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Neely Myers, left, and Amanda Stone help lead the second annual BOLD Women's Summit in Joplin Tuesday. Hundreds of area women attended the event.

BOLD WOMEN'S SUMMIT FOSTERS LEADERSHIP

Annual Chamber event attracts about 300 participants

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About 300 participants from the Joplin area gathered for the second annual BOLD Women's Summit Tuesday, a leadership training conference held by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

The daylong event was held at the Joplin campus at James River Church, 1850 S. Maiden Lane. It featured presentations by women from all walks of life to provide guidance on how women could achieve personal growth and leadership.

Erin Slifka, the chamber's vice president and director of communications and marketing, said the

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100 Women Who Care gift will help feed students at MSSU

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A local chapter of a nationwide charitable organization gave the food bank at Missouri Southern State University a gift Tuesday.

During a check presentation, the chapter of 100 Women Who Care Jasper/Newton donated $6,100 to Lion Co-Op MSSU on the third floor of the Spiva Library on the Missouri Southern State University campus in Joplin.

Andrea Cullers, one of three faculty members who oversee the food bank, said the co-op helps about 100 students a month on average. The other two faculty members helping with the operation are Megan Bever and Amber Carr.

The food bank is staffed by student volunteers and interns, Cullers said. The Lion Co-Op provides free nonperishable food items, microwavable meals, snacks and essential personal hygiene products to students. Any student may get items from the co-op.

It follows a grocery store model of operation, Cullers said. Students sign in to the Lion Co-op with their student ID, then are given a shopping basket and can select food and hygiene items to last a few days.

"Not every college student has a roof over their head," said Valerie Doerr, 100 Women Who Care Jasper/Newton founder. "Not every college student has a refrigerator that is full. Not every college student has the hygiene products they need."

"A lot of people don't realize that student food insecurity exists ... but the need is there," Cullers said.

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Kevin Ekberg, a student intern, arranges packaged food on one of the shelves Tuesday in the Lion Co-Op at Missouri Southern State University after 100 Women Who Care Jasper/Newton donated $6,100 to food co-op.

Lafayette House receives $10K grant

Bramlage and Willcoxon Foundation funding to support programs

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The Joplin-based Bramlage and Willcoxon Foundation has awarded a $10,000 grant to Lafayette House to fund its "Welcome Basket" and "Welcome to Your Home" programs.

The award will reach survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and substance-use disorders, along with their children, at two moments in their journey: the day they arrive at Lafayette House and the day they move into a home of their own.

"When someone walks through our doors after surviving violence, the first thing they need to know is that they are safe and that they matter," Susan Hickam, CEO of Lafayette House, said in a statement. "A Welcome Basket says that before anyone has to say a word. It is a simple gift with an enormous message: You are seen, you are valued, and you are not alone. The Bramlage and Willcoxon Foundation's generosity reaches far beyond the items placed in each basket. It helps create the safety, stability and hope survivors need to begin rebuilding their lives. We are profoundly grateful for their kindness and their belief in the people we serve."

Many survivors arrive at the shelter with almost nothing. Some leave in the middle of the night with only the clothes they are wearing, often

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Herd caretaker charged in bison deaths

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A man who was the caretaker of the Quapaw Nation's bison herd, Brady Kropp, faces multiple animal cruelty charges in connection with the deaths of 32 bison in the herd discovered Aug. 28.

Kropp, 27, is named in the charges filed in Quapaw Nation Criminal Court.

The Miami News-Record reported that Kropp, of Quapaw, faces 63 counts of animal cruelty in Quapaw Tribal Court, covering the 32 bison that died and 31 others that were treated by veterinarians.

A Sept. 19 report to the Quapaw Nation business committee stated that "a serious bison incident was identified during August resulting in the loss of 32 bison." The deaths were the result of a lack of water during the area's extreme drought and heat at the time. Temperatures ranging from 99 to 104 degrees were being reported at the time to Accuweather and Weather Underground.

In a tribal communications document dated Oct. 12, it was reported that 32 bison deaths, including a white buffalo named "Frosty," had occurred and that 143 animals remained in the herd.

The tribe said in a statement issued Wednesday, "The Quapaw Nation is aware that charges have been filed in connection with matters involving

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