

Public Broadcast Service to film here

By Sharon Corcoran

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The cameras will be rolling in a few weeks, and Sherman County will appear on public television. And a film project about a dying man and his old horse on a trail ride has the money it needs to go forward.

The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau voted in March to spend money to get a program on public television and has learned there will be more support for the project from the state than expected. Filming is scheduled for June.

Bureau Director Donna Price updated the board at its regular meeting last Tuesday on some changes to the project, which will

highlight the county's attractions, events and history in a program on a Kansas affiliate of the Public Broadcasting Service.

The state Travel and Tourism Office, which is involved with the project, has decided to pay for a professional screen writer, on-screen personality and voice-overs, Price said.

They want it to be a professional job, she said, and they have really stepped up.

Now the bureau only needs to pay for mileage, food and motel rooms for the project, she said, and it will cost less.

The project has changed, though. Originally, Sherman County expected to have about 27 minutes in a show just on the area.

Now, Price said, the state is planning a magazine-style show with sections on topics, such as shopping for antiques, hunting, etc., but won't know for sure until they have the film.

The county will probably have about five minutes in each of four or five shows, she said, where our attractions will be mixed in with those of other counties.

That's not a bad thing, she said, since it may attract more viewers. People who will be drawn to the topics, she said, may include some who wouldn't have thought they were interested in Goodland.

The program won't include all Kansas communities, she said, just those that ap-

plied and were approved.

Price said she has a form on what the county is known for to fill out, and filming is planned for June.

Those involved in the project took a tour of the Kansas Regents Educational Communications Center at Kansas State University, where it will be put together, she said.

Brenda McCants, a visitors bureau board member and a member of the Kansas Film Commission, told the board that writer Shannon Keenan and producer Charles Miller got the money for the film they have been planning about a dying man, Hank Crow, played by Barry Corbin, and his old horse Eli, who make a trail ride across Kansas

attempting to complete their mission of riding every state.

The ride ends at his wife's grave in the Dighton cemetery.

Money for the project was raised by the Kansas Connection, a nonprofit corporation, she said.

They hope it will make other directors and producers want to film in Kansas, McCants said.

Corbin has had roles in television and movies, including Maurice Minnifield in *Northern Exposure*, Mr. Pullman in the "Dukes of Hazard" and Roscoe Brown in "Lonesome Dove."

Director talks about bullying

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The Sherman County Community Partnership for Prevention and Education heard from Roxy Cabral, director of Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect for northwest Kansas, about a program she presented on bullying to students at Goodland schools.

Other topics at the partnership's meeting Tuesday, May 9, were the Regional Prevention Center's efforts to prevent the sale of tobacco to minors and deciding when to meet next.

Kim Chain, regional prevention consultant at the Northwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center, said she visited 20 retailers Thursday, May 4, about not selling tobacco to teenagers and offering "Meth Watch Program" decals for anhydrous ammonia tanks. She said retailers in several of the counties she visited told her sheriff's departments had offered them decals already.

Chain said she is planning a "reward and remind" campaign this summer in which an adult and a teenager will go around to retailers. The teenager, between the ages of 15 1/2 and 17 1/2, will go in and try to buy tobacco. If the retailer tries to sell it to him, Chain said, he will say he doesn't have any money, rather than actually buy it.

They will give rewards to those who refuse to sell to him, she said, and a reminder of the laws about selling tobacco to minors and information on the penalties to those who are willing to sell. There won't be a police officer to arrest the cashier or store owner, she said; retailers will just be reminded of what could happen, including a \$1,000 fine.

The partnership tentatively scheduled its next meeting for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. The members had decided to wait until after summer to meet again because people are often busy or out of town.

When they meet again, the partners plan to consider meeting a different day of the week, other than the second Tuesday of the month, and possibly electing a new chairperson and secretary. Cris Riebel, owner of Joyful Noise Preschool, has been serving as the chair, secretary and treasurer, and would like fewer duties.

Cabral said she had positive feedback from her presentations on bullying at Central and West elementary schools, and she spent a lot of time talking to girls at Goodland High School. Central school has followed through with the bullying prevention, she said, by having high

school students come over at lunch.

After her presentation to the girls at the high school, Cabral said, she spent some time visiting with them and answering questions. She went to the band room, so girls could come in if they wanted to. Cabral said she brought a magazine to read while waiting because she didn't expect many girls to come in. But she didn't need it — there were easily 50 girls there, she said, adding that the visit took a lot longer than she expected.

The high school has problems with girls bullying others, Cabral said, and even when the bullying is reported, often nothing is done. Her visit did some good, she said, in getting the girls to open up and talk to her and to each other, and she hopes it also raised awareness of bullying for the adults.

She talked to the girls about how it's common to think of bullying as being physical, but that's not how girls usually do it. Girls bully by isolating others and being snotty, Cabral said.

Cabral said she could tell who the bullies were by noticing who rolled their eyes during her presentation, and the girls who talked to her afterward confirmed her suspicions.

The girl bullies usually are well-liked by parents and teachers, Cabral said, and when others report their behavior, no one believes them. Some have even called the police, she said, but they don't have much evidence, so nothing is done. And there has been a feeling that girls with prominent parents won't be punished. Girls are finding if you have the right name, Cabral said, you can get away with anything.

As the girls started talking, she said, they discovered they weren't alone. Several of them said to others, "I never knew — I always thought of you as popular. I didn't know you were getting picked on," Cabral said.

"At least I got them to open up," she said, "and talk to each other. That's a success."

Cabral told the girls they may even be responsible for allowing others to be bullies.

"I told the girls," she said, "they're up on this pedestal because you put them there."

To improve the situation, Riebel said, the kids need to work on bullying in all the schools.

"I do it in preschool," she said, "and (Principal) Sharon (Gregory) is making a difference at Central, but there needs to be continuity."

And the parents need to be involved too, Riebel said; otherwise, the kids can turn that off at 3:30.

Cleaning up for the golf tourney



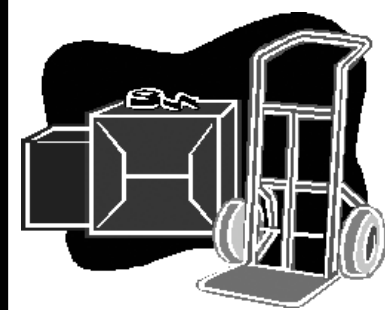
Randy Topliff (left) gave a dead tree a shove Friday after Rollie Hallagin got done using a chain saw on it. The men were working near the sixth hole fairway Friday at Sugar Hills Golf Club,

helping to clean up the course for Monday's Class 2A state golf tournament.

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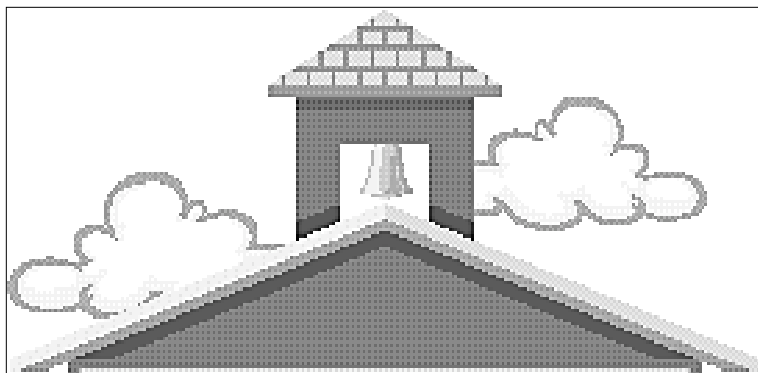


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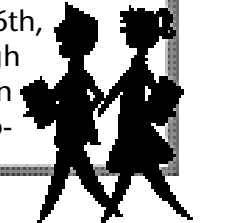
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