

Rumors fly about tickets given to hunters

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Great Bend, on the opening day of duck season.

Hopper said he doesn't normally write 35 in a weekend himself but he has. The number he writes is dictated by the people, he said; if that many violate the law, they get tickets.

If a large group is trespassing, for instance, Hopper said, they'll all get tickets. Last year, he said, there was a party of 11 hunting on someone's property who apparently thought they had permission, but none of them had written permission. All the adults got tickets. Hopper said there was a youngster, about 12 years old,

with them, and he didn't write him a ticket.

"My recommendation is to get it in writing," he said. "If the landowner says you can hunt there but calls later to report you hunting on his land and you don't have it in writing, you will get a ticket."

"Pursuing game from a motor vehicle and shooting from a vehicle is unethical, illegal and unsafe. If I catch someone doing that, I'll write them a ticket every time."

Wasting game — shooting an animal and leaving it lay — is also illegal, he said, adding that if he catches someone doing that, he'll arrest them.

But Hopper said he doesn't give

tickets to everyone he sees violating the law. He often gives written and oral warnings.

"I deal with a lot of violations, some of them purely accidental," he said. "I don't write them a ticket or haul them to jail (if) they don't lie to me or try to weasel out of it."

When people's lips are moving and everything coming out is a lie, he added, that shows criminal intent. One every game warden hears a lot, Hopper said, is that someone wasn't hunting — they just happened to be carrying a loaded gun.

"That's kind of like the old one — 'I smoke dope, but I don't inhale,'" Hopper said. "If they're in the field with a weapon looking for wildlife,

they are hunting, even if they never fire a shot."

Hopper said he has checked 350 hunters since Sept. 1, 300 of those since Nov. 1, and has only given 10 tickets in Sherman County for hunting.

"Less than 3 percent of the people I've contacted were in violation," he said. "If someone who hunts illegally thinks I was mean to write a ticket and doesn't want to come back, fine. We don't want them back if they're going to violate the law, because all hunters pay the price."

When a few hunters violate the law, he said, they give all hunters a bad name, and hunters start finding it harder and harder to get permission to hunt on other people's land.

Concern is that hunting tickets cost county

Some people who would not speak on the record about how hunters are treated here expressed concern about what it costs Sherman County businesses if hunters go elsewhere and said hunters should be given a "better reception" here.

Other concerns were that out-of-state hunters may not be aware of Kansas hunting laws. But hunters have to buy a Kansas license in order to hunt here. A call to the sporting goods department at Goodland Wal-Mart found that clerks give a book covering all the Kansas hunting laws to everyone who buys a license.

Wildlife Conservation Officer Mike Hopper said he isn't trying to drive hunters away but to enforce the law in order to give all hunters

the same chance at bagging game, to protect people and livestock from hunting accidents and to protect public natural resources.

Hopper said wildlife laws are written for three reasons — management, safety and ethics.

For management purposes, the state Department of Wildlife and Parks can set bag and possession limits for each species, aiming to increase or decrease their numbers. Safety laws include those requiring hunters to wear blaze orange during firearm big game season, he said, and not allowing anyone to hunt at night with artificial light. Those are to protect people, livestock and domestic animals from being shot accidentally.

Using some ammunition on deer

is not ethical, he said, because it could cripple the animal and leave it to suffer and die.

Hopper said he has been in law enforcement 19 years, since he was 21, as a sheriff's deputy, city police officer and then wildlife conservation officer, or game warden, in Sherman County since April 2001. He covers Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties and describes himself as "passionate" about his job.

"There's nothing wrong with setting a goal in life and doing something positive," Hopper said, "especially when so many people elect not to care. I choose to do it protecting wildlife and enforcing the law."

Wildlife is worth saving, he said,

but a lot of people don't appreciate the resource — they like to kill things and waste things. Think about all the buffalo that used to roam this area, he said, and now they're all gone.

"There used to be 15 million passenger pigeons," Hopper said, "and now they're gone because we wasted that resource. And someone's complaining that I wrote 10 tickets? I can't help but laugh."

Not knowing the law is no excuse, Hopper said. If people are going to hunt, fish or boat here or in their home state, it is their responsibility to know the laws.

All they have to do is be legal, he said; when someone violates the law, every hunter out there pays the price.

Hunting tickets paid in Sherman County

Wildlife and Parks tickets paid in the Sherman County District Court from Sept. 1, 2006, through Nov. 1, 2007, are listed below:

Nov. 5: Steven Scott Loudon, 47, Louisville, Colo., \$216 for criminal hunting and \$150 for general violations.

Nov. 18: Lawrence Elbert House III, 42, Goodland, \$216 for unlawful discharge of firearms.

Nov. 19: Nicholas Paul Dige-sualdo, 46, Littleton, Colo., and Miguel Victoria, 28, Denver, \$216 for general violations and \$150 for criminal hunting.

Duane E. Harper, 59, and John Leo Hayden, 61, Goodland; Dax Leo Hayden, 37, Commerce City, Colo.; Scott Thomas Honig, 19, and Thomas William Honig, 55,

Littleton; Brian Lee Jackson, 24, Johnnie George Jackson, 61, and Randy Reed Kilgore, 60, Colorado Springs; Kevin S. Long, Westminster, Colo. (no date of birth listed on the ticket); and George Ross Pierce, 55, Denver, all \$216 for taking wildlife without permission on posted land.

Nov. 23: Jason M. Bahe, 22, Goodland, \$166 for hunting without a license.

Nov. 29: James E. Greer, 50, Searcy, Ark., \$216 for hunting without a license.

Dec. 3: Steven R.G. Mcilroy, 18, Goodland, \$216 for miscellaneous fish and game violation.

Jan. 21: James Lincoln Wilson, 29, Kanorado, \$166 for hunting without a license.

Rattlesnake story won't die

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whether someone could shoot a mountain lion if they see one. It's OK to shoot an animal to protect your life, he said, or someone else's, but there is no season for shooting mountain lions here, so you could get a ticket if there was not threat.

If you're unsure about what is allowed and what isn't, he said, call and ask. His number is 899-5199.

He said the "Kansas Hunting and Furharvesting Regulations Summary," put out by the state Department of Wildlife and Parks, has a list of all Kansas counties with the phone number to call the local game warden.

County may create full time fire position

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existing budget. When Rohr and David arrived at the meeting, Thomas asked David if he thought there was enough work for a full time fire chief.

"Yes," David replied, "there is enough if we are doing all that we should be doing with all three departments."

Thomas asked David what he has looked at as things that could be improved with a full-time chief.

David said the chief could improve communication among departments and be able to do central purchasing to help save money. He said there could be more cross training when people from more than one department are involved.

Rasure asked if the job would have to be advertised. Thomas asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby, who said she did not think so because they really would be reorganizing the program, but said she would like to talk to someone who handles these questions.

Tiede said he felt they would be appointing someone to a job that is already established, but changing duties.

"We need to be looking at a salary range," he added.

"If we are all in agreement," Thomas said. "Kevin do you have reservations?"

"I have been advocating consolidation of services for a long time," Rasure said.

"I think the timing may have been off," Thomas said.

"The money still concerns me," Rasure said. "I am not ready to make a decision. I accept the basic concept, but I think we have more to do to make a decision."

The commissioners looked at the fire board budget, then decided that the board should find the money.

Alan Townsend, who was in the audience for a discussion about Road 16, asked about consolidation of the city and county departments.

"I am opposed to duplication of services," Townsend said. "I want to see you consolidate and not duplicate."

Tiede said that probably wasn't possible at this time.

"I think there is duplication if we have a county fire chief and a city fire chief," Rasure said.

"I am afraid if we don't get things smoothed out, we will start losing volunteers," Tiede said.

Thomas said he was concerned with the problems with manpower and getting some younger people to join the departments in Brewster and Kanorado.

Thomas said the full-time position would be on the agenda again for the commission meeting on Tuesday.

public notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

PHH MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF
Case No. 07CV56
Div. No. K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
ANGIE R. AGUIRRE, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to: ANGIE R. AGUIRRE; JOHN DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); MARY DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN)

and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Sherman County, Kansas, by Phh Mortgage Company for judgment in the sum of \$53,724.83, plus interest, costs and other relief; judgment that plaintiff's lien is a first lien on the said real property and sale of said property to satisfy the indebtedness, said property described as follows, to wit:

LOTS TEN (10), ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK TEN (10), IN THE THIRD ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS. Commonly known as 624 E. 11th, Goodland, Kansas 67735

and you are hereby required to plead to said petition in said Court at Goodland, Kansas on or before the 28th day of January, 2008.

Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SHAPIRO & MOCK, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER W GIBSON, Deceased
Case No. 06 PR 03

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of December, 2007, a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Jill Deeds, as executor named in the Last Will and Testament praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of his acts, proceedings and accounts as executor, allowance for attorneys' fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of Roger W Gibson, deceased. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on

or before the 4th day of January, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Goodland, in Sherman County, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Jill Deeds, Petitioner

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Crossword Puzzle

Raising the Steaks

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ACROSS

- Paparazzo's target
- Jessica of "Sin City"
- "Make it fast!"
- Superior to
- Carson's predecessor
- Pac-10 team
- Cerium, erbium, etc.
- Caustic stuff
- Mold-ripened cheese
- Will Smith film based on an Asimov classic
- Cause of weird weather
- Porker's pad
- Gum arabic
- Inexact recipe amount
- "Rabbit food"
- Churlish sort
- __ mater
- Seance figure
- Canine visitor to Oz
- At __ end (flummoxed)
- Slowly, on a score
- Student VIP
- One in a convent
- Scot's topper
- Antiaircraft gun
- Delphic prophet
- "Passages" author Sheehy
- Forum greeting
- Meaning no harm
- Inner: Prefix
- Look after
- Large ray
- Hang in there
- 1974 Peace Nobel
- Witch's ride

- Sagan of "Cosmos"
- Cyber-bidder's site
- Handed-down tales
- Time to party, perhaps
- English channel, informally
- Boston Marathon month
- Grow dark
- Scroogian epithet
- With limbs linked
- Mercury or Saturn
- Some line-crossers
- Mete out
- Hardly ruddy
- Surface figure

- Ones on pedestals
- Office title abbr.
- Mob bigwig
- Touched down tales
- Chocolate substitute
- __ Amin (Forest Whitaker role)
- The devil's domain
- LeSabre maker, once
- Granola morsel
- Navel buildup
- Trumpeter's accessory
- 19-Down, to the Romans
- Opinion, colloquially
- Yalie

- "SNL" segment
- Corner man's throw-in
- Luxury box locale
- Fountain treats
- Go-between
- "No problem!"
- Circulation problem
- An arm or a leg
- __ Domini
- Presidential turndown
- Wax-coated cheese
- Drink with scones
- Dinghy propeller

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SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday

10 a.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Oklahoma State Cowboys at Pittsburgh Panthers from Petersen Events Center
23/29 ESPN2 College Football Division II Championship Northwest Missouri State Bearcats at Valdosta State Blazers from Florence, Ala.
12 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Alabama-Birmingham Blazers at Kentucky Wildcats from Rupp Arena
1 p.m. 3/9 NBC PGA Tournament Target World Challenge: Third Round from Thousand Oaks, Calif.
1:30 p.m. 7/11 CBS College Basketball John Wooden Tradition Louisville Cardinals vs Purdue Boilermakers from Con-seco Fieldhouse; Indianapolis
2 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Division III Championship Mount Union Raiders at Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks from Salem, Va.
30/27 FXSP College Basketball Xavier (OH) Musketeers at Arizona State Sun Devils from The University Activity Center
7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN PRCA Rodeo 2007 National Finals: Championship Round from Las Vegas
23/29 ESPN2 Women's College Volleyball NCAA Championship

Sunday

from Sacramento, Calif.
11 a.m. 7/11 CBS NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Kansas City Chiefs from Arrowhead Stadium
22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling 2007 Spartanburg Classic from Spartanburg, S.C.
1 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Soccer NCAA College Cup: Championship from Cary, N.C.
3/9 NBC PGA Tournament Target World Challenge: Final Round from Thousand Oaks, Calif.
3 p.m. 30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball Baylor Lady Bears at Stanford Lady Cardinal from Maples Pavilion
6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball North Carolina Tar Heels at Rutgers Scarlet Knights from Brown Athletic Center
6:15 p.m. 3/9 NBC Sunday Night Football Washington Redskins at New York Giants from Giants Stadium
Monday
5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Albany Great Danes at Duke Blue Devils from Cameron Indoor Stadium
6:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Monday Night Football Chicago Bears vs Minnesota Vikings from The Metrodome