

State investigating motel for not paying transient guest tax

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County last Tuesday because they are concerned the bureau will have less money to spend this year than it planned for.

August's guest tax was up from last year, \$13,658 compared to \$11,949, but with June and July's combined tax being more than \$3,000 less than what was collected last year, the board wants to be careful until members are sure the bureau's commitments for the year are covered.

The board got a look at the proposed design for the Sugar Hills Golf Club's half of a billboard the visitors bureau has talked about sharing with the club and talked about designs for its billboards.

Some members said they were concerned there may be no way to share the board and have an attractive design, so they may sublease the entire board to Sugar Hills if the club wants to. The visitors bureau has a contract with Magic Media Inc. for the next year for the board, Price said.

The board looked at three proposed designs for its billboard and talked about the pros and cons of each, and members made suggestions on what could improve them and what information should or shouldn't be on the boards.

Each of the designs has a purple background with a bright yellow sunflower border. The difference is in the proposed messages. All the designs say "Goodland" in bold letters at the top and "Exits 17 and 19" at the bottom, but board members are having trouble deciding what should go in between.

"What does inspire anyone to pay attention to a billboard and get off the Interstate at a town?" asked board member Scott Angelos, owner of McDonald's.

The message needs to be real simple and right there, said advisory member David Branda, owner of the Sherman Theatre.

Board members liked the idea of highlighting the Van Gogh painting, the High Plains Museum, America's first helicopter, Sugar Hills Golf Course and other sights, but were concerned that trying to list too many things would keep travelers from having time to read it all.

Using sunflowers around the border was another thing they all liked, but one member thought using Van Gogh-style sunflowers instead of the yellow-with-brown-center type you see in a field would make it more distinctive and unique to Goodland.

"I know these are the sunflowers we grow," said board member Cindy Bowman of Bowman Heating and Air Conditioning, "but how many other places in Kansas use these?"

Angelos said he thought the board would most likely appeal to leisure travelers. People who plan to go somewhere specific will just go there, he said, rather than stopping off in Goodland on a whim.

He suggested listing the Van Gogh, the golf course and the museum or helicopter with three bullets.

The board appointed Branda; Brenda McCants, a member of the Kansas Film Commission; and Bill Stoick, owner of Super 8 Motel, to decide what to put on the billboard and bring it to the board for a vote.

City firemen visit with school kids

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know you are in there, he said, they will keep looking for you.

The firemen asked the kids what temperature water boils at. Then they compared the answer, 212 degrees, to the 1,000 degrees and more a fire can reach to explain why firefighters need protective gear.

"What is James here (pointing at the assistant fire chief) mostly made of?" Juleson asked. "Mostly water — he would start to boil."

Chief James asked the kids how much the average firefighter weighs in bunker gear, and one youngster guessed correctly, 300 pounds.

Stasser and Juleson turned the water on and rolled the hose out, and James and Miller helped the kids hold the hose and try out the different nozzle settings for spraying water.

The Sherman County Extension

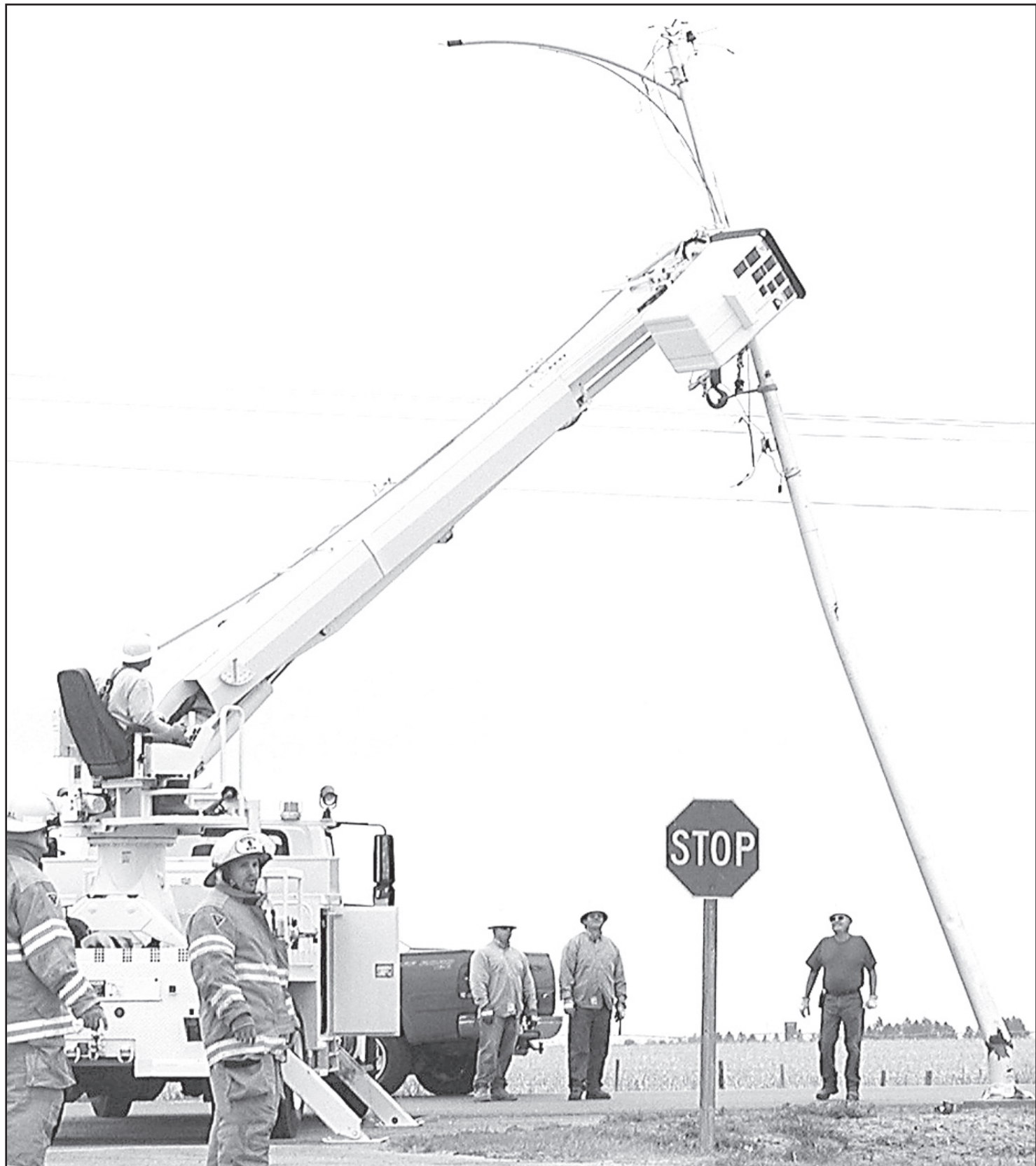
office (now the Sunflower Extension District) started the After School Project in 2004 to keep an eye on kids after school and provide activities to keep them busy.

The program, for first through fourth graders in Goodland and Colby, uses volunteers to help watch the kids and to present programs.

It received a \$19,321 grant from the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority that helps the school districts to pay a coordinator. The Goodland district pays an aide and helps with transportation and provides the gym at Central to hold the Sherman County program.

The grant pays for snacks and supplies, with the Regional Prevention Center, which serves as administrator for the grant, buying them in bulk for the programs in Colby and Goodland.

Auger takes out pole on Caldwell



Workers from the Goodland Electric Department used a crane the auger of a semi-trailer truck when the driver was attempting to take down a pole with a fallen power line at Business U.S. 24 and Caldwell Avenue on Friday. The power line was struck by the auger of a semi-trailer truck when the driver was attempting to make a right turn on Caldwell as he was driving east on U.S. 24, said Fire Chief Brian James.

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matters of record

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Aug 23: Cody A. Jaymes, failure to stop at stop or yield sign, fined \$90.

Sept. 6: Darlene D. Dvorak, speeding 11 mph over limit, fined \$94.

David E. Patterson, Jr., no proof of insurance, fined \$350.

Janet S. Toler, speeding 10 mph over limit, fined \$90.

Sept. 7: Pablo Hernandez, disorderly conduct, diversion, \$250.

Michael W. Reed, speeding 10 mph over limit, diversion, \$190.

Sept. 10: April J. Dreier, hit unattended vehicle, expired or no drivers license, diversion, \$350.

Fred A. Russell, failure to yield at a controlled intersection, fined \$90.

Derek Mark Verhelst, parking, standing or stopping in prohibited area, fined \$90.

Sept. 11: Toby Lee Hurst, speeding 25 mph over limit, fined \$160.

Sept. 12: Monica G. Ford, disobey traffic control device, reckless driving, fined \$340.

Monica G. Ford, hit unattended vehicle, obstruction of drivers view, fined \$190.

Corbin C. Huffman, speeding 12 mph over limit, fined \$98.

Bryan Dale Lewis, disorderly conduct, fined \$350.

Edward A. Lewis, furnishing alcohol to minor, fined \$350.

Castro J. Rodriguez, speeding 14 mph over limit, expired license, fined \$206.

Sept. 13: Michael D. Miller, speeding in school zone 13 mph over limit, diversion, \$254.

Sept. 14: William Robert Booth, speeding 17 mph over limit, diversion, \$218.

Tammy D. Kallestad, speeding 10 mph over, fined \$90.

Anna Martinez, dog at large, fined \$70.

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Sept. 17: Katherine M. Kufahl, speeding in school zone 20 mph over limit, diversion, \$310.

Bryce A. Gearhart, speeding 10 mph over limit, fined \$90.

John L. Stephens, driving on canceled, suspended or revoked license, diversion, \$350.

Sept. 18: Sean P. Walton, speeding 13 mph over limit, fined \$102.

Sept. 19: Donna S. Hall, speeding 10 mph over limit, diversion, \$190.

Sept. 24: Douglas J. Gatlin, speeding 12 mph over limit, diversion, \$198.

Lawrence D. Tedford, speeding 12 mph over limit, fined \$98.

Dawann E. Steward, speeding in school zone 14 mph over limit, diversion, \$262.

Sept. 25: Paul Castillo, Jr., expired or no drivers license and improper backing, fined \$190.

David T. Shield, failure to stop at stop or yield sign, fined \$90.

Sept. 27: Keith A. Heron, speed-

ing 11 mph over limit, fined \$94.

Donna R. Whitmore, speeding in school zone 1 to 10 mph over limit, fined \$130.

Sept. 28: Juan M. Cruz, expired license or no drivers license, improper backing, fined \$190.

Harold W. Johnson, speeding in school zone 1 to 10 mph over limit, diversion, \$230.

Alonzo E. Mendoza, driving under the influence, fined \$1,1450.

Sherry Aa Robinson, theft, fined \$150.

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