



DOLLY TROLLEY

The dream first came to Sheryl Cheely about 15 years ago. Next came the search to fulfill that dream. And then it all came true when the Dolly Trolley Company was born.

Cheely acknowledged she could hardly contain herself when the trolley arrived in town and then went on its maiden tour on Nov. 28, 2021.

“I’m feeling very, very happy right now,” Cheely told the Great Bend Tribune at the time. “I’m ecstatic; I feel like a kid at Christmas time.”

Yes, a trolley ride is just a fun and different thing to do. However, Cheely’s reasons for bringing the trolley to town go far beyond that. It also can be used as an economic-development tool for leadership groups,

businesses and area-wide events.

A trolley excursion is an excellent way to have newcomers learn about our city, she explained. Long-time residents could also benefit from a jaunt around town. Maybe they will see things they don’t normally see in their day-to-day lives.

The “Dolly” part of the Dolly Trolley is a tribute to Cheely’s mother, Dolly Aumiller. “She would have loved something like this.”

In addition, it just so happens that a beloved therapy horse at Rosewood Ranch was nicknamed Dolly. Cheely donated the trolley to the Rosewood Roots & Wings Foundation. She thanked Tammy Hammond, Rosewood Services owner, as well as the mechanics who maintain the trolley.

“It’s an exciting time all throughout Great Bend and I am thrilled the Dolly Trolley can be part of it,” Cheely summarized.