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James' Report:

There's actually very little to mention at this time. I can tell you that we (Town of Buffalo) hosted a seminar with Independent Film Institute. We had 25 people here from 6 different counties.

Having learned of a new program the Independent Film Institute had designed, we jumped at the chance to be one of the first locations in Oklahoma to make this possible. We succeeded in being the very first west of I-35, and the third in the entire state.

Independent Film is interested in helping communities attract the film industry as well as leading them in producing the most marketable video about their community. This was very well received and has been brought up at unrelated meetings hence.

I have offered a plan on our behalf through Northwest Oklahoma Alliance that we gather efforts to draw the industry to our area; that should be discussed at length at the next Alliance meeting.

When I submitted our Land & Water Conservation Fund application in person to the Department of Tourism, I had the pleasure of learning that our's is the first submission. That seems as an indicator to me that while I'm sure there'll be more requests than they have money, there's very possibly not near so many vying for the award as would be expected.

This is all I have to report at this time. I appreciate your sacrifices. Thank you.

