



The Budweiser blimp landed at Goodland's airport Wednesday night, leaving for Kansas City this morning.
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Benefits outweigh work of flying blimps

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a day.
Despite the fact that he's traveling for most of the year and calls hotel rooms "home," St. John said he enjoys his job and plans to keep at it for many more years. He said he has been flying blimps for about two years, and has worked for AnHeuser-Busch for about a year and three months.
"It's quite an arduous job," he said, adding that the benefits far outweigh the negative aspects.
St. John, from a small town in Georgia, said he's visited most of the 50 states and has traveled to Vancouver for Canada Day. He said the airship usually floats about 1,000 feet off the ground, giving him a spectacular view of what's below.
"You get a unique perspective," he said.
St. John said he meets new people

everyday — on the ground and in the air.
"Curious pilots fly by," he said, "and tip their wings and wave."
Annie Hamrin, a crew member from Chicago, who has worked on the blimp for almost a year, said she loves traveling with the crew, but doesn't like it when the weather turns ugly.
"The weather can get pretty crazy," she said. "Any weather is bad weather."
St. John said he's been caught in thunderstorms before, but never felt like he was in jeopardy of crashing the blimp.
He said the pilots scrutinize the weather closely and try to avoid storms.
St. John said it takes a certain type of person to travel with the Budweiser blimp, but once you do it's hard to quit.
"These guys are a close knit group," he said. "It's almost a family."

Animals in city still on the table

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restrictions, but the decision to be made is — how many animals are welcome in the city?
The area designated is large, and if all of the landowners kept the maximum number of animals, there would be about 200 animals in the city. But only a few of the landowners actually have animals.
An ordinance cannot be specific to a particular person or address, City Manager Ron Pickman said, adding that the ordinance would have to designate an area where people would be allowed to keep animals.
After some discussion, Mayor Tom Rohr said the commissioners should do their homework and come back to the ordinance.
Commissioner Curtis Hurd made a motion to table the ordinance to the next meeting, and the commission approved the motion.
In other business the commission:
• Heard from Schyler Goodwin about the Goodland Development

Corp.'s grant writer program.
The grant writer, to be hired jointly by the city, county and school board, would go after grant money to help pay for projects that would otherwise be paid for with tax money. He said that would allow the benefit from proceeds from the grants. The program needs a representative from each entity, Goodwin said, to meet together. Ron Schilling will represent the school board, he said, and Kevin Rasure will represent the County Commission. Pickman said he would will represent the city.
• Approved conditional use permits for David and Charlotte Becker to operate a daycare at 824 East Sixth Street and for Chad and Amy Tuttle to operate a scrap booking business at 624 East 11th.
• Appointed Pickman voting delegate for the Annual Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust Meeting.
• Approved the contract between the city, county and library.
• Approved payment of \$21,000 to Southwest Recreational Industries,

Inc. for construction done on the Steever Park Tennis Courts.
• Approved Ordinance 1208, a resolution in response to the attacks on the

World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The resolution extended condolences to the families of victims of the attacks from the City of Goodland.

Kansans open pocket books for victims of terrorist acts

TOPEKA (AP) — From small change to corporate donations, Kansans are filling the boots and buckets of volunteers collecting money for victims of last week's terrorist attacks.
In Wichita, donations already had topped \$500,000 according to the United Way of the Plains.
Many companies in the Wichita area were conducting internal collection drives, including Cessna Aircraft Co. and Wesley Medical Center.
Gov. Bill Graves announced Wednesday the creation of a scholarship fund for the children of attack victims. Koch Industries gave \$1 million to help start the Sept. 11 Scholarship

Fund.
The announcement came as Kansans continued to mourn the victims of the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. Graves and Topeka Mayor Butch Felker planned to lead a ceremony honoring those victims at noon Friday on the south steps of the Statehouse.
A union in Topeka, Local 304 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is donating between 10 and 15 demolition cutting torches with the money it raised.
Students at the University of Kansas in Lawrence raised around \$12,000 on Tuesday.

Homecoming Royalty



The Goodland High School Homecoming Royalty are: front row left to right — Stevie Lee Raymer, Danielle Hellerud, Lacey Brenner, Erica Mann, Hayley Jarmin and Jessica Vignery and back row — Bryce Bahe, Brian Bauman, Brian Mai, Andrew Melia, David Russell and Mark Carmichael. The homecoming king and queen will be announced at half-time of the football game Friday.

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