

Citizen tells county commissioners taxes too high

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 Sherman County commissioners heard from a citizen on Tuesday that he feels the county property taxes have been going up too much and thinks the county should be looking for other ways to raise money. Robert Moyer, who lives north of Ruleton, said he has lived here about nine years. "Property taxes are my beef," he said. "They have been going up pretty regular since we got here, at least \$300 more in our time here."

"The first thing that comes up when you need money is to raise taxes. I think you need to screen it a little closer and find money somewhere else. "Where is it written in your law or the constitution that the employees get a pay raise every year? Sometimes I went several years without a pay raise. I worked for 14 years in one job and more than 13 in another. These people should be proud to have a job. "A good indication of how the economy is going is the Genesis Food program. The

box count keeps going up consistently each year. This year, I helped hand out 154 boxes to needy families in the city and county. There seems to be an increasing output for needy families and more and more families are getting on the roll of help me. "All I am asking is that if you need money, why not look at cutting back somewhere? "I am not from Kansas. I am from the East Coast. I want to stay here. My income doesn't change very much. I have a retirement income and that doesn't change very

much." Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked Moyer where he lived. Moyer said north of Ruleton. "I think the school taxes have gone up, too," Commissioner Chuck Thomas said. "That is true," Moyer said. "I think they could look for places where that money could come from too. I am not a financial wizard, but I feel there are better ways than raising taxes." Thomas said part of the reason for keep-

ing wages up is that Sherman County has the lowest unemployment rate in the whole area. He said there are a lot of job positions being advertised, but it is hard to find anybody to work. Moyer said he knows there are a lot of slackers and people who come in who have their hand out and don't work. "If they want to work, there is work to be done," he said. "I agree that you have to work to make a living. Thank you for your time."

Manager says city losing people because of low pay level

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 Goodland electrical and police departments are having trouble hiring people because the beginning wages are low, City Manager Wayne Hill told the City Commission on Monday, adding that officials missed the problem as the budget came together. The commission approved a city pay plan which includes merit raises of up to 5 percent for employees based on recommendations from their supervisors as approved by the manager.

suggestions to present to the commission. Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if the pay schedule as presented could be changed. City Clerk Mary Volk said the only way to change them is to find more money and change the budget. Commissioner John Garcia, noting that the commission approves the plan every year, asked if there had been any changes. Hill said the one change was that last year the commission took the cap off the maximum level an employee could be paid.

people to Midwest Energy, a rural electric cooperative. Electrical supervisor Charlie Bandel said he is losing linemen and has been short one for three months. He said he has had some people apply, but has not found one who he felt could fit the job and be trained. He said Colby has lost two men to Midwest. "I want to have someone we can train," Bandel said. "I can tell after talking to them." The commission approved the plan, and members said they will look at what can be done at the next budget on the entry-level jobs.

one-way street behind the school. Volk said the designation covers all of 11th Street, including the section behind the school. • Approved a resolution adding Enterprise Road, 11th Street and 12th Street to the list of street projects and eliminating improvements to Second Street, Maple Avenue and Grand Avenue from the list of projects being paid for with the street bond money. Hill said the owners had finished the dedication of a private section of Enterprise and it had been recorded at the Sherman County Courthouse. He said the resolution give the city three options in case the West project does not go ahead. • Approved the annual contract between the Goodland Public Library and Sherman County. Hill said he had asked the county commissioners to consider increasing their contribution from \$15,000 to \$20,000 as requested by City Com-

missioner Josh Dechant, but was told the county had already set its budget. He said the county suggested the request could be considered during the county budget discussion this summer. • Tabled a request to appoint Orvella Romine to the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections governing board until the commission has more information about who she is and what the board does. • Approved naming Rich Simon, city public works director, and Neal Thornburg, water system supervisor, as delegate and alternate to the Kansas Rural Water Association meeting. • Approved a two-year contract with the Goodland Activity Center to operate city-county recreation programs. Hill said the new contract is for \$45,000 per year, a 50 percent increase over the \$30,000 in the previous contract. The commissioners asked Hill

if he thought the city was getting good programs from the center, and he said he thought the contract is working well. Simon said he was working with director Chris Thompson about operators the Gator, which is a small tractor used at the ball parks. If it is someone other than the director, he said, the center is responsible for the liability. • Tabled an agreement with the Sixty Plus Club about use of a club van and who would be responsible for the liability insurance. Hill said the agreement needs to be revamped, and that the club thought the city should provide the insurance. • Approved an on-premise-consumption beer license for Bowland Lanes. • Approved an ordinance raising fees for the retail sales of beer from \$100 to \$150, which includes a license fee of \$50.

Second graders show talent in music show

MUSIC, from Page 1
 • Nine "jingly thingles" with John Armstrong, Alexis Franklin, Jesus Diaz, Townsend, Adriana Gonzales, Hannah Michelson, Sheila Hernandez, Christopher Gamboa and Chelsea Phillips.
 • Ten "chooka chookas" with Emily Whisnant, Javier Marin, Danielle Snyder, Brandt Mull, Evan Peter, Mikayla Stoffel, Julio Hernandez, Elke Kernal, Rumelo Bustillos and Emily Smith.
 • Eleven "klicky klackers"

with Austin Neufeld, McCombs, Gavin Linnell, Joshua Garcia, Zane Shores, Tucker Harkins, Luis Ledesma, Layne Goodwin, Blaine Sederstrom, Renae Hageman and Seidy Tercero. • And 12 "drum tum thumpers" with Maria Ramirez, Shania Smith, Levi Archer, Nash Jarrett, Katelynn Barnes, Reyes Bustillos, Tara Pope, Elizabeth Mueller, Darby Seeger, Katie Brighton, Drake Buchanan and Molly Hernandez. The kids did a skit about "The Little Bell That Couldn't Ring."

The top note in the scale (Mitchek) was off key and the rest of the notes were upset. Their first thought was to drown the sour note out. Mitchek thought she would hole up in the town tower and practice until she got it right. In the meantime, Santa (Sederstom) was having a hard time finding the town in a snow storm but Santa could hear the top note and used that to find his way. The top note joined Rudolf in the Christmas Hall of Fame. Hendrich was the bell ringer, with the other notes Archer, Shelley, Mull,

Evan Peter, Neufeld, Phillips and McCombs. Another number featured the hip-hop reindeer with Ensign, Brown, Saje Miller, Linnell, Armstrong, Nemechek, Wood and Raymer. Linda Lucas was the musical director, Verna Miles is principal at West and the teachers involved included Skylyne Johnson, Pat Pickett, Cassandra Laughlin, Kara Smith, Susan McCall, Dev Mull and Deb Bantam.

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 10 a.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Georgetown Hoyas at Memphis Tigers from The Pyramid
 11 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football 2007 Papajohns.com Bowl Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles at Cincinnati Bearcats from Birmingham, Ala.
 12 p.m. 7/11 CBS College Basketball UCLA Bruins at Michigan Wolverines from Crisler Arena
 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Tennessee Volunteers at Xavier (OH) Musketeers from The Cincinnati Gardens
 2 p.m. 7/11 CBS College Basketball Florida Gators at Ohio State Buckeyes from Value City Arena
 2:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football 2007 New Mexico Bowl Nevada Wolf Pack at New Mexico Lobos from Albuquerque, N.M.
 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Stanford Cardinal vs Texas Tech Red Raiders from Dallas, Texas
 6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football 2007 Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl UCLA Bruins at Brigham Young Cougars from Las Vegas
 6:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Illinois Fighting Illini at Missouri Tigers from The Hearnes Center
 99/39 WGN NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Chicago Bulls from The United Center
 8:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball Tennessee Lady Volunteers at Stanford Lady Cardinal from Maples Pavilion
Sunday
 11 a.m. 7/11 CBS NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Detroit Lions from Ford Field
 2 p.m. 7/11 CBS NFL Football Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots from Gillette Stadium
 3:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP College Basketball Virginia Tech Hokies at Wake Forest Demon Deacons from Joel Memorial Coliseum
 6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football 2007 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl Boise State Broncos at East Carolina Pirates from Honolulu
 6:15 p.m. 3/9 NBC Sunday Night Football Washington Redskins at Minnesota Vikings from The Metrodome
Monday
 6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Monday Night Football Denver Broncos vs San Diego Chargers from Qualcomm Stadium
Tuesday
 12:40 p.m. 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Cleveland Cavaliers from Quicken Loans Arena
 3:10 p.m. 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers from Staples Center
 6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Seattle SuperSonics vs Portland Trail Blazers from The Rose Garden Arena
 12 a.m. 22/28 ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.
Wednesday
 5:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football 2007 Motor City Bowl Purdue Boilermakers at Central Michigan Chippewas from Ford Field Detroit, Mich.
Thursday
 5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Nevada Wolf Pack at North Carolina Tar Heels from The Dean Smith Center
 6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football 2007 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl Arizona State Sun Devils at Texas Longhorns from San Diego, Calif.
 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers vs Dallas Mavericks from American Airlines Center
 8:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball Boston Celtics vs Seattle SuperSonics from The KeyArena
Friday
 3 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football 2007 Champs Sports Bowl Boston College Eagles at Michigan State Spartans from Orlando, Fla.
 6:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football 2007 Emerald Bowl Maryland Terrapins vs Oregon State Beavers from San Francisco, Calif.
 7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Card TBA from TBA
 30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball Southern Utah Lady Thunderbirds at Colorado Lady Buffaloes from The Coors Events Conference Center

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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
 1. Gastric woe
 6. Mower stowage
 10. WMD part
 14. Eucalyptus muncher
 15. Gondola propeller
 16. Provo's state
 17. Way of righting a capsized kayak
 19. Bird clubbed to extinction
 20. "Told ya!"
 21. Said, "no contest," say
 22. Local resident, to a collegian
 24. ___ bonding
 25. Evening dos
 26. Helen Hunt Jackson novel of 1884
 29. Easter Island's owner
 30. Untouchable Ness
 31. Like many college dorms
 32. "___ difference!"
 36. Headstone word
 37. Super reviews
 38. H.S. math course
 39. Coal layer
 40. Rarely, if ___
 41. Stone propeller
 42. Out-and-out
 44. Alka-Seltzer pitchman
 45. President after Zachary
 48. Go like mad
 49. Reformer Bloomer
 50. Uncle Remus title
 51. Blubber
 54. Sitarist Shankar
 55. Two-tone treat on a stick
 58. Opposed to, in dialect
 59. Revolting sort

DOWN
 1. Hawaiian strings
 2. Get whipped
 3. Soap unit
 4. Peyton's quarterback brother
 5. Unchecked
 6. Mall binge
 7. Where the boyz are
 8. Pipe bend
 9. Shoulder muscles
 10. Dirty fighter, of sorts
 11. Make amends
 12. Dogcatcher's
 13. Alley rentals
 18. ___ podrida
 23. Garage supply
 24. Frank Willard strip
 25. See-thru
 26. Boys in gray
 27. Natural emollient
 28. Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"
 29. Nightclub charge
 31. Yielded to pressure
 33. Luyendyk of Indy
 34. Pay heed
 35. Like French toast
 37. Takes back
 41. Not so dense
 43. ___ chi
 44. Appear to be
 45. Corday's victim
 46. Publicist's concern
 47. Some jeans
 48. Piece of sports page news
 50. Soldier Field player
 51. Garbage hauler
 52. Word after "ye" on signs
 53. Stadium vendor's wares
 56. Aussie boulder
 57. Glass of public radio

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