

weather report

40°

at noon

Today

- Sunset, 5:58 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 7:50 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:57 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 100 percent
- Sky overcast
- Winds northeast 12 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.19 inches and rising
- Record High 84° (1988)
- Record Low 19° (1936)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 57°
- Low 35°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: rain mixed with snow with possible accumulation of up to 2 inches, low upper 20s, winds northeast 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy with 50 percent chance snow with possible accumulation of 1-3 inches, high upper 30s, low upper 20s, winds northeast 15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly cloudy, high lower 40s, low near 30. Friday: mostly cloudy, high lower 50s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Raising Halloween Spirits



Sydney Winston, 9, (right) and Deborah Garcia, 8, waited for the judges to pick a winner Monday night in one of the costume contests during "Moonlight Madness" in downtown Goodland. Winston, dressed as Cleopatra, took first place, winning \$25 in scrip. Garcia, a finalist, was dressed as Belle, a character from a Disney movie. Photos by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News

Bees, bears eat candy in 'moonlight'

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

A Monarch butterfly fluttered into a department store, looking for some candy. A cow stood on a sidewalk downtown sipping hot chocolate, while the Phantom of the Opera chatted with Cleopatra and Sylvester the Cat.

"Moonlight Madness" brought all sorts of characters to downtown Goodland on Monday night.

Some were scary, with spiders crawling on their face and blood dripping from their fangs, and some weren't—a little cowboy, Winnie the Pooh, a lamb. But they all looked cute in their Halloween costumes.

The Goodland Daily News and the Chamber of Commerce business promotion committee sponsored the event, which included costume contests, a free health check and more treats than tricks. The idea was to get Goodland feeling the spirit of Halloween and fall harvest.

Businesses stayed open until 8 p.m., offering all-day specials and candy for the trick-or-treaters. Kids put on their Halloween costumes early and went from store to store with their parents and friends to collect goodies.

At the old Schneider's building downtown, police officers handed out bags filled with treats and toys and the Goodland Ambassadors served hot chocolate. Emergency medical technicians checked people's blood pressure and sugar and gave the little ones toys and pencils.

Dozens of children brightened up Main Avenue with their costumes. Some weren't old enough to walk yet, and some were in junior high. A few parents and grandparents even put on a costume for the occasion.

More than 100 people gathered in front of Schneider's at 7 p.m. for the costume contests. Wal-Mart and the Goodland Kiwanis Club gave the four winners of the children's contests \$25 each in scrip, which can only be spent at participating businesses, and B-E's Jewelry gave the two adult winners watches.

The Phantom of the Opera—actually Eric Yonkey, an advertising representative at The Daily News—ran the contests, lining up contestants and asking a few questions about their choice of costume.

Dolly Irvin, Wal-Mart customer service manager, who helped judge



Brenna Flax's mouth dropped on Monday night (above) when Bruce Gleason, an emergency medical technician, handed her a bag of goodies. The two-year-old was one of dozens of children who put on their Halloween costumes early for "Moonlight Madness" downtown. Braelyn Hoelting, 3 1/2, (below) convinced her mom Kathy to dress up as a cow with her.



the children's contests, said it was a tough job.

"Oh my yes," she said. "We never thought it would be this difficult. They're all cute."

Irvin and the other two judges managed to pick three finalists in each contest and then chose a winner from

those. Sydney Winston won first place in the first-through-sixth-grade category. The 9-year-old was dressed as Cleopatra, complete with a black wig, gold head piece and arm bracelet and dramatic eye makeup. Sydney said her mom Barbara, who

is a hairdresser at A Head of the Times, ordered the costume out of a catalog and helped put on her makeup. She said she knew the costume was a winner the first time she spotted it.

"I just saw it," she said, "and I thought, 'This is sooooo cool; I want this.'"

She said she dressed up as a Power Ranger for Halloween one year and was a cowgirl last year, but wanted to try something different this year.

"I'm going more girly this year," she said.

Most of the kids said "candy" when asked what they like most about Halloween, but Deborah Garcia, a finalist in the costume contest, had a different take.

"You get to dress up," the 8-year-old said, "and you don't have to be yourself for one day. You can feel how it feels to be someone else for one day."

Garcia, who was dressed as Belle, the main character in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," said picking who she would be was hard.

"It was a big decision at the Disney Store," said her mom, Lydia.

Driver is shot on bus

Sniper is suspected in 13th shooting

By Stephen Manning

Associated Press Writer

ASPEN HILL, Md. — A bus driver was shot and killed early today in an attack that bore the hallmarks of the serial sniper who has slain nine other people in the Washington area this month.

Conrad Johnson, a 35-year-old father of two, was shot as he stood at the top of the steps of the bus shortly before 6 a.m., Montgomery County police said.

The location, 15 miles north of downtown Washington, is less than a half-mile from where the rampage began Oct. 2. In all, 12 people have been confirmed shot by the sniper in Maryland, Virginia and Washington; three were critically wounded.

"We remain concerned about the safety of all the people in our region," Police Chief Charles Moose said today.

"We realize that the person or the people involved in this have shown a clear willingness and ability to kill people of all ages, all races, all genders, all professions, different times, different days and different locations."

Moose, who had used three previous briefings to communicate directly with the person he hinted was the sniper, told reporters at a midday briefing he had no new messages to relay via the media.

A senior law enforcement official speaking to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity said today a letter found near the scene of Saturday night's sniper shooting in Virginia suggested that the killer wants several million dollars.

Two other law enforcement sources told the AP the letter also contained information that police interpreted to be a vague threat to children. One of the sources, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said the letter was "lengthy."

Schools in the Richmond area, near Saturday's shooting, remained closed a second day today.

Immediately after today's shooting,

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Parking limitation lamented

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission voted Monday to accept a bid from Grasser Construction for paving a taxiway at the airport and heard from a visitor about the ordinance which bans parking trucks and mobile homes on the street.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the asphalt on the taxiways has cracks that can't be repaired with filler. He told the commission the taxiway needs at six-inch layer of asphalt over what is already there.

"The longer we wait, the worse it's gonna get," Commissioner Rick Billinger said.

After reviewing two bids, from Grasser and from Lafarge North America Inc., Commissioner Curtis Hurd moved that the commission accept the lower bid for \$32,008.

The visitor, Elmer Jacobs, approached the commission to complain about police officers giving warnings for trailers parked in the street.

He asked the commission what the time limit is, in a city ordinance passed last year, for visitors with a trailer to park on the street. Mayor Tom Rohr said it is two hours unless they are unloading.

Jacobs said two people had approached him with warning tickets of-

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.46 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.51
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.66 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.35
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.33 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.94 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.88
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$11.25 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$18

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, 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 says Iraq won't disarm

WASHINGTON — President Bush says he'll try diplomacy "one more time," but he does not think Saddam Hussein will disarm — even if doing so would allow the Iraqi president to remain in power.

"We don't believe he's going to change," Bush said as skeptical allies debated his proposed U.N. resolution that would force Saddam to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction or face consequences, possibly military action.

"However, if he were to meet all the conditions of the United Nations — the conditions that I've described very clearly in terms that everybody can understand — that in itself would signal the regime has changed," Bush said after a Monday meeting with NATO Secretary General George Robertson.

U.S. policy demands "regime change" in Iraq.