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Event approved for tourism funds

Glow Run

Yolanda Creswell, representing the Woods County Coalition, spoke to the committee about funds for a Glow Run to be held Aug. 7 in Alva. She was accompanied by Leeann Leist and Makena Sherrell.

Creswell said last year, the first time for the event, there were over 125 in attendance. In addition to the local area, they had numerous entries from Stillwater and Kansas. Last year the business team traveling trophy was won by the City of Burlington.

The Fun Run and 5K Run are held at the Woods County Fairgrounds and around the Alva Recreational Complex. The Woods County Coalition and the Alva SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) Team staff the event. Creswell said SWAT includes about 40 students, half middle school and half high school.

Proceeds from the event are divided between the coalition and SWAT. The coalition uses the funds for “things like Gulp and Gallop,” said Creswell. That’s the free summer lunch program being held at Washington School in Alva. She said the money for the SWAT students goes to lunches at their meetings and end of the year trips.

The \$2,805 requested is allotted for newspaper ads in Alva, Cherokee and Kiowa, prizes and giveaways consisting of Chamber Bucks, and glow pathway indicators. The request was approved unanimously.