



Watering restrictions have been lifted.

On Tuesday night, the Goodland City Commissioners voted to erase lawn watering rules they set almost a month ago.

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weather report

88°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 33 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds south 23-28 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.13 inches and falling
- Record High 100° (1946)
- Record Low 41° (1962)

Last 24 Hours*

High 91°
Low 54°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 60s, winds south 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low upper 50s, winds south 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low near 60. Saturday: mostly clear and breezy, high mid 90s. Sunday: partly cloudy with slight chance of showers, high lower 90s, low 50s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.05 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.99
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.68 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.49
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.22 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$4.79 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.08
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$11.35 cwt.
 - Oil new crop — \$10.80 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$25
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Bush moving to attack Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush, opening a public-relations offensive against Saddam Hussein, pledged today to seek congressional approval before taking action against the Iraqi leader and warned wary allies their "credibility is at stake" as they decide whether to back the United States.

The president will argue his case before the United Nations General Assembly next week after a weekend huddle at Camp David with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, virtually alone among overseas leaders in supporting Bush's intent to see Saddam overthrown.

Remember?



A photographer caught the second hijacked airliner slamming into one of the World Trade Center twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001. The terrorist attacks collapsed both towers, wrecked part of the Pentagon and killed thousands. Sherman County residents are preparing for the one-year anniversary next Wednesday.

Plans form for 9-11 anniversary

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks won't pass quietly in Sherman County.

People wearing red, white and blue next Wednesday will recall the thousands of Americans killed by the terrorists a year ago and salute the police officers, fire fighters and other Sherman County emergency workers who keep us safe.

Museum visitors will watch a documentary recounting that terrifying day last Sept. 11, when terrorists hijacked four jet airliners, slamming two into the World Trade Center twin towers and one into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crashed into the ground in Pennsylvania, after a group of passengers overtook the hijackers.

Students will talk and write about how they felt on Sept. 11, 2001, and whether the events of that day have changed their view of the world.

City officials will proclaim it "A Day to Remember," and teachers, ministers and other community leaders will make sure no one forgets.

The Ministerial Alliance, comprising Goodland church leaders, is planning a service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, inviting people to sing patriotic songs, honor those who died in the attacks and listen to community leaders talk about what it all means.

Up to 2,000 bikes headed this way

Up to 2,000 motorcycles are expected to roll through Sherman County on I-70 Thursday morning, as thousands of bikers make their way to New York and Washington to raise money for Sept. 11 victims.

It's called America's Ride 2002 and this year it's raising money for the World Trade Center Miracles Foundation, which helps victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Teachers planning events

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland students will commemorate the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by wearing red, white and blue and talking and writing about how that day affected their lives.

A week before the anniversary, school administrators say teachers are still figuring out how they will help students recall that terrifying day and realize its significance. But, they say, teachers are planning special assignments and programs.

The High Plains Museum will hold two showings that day of an hour-long documentary made by the Home Box Office network called "In Memoriam: New York City, 9/11/01." Visitors will be able to record their thoughts on the attacks.

Schools are planning special assignments and programs to help students understand why the U.S. was attacked, how it affected Americans and how important the event is historically.

Bud Chester, pastor at the First Baptist Church and a main organizer of the Sept. 11 service, said the alliance has been planning the event for about two months and will finish the program at a meeting this afternoon.

The elementary principals said teachers will ask students to dress in red, white and blue and will talk to their classes about how Sept. 11 affected people in Sherman County.

Jerry Burkett, West Elementary principal, said the school won't hold a special assembly, while Steve Raymer, North principal, said teachers will discuss plans at a staff meeting on Thursday.

Sharon Gregory, Central prin-

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Tentative plans, Chester said, include a National Guard flag presentation, a Boy Scout flag salute and speeches from businessmen and spiritual leaders in Goodland.

He said the X-Pressos, the high school show choir, will perform patriotic songs and then organizers will lead the audience in singing other patriotic tunes. Fire fighters, police officers and other emergency workers will be honored, he said, and people killed in the terrorist attacks will be recognized.

Chester said the alliance was planning to hold the event at the

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Officials lift watering rules

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Let the sprinklers roll. Heeding pleas from citizens, and noting that water consumption had dropped by more than a third last month, the Goodland City Commission repealed its watering restrictions Tuesday.

After learning that the city used 36 million fewer gallons in August than July, and hearing a 79-year-old woman say she would rather have gone to jail than pay her fine for a watering violation, the commissioners not only repealed all restrictions, but also junked any voluntary watering rules.

With cooler fall weather arriving, Goodland homeowners and businesses can water when and where they want.

The city passed tough water restrictions Aug. 5. People were only allowed to water between 6 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. for no more than six hours on two days per week.

The city pumped 93 million gallons in July, the most in the city's history, and City Manager Ron Pickman estimated 110 million would be pumped in August, which would have put the city in danger of passing the 700 million gallon per year limit set by state well permits.

With the restrictions, the city pumped only 57 million gallons last month, but many people were not happy about not being able to water when they wanted to.

Esther Studer, 79, told the commission she watered her lawn between 4 and 5 a.m. two days last month. The first time she was given a warning, and the second a ticket for \$136, including court costs. She told the commission Monday that it is cooler at 4 than at 8 a.m., and she thought her lawn was getting the most out of the water. Though she doesn't like it, she's planning to pay the ticket rather than fight it.

"Everyone in the country knows it is better to water then," she said. "Is it for me to decide when it is best to water my grass or is it for the police? My doctor told me my nerves wouldn't have handled it, but I thoroughly intended to go to jail rather than pay that fine."

The commission set watering times to make the rules easier to enforce, Pickman said at a previous meeting. He said not everyone would want to water their lawns at 4 a.m., so a compromise time was set.

Dale Schilling took the floor as a visitor, saying he thought the commissioners made a mistake when they passed the restrictions.

"In the future, if you pull a trick like this again, it will mean there is a serious lack of leadership," he said. "Don't let it happen again."

City roundup

At its meeting Tuesday, the Goodland City Commission:

- Repealed the city's watering restrictions. Story at left.
- Allowed the City Planning Commission to let businesses install fences up to eight feet high. Story to come.
- Agreed to continue testing on a proposed new water well. Story to come.

Prankster waters city park

The city seemed to be breaking its own water policy Monday at Phillips Park, but officials say it was a prankster who had turned on the sprinkler system.

The sprinklers were working full blast at 4 p.m. Labor Day when a police officer drove by, City Manager Ron Pickman said. The officer notified the city crew and waited by the park until a worker showed up to turn the water off.

The police don't know who turned on the water, Pickman said, and there isn't much chance of catching anybody.

"It was just a prankster," he said. "It's what can happen when you have to turn on a system by hand."

He said he hoped 136 people would donate \$1 to pay Studer's fine, and eight people in the audience fished out dollars from purses and wallets to pass to her.

"I suggest you take that \$136 and convert it to pennies before you pay it," Schilling said, turning to Studer. "That ought to make the city happy."

The commissioners voted 5-0 to repeal the restrictions, and while they said they were effective, Commissioners Rick Billinger and Chuck Lutters said the rules were too hard on people.

"I never disagreed that we don't need to conserve," Lutters said, grounds supervisor for the Goodland schools, "but

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County budget has 10 percent tax hike

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

With additional cuts of over \$79,000, the Sherman County commissioners tentatively approved a budget Friday which raises the property taxes by about 10 percent over this year.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said with the cuts, the property tax levy was down to 51.059 mills, which is .586 under the levy two years ago, but up 9.9 percent from last year's 46.478.

Commissioners Kevin Rasure and Mitch Tiede reviewed the latest figures and, saying they did not see any more ways to cut costs, approved the tentative budget.

Rumpel said the budget figures have been sent to the county auditor, Mark Bauer of VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt from Larned, for review. She is hoping to have the sheets from Bauer this week so the figures can be published and the official budget hearing can be held on

Tuesday, Sept. 17.

She said the final calculations may drop the total by a bit more, but she was not sure until the auditor had looked at the figures.

When Rasure made the motion to approve the budget figures, he said it was unfortunate that while the actual expenditures are below what they were two years ago, the county is not receiving the same income.

Areas where the county is receiving less money include interest, lower sales tax receipts and cuts in state money.

"We are raising the mill levy," Rasure said, "but we have cut the expenses below last year."

The commissioners paid the second half of the monthly bills, \$79,882.

The next commission meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.