethub.com/blog/olympics-by-the-numbers/1819/#smith) can be found at <http://wallethub.com/blog/olympics-by-the-numbers/1819/#smith>

The 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia are record-setting in an astounding number of ways, from the seaside town's traditionally warm February temps to fact that the Olympic torch visited space for the first time. But it's when you start talking money that things truly get interesting.

The record \$51 billion that Russia has invested in the Games is more than the previous 21 Winter Olympics combined. That figure also includes some \$25 billion lost to corruption and theft as well as \$8.7 billion spent on a transportation system to the mountains that could have been paved with a nice layer of Louis Vuitton bags for the same price. You can't ignore the \$775 million that NBC spent on the rights or the \$1.05 billion in advertising revenue they're expected to rake in either.

With that in mind, WalletHub decided to audit the Sochi Olympics in much the same manner as we did Super Bowl XLVIII. You can check out the resulting infographic below, along with some additional tidbits and commentary from sport management professors from universities across the country.



J. Darren Smith, Western Kentucky University

Most countries expect to experience a boom in economic income as a result of hosting the Olympic Games, and, in fact, they do. However, they typically do not experience enough economic gain to off-set the cost of the construction and infrastructure needs required in order to host such events. A good, recent, example of this would be the Olympics in Beijing. There are photos and descriptions available of the facilities that were highlighted on International Television as the greatest ever, now being void of activity of any sort that may be beneficial to the country.

The difficulty with the Olympic Games, unlike the Super Bowl and World Cup events, is that facilities must be constructed in order to host the Olympics. Countries or cities chosen to host the Super Bowl or World Cup typically have adequate facilities to host these events and the amount of infrastructure and construction cost is relatively small compared to the Olympics. Host countries/cities for these events are more likely to realize a positive economic impact as a result of hosting the events.