

weather report

86°

noon

Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

Saturday

- Sunrise, 5:52 a.m.
- Sunset, 57:53 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 52 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds west 8 mph
- Barometer 30.02 inches and rising
- Record High today 107° (1934)
- Record Low today 47° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	81°
Low Wednesday	65°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.00
Year to date	13.69
Above normal	0.17 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 87, winds out of the south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 67.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight, a high near 93 and a low around 67.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 92 and a low around 62. Monday: Sunny with a high near 92 and a low around 62. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 85 and a low around 60.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$7.05 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.18

Corn — \$6.97 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.09

Milo — \$6.59 bushel

Soybeans — \$12.50 bushel
Posted county price — \$12.99

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$31.70 cwt.
Confection — no bid

Pinto beans — \$28

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Kids ride tractors

One of the four-year-olds who tried to pull the weight as far as they could at the kids tractor pull on Tuesday night at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. See photos on Page 6.

Complaint brings issue to city

By Tom Betz

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City commissioners listened to a lady on Monday who said she checked with the city when the family decided to move to town about parking a truck on their property and were told it was not a problem, but now she has a letter from the city saying the truck has to be moved.

Darla Butler, 803 College, said when she and her family moved to town seven months ago they talked to Brian James, building inspector, about parking a truck on their property and were told it was not a problem when it was not on the street.

Butler said she had talked to the neighbors about the truck that is gone during the week and parked on their property on the

weekend.

“I have a letter saying there was a complaint,” Butler said, “and now we are expected to move it. I do not know where we are going to move it to. We have a big garage so we can park the truck and work on it. We have had it there for seven months.”

Mayor John Garcia asked where the house was, and that he understood she had been asked to move the truck.

Butler said she got a letter from James and that Mike Campbell had called Commissioner Annette Fairbanks about the noise from the truck on a Sunday morning.

Fairbanks said she wanted to clarify that Campbell had called and held the phone up asking if she could hear that. Fairbanks said she could hear noise, but was not sure what it

was and Campbell said it was the truck running at 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Butler said that Sunday it had to be a nearby irrigation motor because it was not their truck. She said the truck was being greased that weekend and it was not started.

Butler said it might have been a guy across from them who has a race car, but she said her family was in church that morning and the truck was not running.

She said she had asked Campbell’s wife several months ago if she could hear the truck when it starts on Monday mornings. Butlers said Campbell’s wife said they had windows to keep the sound out. She said the truck does not get moved over the weekend.

Garcia said Campbell had called him and was concerned about that truck and other

trucks in town. Garcia suggested maybe a special place needs to be developed to allow trucks to be parked.

“That would be find and dandy,” Butler said, “but if we have to park it somewhere else he has to get up earlier in the morning it will cost extra. We would need a way to plug it during the winter, and how would we work on the truck.”

Commissioner Josh Decant asked James about the city code.

James said he did not find anything in the city code, but did find something in the zoning regulations saying no truck can be parked in a residential district.

“We contacted the city and were told it was

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Fair wraps up tonight, 50th Tri-State Royal on Saturday



Friday

8:30 a.m. Livestock Judging Registration
9 a.m. Livestock Judging
4:30 p.m. 4-H Appreciation BBQ
5:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock Sale
7 p.m. Carnival Wristband Night
7:30 p.m. Modified Tractor Pull

Saturday

8 a.m. All Projects Released
Check-in Tri-State Royal of Champions
10:30 a.m. Release of Entries- Closed
1 p.m. Tri-State Royal of Champions
All Times Shown are Mountain Time
Home-Owned Carnival Open on Midway
7 p.m. tonight through Friday,

A packed crowd watched the Western Plains Chute-Out on Wednesday evening at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Pro Rodeo Bull Rider Ryan McConnell (right) of Colgate, Okla. had a high score in the first round, 84.5 on Crack Monkey a bull from H&D Bucking Bulls. He did not fare well in the short go. Josh Koschel of Greeley, Colo., was the overall winner and the only rider to get a full ride in the short go. The fair wraps up tonight with the Modified Tractor Pull. Wednesday an accident on the swings had minor injuries to four kids when a cable came lose as the ride was starting.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Vet Hunters stop in town on ride to St. Louis

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The timing was good, but a bit delayed for the Vet Hunters Project bicycle platoon when they arrived Tuesday evening in time to attend the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting.

Todd Morgan, bicycle team leader, and Steve Krieder, active duty Army Master Sergeant, were two of the group of about nine bike riders who rode into town and spent the night at the Sgt. Derrick Lutters Armory before heading out Wednesday on their trip east to St. Louis and the American Vets national convention.

The Vets Hunter Project is an effort to raise awareness of the number of homeless American veterans, and the group is always on the look out for they the homeless to try to help them get housing and started on a path back into society.

Morgan and Krieder agreed to be interviewed Tuesday evening while another portion of the bicycle platoon were being interviewed by Bryce Kesler of KLOE at the radio station.

The platoon had ridden in from Denver and spent about two hours at the VFW where Morgan said he enjoyed some dancing and had a good time. It was well after dark when the bikers and their support group left the VFW and rode out to the radio station for the interviews.

The bikes are equipped with lights for night riding, and the platoon leader shouted out what was coming as the bikes made their way



Vet Hunter platoon leader Todd Morgan (above right) and fellow Vet Hunter Project riders paused on Goodland’s Main street after the VFW meeting on Tuesday. Steve Morgan, 71, retired U.S. Navy, rode into the KLOE parking lot where the riders were interviewed.

Photo above by Vet Hunter Project on right by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

into the radio station parking lot.

Morgan is from Los Angeles County, Calif., and said he was on the bicycle ride because he feels homeless veterans and all homeless are not getting the attention they need.

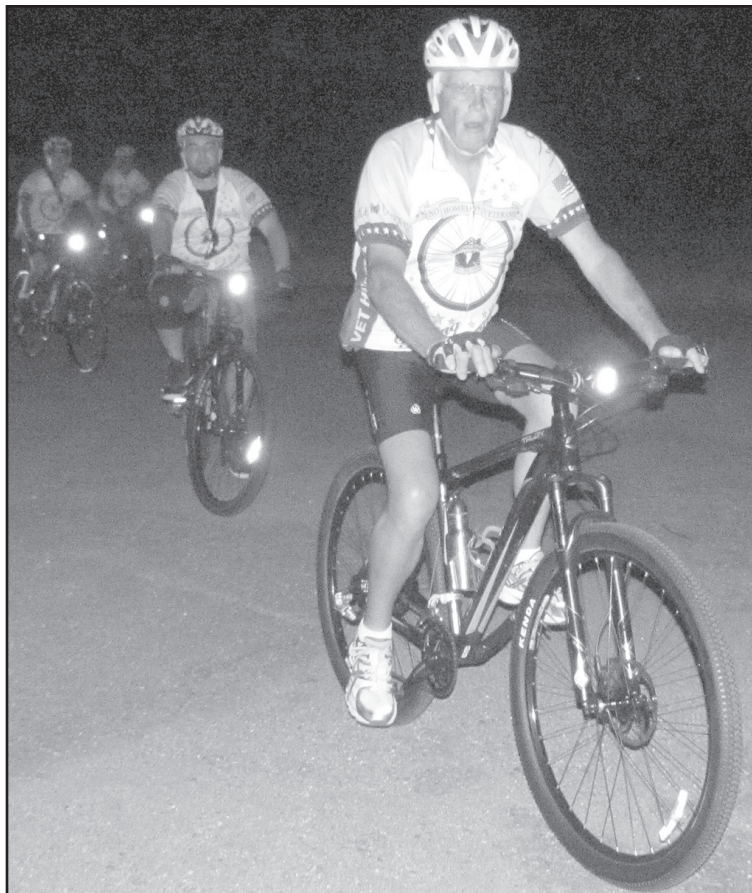
The Vets Hunter Project bicycle platoon left Bell, Calif., last Wednesday, and had planned to be in Goodland on Monday. Morgan said they have had to be creative taking the route across the country, and where they have found homeless veterans they have taken the time to do what they could to help them.

Morgan said they found home-

less veterans in Las Vegas and some homeless vets in Denver. He said while in Denver they had met with the veterans policy guy from Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper’s office and urged the state to work on a program to help homeless veterans.

Riding with the group is Morgan’s 71 year old father, Steve, who is a retired U.S. Navy veteran. He said he likes riding and meeting people along the trip.

Master Sgt. Kreider said he is stationed in Connecticut, but got involved with the Vet Hunter Project when he was stationed in Riverside,



Calif., for two years, and took leave to fly out and join the bicycle ride. He said he met Jose Ramos, Joe Leal and the other organizers while in Riverside and they bonded.

He said the Vet Hunter Project was an off-shoot of an effort started by Ramos about seven years ago to create a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. He said Ramos rode across country seven years ago asking states to create such a day on the

last Sunday of March, marking the day the last U.S. combat troops left Vietnam in 1975.

Master Sgt. Kreider said the wound from that war has not been forgotten, and after talking to the people in Colorado they hope that state will join California, Connecticut, Delaware, Minnesota and Wisconsin in passing legislation to

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