



Board votes to advertise

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The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau decided to advertise in the annual Wildlife and Parks Hunting Regulations book but not to hire a photographer or give him a free room when he comes to take pictures for the state Division of Travel and Tourism.

The board voted to spend \$610 for a full-color ad in the guide, which will print 277,000 copies. That's about 2/10ths of a cent per copy, said Bill Stoick, board secretary and owner of the Super 8 Motel.

A photographer hired by the tourism division will take pictures Monday at the Goodland Travel Information Center, said Director Donna Price, and may take pictures of the giant Van Gogh replica in Goodland. Price asked the board if they would be willing to provide a room.

"He's getting paid to do his job," said board member Lincoln Wilson of the Howard Johnson Hotel, "and he may or may not stay beyond taking advantage of our hospitality."

He should either pay for his own room, Wilson said, or the state should pay for it.

Price said the photographer had offered to come back to shoot pictures for the bureau, charging \$500 for a four-hour shoot or \$250 for two hours.

"I have a problem with that," Wilson said. "I think we should turn

that down. I don't think we will get anything for that \$500 we couldn't generate on our own."

There are professional photographers in Goodland who could take pictures for the bureau, he added.

The state hired Steve Crecelius of Wonder Works Studios in the Denver area to take pictures for its "Ready-Made Adventures" guide. The adventures are on the department's web site, in the Kansas Getaway Guide and will be featured in magazine advertising, Price said.

When the photographer comes Monday, she said, the state will own those pictures. If he comes a second time, she said, the bureau would own those pictures.

"If they're doing an I-70 project in the getaway guide," Wilson asked, "how could they not include the travel information center, the only one in the area, or the Van Gogh replica, the only one in the country?"

Price said the photographer would come Monday for the state whether a room is provided or not, but the second trip would depend on the visitors bureau choosing to pay.

The pictures could be used for the bureau's brochures, the Goodland and Sherman County guide, the northwest Kansas guide, the bureau's web site and advertising, she said.

Wilson made a motion to say "No" to both the room for the first time and hiring the photographer to take pictures for the bureau.

Fire Chief Brian James (above, right) briefed the volunteers before they entered the house to rescue a victim and put out a fire. Commissioners Dave Daniels (left) and Josh Dechant (second from left) and volunteer Jeff Dinkel (center) listened as James told them where to look for the victim where the fire was located. Daniels (left photo) checked the door before opening it to crawl inside with the fire hose to attack a simulated fire as part of a fire fighting training exercise. Volunteer fire fighter Bob Juleson was right behind Daniels and Dinkel was ready to feed the fire hose into the house as needed.

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Firemen practice rescuing victim

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Smoke curled around the door as the volunteer firemen began to crawl into a house to search for a victim and put out the fire.

The first two firemen carried the fire hose to attack and put out the fire, and the second pair were in search of the victim.

Fire Chief Brian James had told the rescue team the victim was thought to be in the front of the house, and told the attack team the fire was in the kitchen area in the back of the house.

The two rescue team members kept a hold of each other as they used their hands to search for the victim in the smoke filled house, and in a few minutes reported they had found the victim and were heading back with him.

A third volunteer fireman held the door open and fed the fire hose in to the attack team, who reported by radio they had found the fire and had put it out.

The two team retraced their path and exited the house.

They gathered around Chief James to review what happened and what they found.

This was an exercise, but not a normal exercise as the lead man on the rescue team was Commissioner Dave Daniels and the lead man on the fire hose was Commissioner Josh Dechant. Daniels is a self-employed rental housing manager and Dechant is the credit manager at Frontier Ad. Both have been on the city commission for more than four years.

The two commissioners had taken James up on an invitation to participate in an evening of fire training.

Both commissioners said they really enjoyed the experience and that it gave them a new perspective on what the volunteers go through in training to fight fires.

Daniels said it was hard to see through the smoke and they had to feel their way around the room to find the pretend victim.

Dechant said it was similar for him pulling the nozzle along as he and his partner searched out the fire, which was a smoke generator in this case.

James talked to the two about what they had done, and then changed positions and sent them back in to locate a victim in a different part of the house and changed the location of where the fire was to be found.

This time it was Daniels' turn to lead the rescue team into the smoke, and Dechant followed handling the fire hose nozzle.

All the volunteers were equipped with a self-contained breathing apparatus to breathe in the smoke-filled house. James said the smoke being used in the training exercise was not real, and would not be dangerous to breathe. He said using the breathing apparatus during the training was the best way to get the volunteers used to using the equipment and how it feels to be carrying that much weight.

James said Friday at the Goodland Rotary, where he was the program, that with all the bunker gear and breathing equipment the fireman is carrying about 100 pounds. He and another volunteer, Scott Hilbrink, demonstrated how quickly they can get all the gear on and be ready to attack a fire. James said one of the tests the volunteer had to pass to be certified as a Firefighter 1

was to get all the gear on and be breathing through the mask within 90 seconds.

James said he had the two commissioners go through an orientation at the fire house with the volunteers before they jumped on the trucks and reported to the simulated fire in a vacant house.

"I had the commissioners do a regular search and rescue of a victim," James said, "and had them do an interior fire attack by pulling a charged hose line into the house and find the simulated fire.

"Then I had them change and do roof ventilation training where they had to carry a ladder to the area of the house where a hole needed to be cut in the roof. I had them climb the ladder onto the roof and use a chain saw to simulate cutting a 4x4 hole.

"I had them go inside and see how using a pressure fan can ventilate a house quickly."

James said he was pleased the two commissioners had been willing to participate, and said they seemed to like the experience and said it was very educational for them.

He said he is going to call the employers of his volunteers and see if they would be interested in doing the same thing.

"I think that would show them what their employee does when he leaves work to protect the city in a time of need," James said.

James has been with the city fire department for a little more than a

year and has been the chief for about a year. When he arrived the volunteers were almost all new, and very few had any fire fighting training.

James has an Associates degree in fire fighting from Aim Community College of Greeley, and City Manager Wayne Hill said from his research James is the first certified and trained fire chief the city has had.

James told the Rotarians his volunteers will be going through a second fire fighting academy this fall to increase their training to a Firefighter 2, which means they will have more education on the aspects of fighting different types of fires and handling hazardous material situations.

He said one major change he has made is that when there is a fire call he does not wait for the volunteers to arrive at the fire station. He said he drives to the scene so he can do an examination and assessment of the situation. He said that makes it better so as the fire trucks and volunteers arrive he can stage them in the best location to fight the fire, and have them mentally prepared for what they need to do.

James brought the city's newest fire truck to the Northwest Kansas Technical College to let the Rotarians see and climb aboard the truck.

"This is your equipment," he said. "I am hired to take care of it and see that it is ready to handle any fire emergency we might have."

Coaches team up for basketball camp

Coaches of the Goodland Cowgirls and Weskan Lady Coyotes are planning a Junior Cowgirls Basketball Camp this summer.

Don Smith, head coach for the Cowgirls, and Andy Scheopner, head coach for Weskan, are inviting girls in first through seventh grades to the camp Monday-Friday, June 9-13.

Third through fifth graders will meet from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m., first and second from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and sixth and seventh from 1-3 p.m. in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

"We will work on a lot of fundamentals, contests and games," Smith said, "and have a lot of fun."

It is important to work on your skills when you are young, Scheopner said, since it will help you improve as you get older.

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