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Registration Fee: _____ \$65 (\$75 after April 19)

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_____ Networking Event, April 26

_____ Breakfast, April 27

_____ Lunch, April 27

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Rate: \$54.25	Rate: \$63.99

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Wednesday, April 26, 2006

11:30 a.m. – Conference Registration
Registrants are on their own for lunch. Downtown Wamego offers a number of lunch choices.

1:00 p.m. – Keynote Address
Think Big: The Plainville Kansas Story

Chuck Comeau, CEO, Dessin Fournir, Plainville

2:00 p.m. – Break

2:30 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions: Communities Creating the World They Want

Rural by Choice: Bright Lights, Small Cities

Chuck Comeau, Dessin Fournir, Plainville
Clark Balderson, Dymax, Inc., Wamego
Gene Pflughoft, Grant County Economic Development

Rural Life: What Makes It Thrive

Vickie Flattery, Onaga Chamber of Commerce
Bobbi Miles, Economic Development, Smith Center
Shannon Thom, ABCDE-Better Together, Cowley County

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Explore Downtown Wamego

Explore the quaintness of downtown Wamego; stores will stay open until 6:00 p.m. for your shopping convenience.

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Networking and Resource Event

Come enjoy Kansas foods and beverages in a relaxing venue while networking with resource providers regarding programs, assistance, and collaborative opportunities.

Thursday, April 27, 2006

8:00 a.m. – Registration

8:00 a.m. – Networking Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Keynote Address
Community Conversation: Tools for Re-Building Community

Terry Woodbury, CEO, Kansas Communities, LLC, Leoti

10:00 a.m. – Break

10:30 a.m. – Concurrent Sessions: Community Empowerment and Engagement

Community Conversation at Work Across Kansas

Christy Hopkins, Greeley County
Chrysanne Grund, Greeley County Health Services
Randy Riggs, City of Chanute

Small Efforts Create Big Results

Shelly Buhler, City of Rossville
Connie Dougherty, Lucas Area Chamber of Commerce
Marian Thompson, Highland

12:00 p.m. – Lunch and Luncheon Event

Parade of Festivals: Let's All Celebrate and Have a Good Time

Parade of Festivals Panelists:

Adam's Apple Festival
Connie Dougherty, Lucas

Bi-County Mystery Tours
Von Rothenberger and Laura McClure, Osborne

Scenic Miami County Spring & Fall Farm Tours
Sandy Allison, Paola

Wah-Shun-Ga Days
Kay Hutchinson, Council Grove

Oztoberfest
Clark Balderson, Wamego

1:30 p.m. – Adjourn

Our Keynote Speakers



CHUCK COMEAU was born, raised and educated on the open plains of western Kansas. For the first 15 years of his professional life, his projects ranged from oil to agriculture to financial services. In 1993 Comeau decided it was time to do something he truly enjoyed.

Comeau is co-founder, co-owner, CEO, CFO, creative and marketing director of Dessin Fournir Company Holdings, a holding company based in Plainville, Kansas that owns and manages six renowned home furnishing design and manufacturing firms for the wholesale trade market.

In addition, Comeau is the President and founder of Liberty Group, Inc., the primary developer charged with the renovation and management of over 20 buildings in the Chestnut Street District of Hays' historic downtown.

Comeau continues to live and build his businesses in the small rural community of Plainville.



TERRY WOODBURY is the product of "deep rural" western Kansas: a wheat and cattle ranch 25 miles from town in northwest Wichita County.

For 26 years, Terry worked with neighborhoods and businesses in Wyandotte County trying to combat the changes brought about by urban flight and economic decline. For a dozen years, he has crossed Kansas monthly to oversee the ranch where he was raised. Going from far west to far east, he sees similar struggles – economic development, health care, keeping young people, and sustaining community leaders.

To address those challenges, Terry founded Kansas Communities, LLC to "build and rebuild community across Kansas." He is working with seven communities in both eastern and western Kansas, leading workshops across the state, and speaking to organizations about how to provide community leadership.