

weather report

37°

noon Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 4:35 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:28 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 40 degrees
- Humidity 40 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds variable 6 mph
- Barometer 30.42 inches and steady
- Record High today 78° (1989)
- Record Low today 2° (1940)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	51°
Low Wednesday	34°
Precipitation	1.08
This month	1.13
Year to date	20.39
Normal	18.84

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers, high around 39, low near 19, winds south southeast 7-9 mph. Saturday: mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of show showers, high near 35, low around 24.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: cloudy, high around 38, low around 25. Monday: partly cloudy, high near 49, low near 27. Tuesday: mostly cloudy with a chance of show, high near 49, low around 26.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.18 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.32
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.67
Loan deficiency pmt. — 28¢
Milo — \$1.51 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.55 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.45
Loan deficiency pmt. — 23¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.15 cwt.
NuSun — \$12.25 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$25
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys face Rockets

Senior Lane Winter runs through a hole created Saturday in Goodland's 41-13 win over Andale at Cowboy Stadium. The Cowboys face the Rose Hill Rockets at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Story, photo on Page 12.

One stabbed, one shot Monday

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

One Goodland man allegedly stabbed another in a dispute over a woman Monday night, then was shot by a state law enforcement officer after police cornered him on the roof of a Goodland home.

The two wound up in separate air ambulances bound for the same Denver trauma center, St. Anthony Central Hospital.

Rustin Leiker, 21, was taken by ambulance from his brother Darrick's house, 710 W. 11th, to Goodland Regional Medical Center at 8:30 p.m. Monday after suffering from a knife wound in his neck. Police originally reported the wound had been caused by a gunshot, but medical personnel later found it was a stab wound.

The hospital sent out a call to Citizens Medical Center in Colby to bring blood for Leiker.

About two hours later the suspect in the stabbing, Michael Whitaker, 34, of Utah, was shot by a law enforcement officer when they went to arrest him for stabbing Leiker.

Both men are recovering at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver.

As of Thursday, Whitaker had been upgraded from serious to fair condition.

Leiker was upgraded from critical condition to serious by Thursday. His brother, Darrick, said he was sitting up and answering questions when he left the hospital on Wednesday.

"He was doing pretty good," Darrick said. "As soon as he woke up and shook his head,

we knew he was OK."

Darrick said Rustin is in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and the doctors estimated it would take 2 weeks to a month before he is fully recovered.

"They say he's doing better than they thought," he said.

The fight between the two men started, Darrick said, with his brother taking in a co-worker. He said Rustin, an employee at Taco Johns, was approached by Heidi Limb who said Whitaker, had kicked her out of their house and she didn't have a place to stay.

Limb, from Utah, was a former Taco Johns employee who had quit and was working at Wal-Mart. Whitaker reportedly was an employee of Wendy's. The person who answered the phone at Wendy's Thursday said he was

not the spokesperson, and could not confirm that Whitaker was an employee.

Rustin took in Limb and her 18-month-old child on the Friday before the stabbing, Darrick said.

"She came to him and said she didn't have a place to go," he said.

He said Limb left town Wednesday, heading back to Utah with her grandmother.

The story continues, he said, with Whitaker following and threatening Rustin.

"I'm assuming (Whitaker) thought my brother took his girl," Darrick said. "My brother's got a heart of gold. He thought he was doing something good."

The stabbing happened, he said, when

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Hours change working

Commission meets Monday

The City of Goodland is finding that 7 a.m. is not too early to open its office, at least not for everyone.

The city changed its hours to open at 7 a.m. and close at 4 p.m., instead of the traditional 8 to 5, beginning Monday, Nov. 1.

City Clerk Mary Volk said the change has gone well.

The city expected the change to make it easier to get ahold of people in the Central Time zone, and Volk said that has proven true so far.

"We can start calling people right away when we get here," she said, "and not have to worry about that extra hour."

It has been pretty positive with the employees, Volk said, and all comments from the public have been positive. There have been a lot of customers in during the first hour, she said. Some even show up before 7.

"I had one waiting when I got here the other day," Volk said.

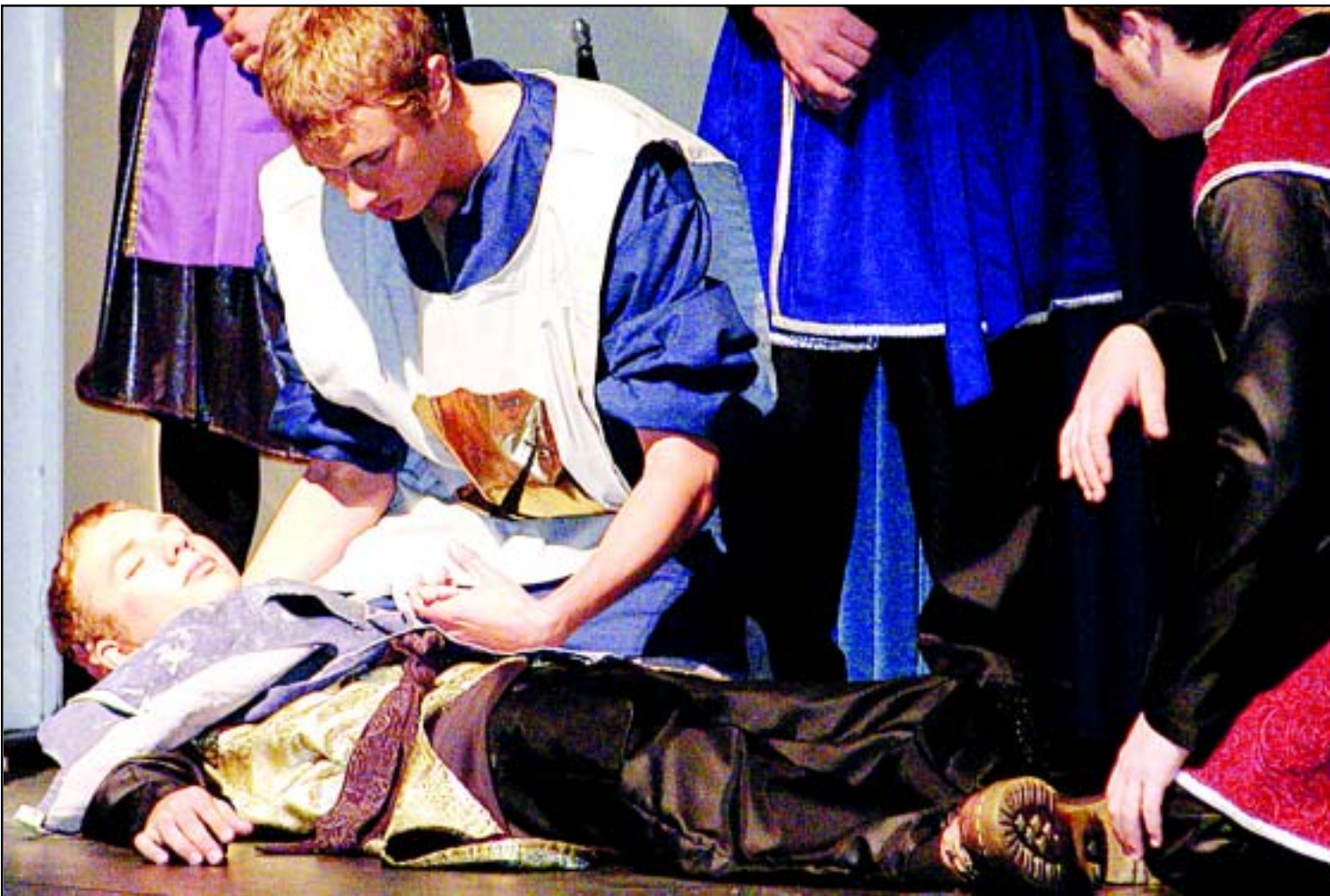
The city commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday, and there is a short agenda including updates on the grant for playground equipment and a grant for police department equipment.

The playground equipment grant was applied for to upgrade the Gullick Park, and the estimated cost was \$18,600 with the city paying half the cost.

The police department grant would be one from the Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program.

A closed session is scheduled to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting will be in the commission room on the second floor of the administration building, 204 W. 11th.



After killing him in a duel in the Goodland High School musical "Camelot," Lancelot played by Craig Mason miraculously resur-

rects Sir Lionel played by Jake Kling. Sir Sagamore played by Tysen Lofland (right) also challenged Lancelot to a duel and lost.



The play opens with the court of Camelot out to greet their new queen Guenevere played by Grace Langness. Merlyn (left) played by Kerek Mason tells Sir Dinadan played by Brandon Hatfield that the court should go to meet Guenevere's carriage as Kelsey Leiker (far right) playing Lady Sybil and Jena McCall playing a Lady of Camelot look on. Photos by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

Camelot comes to school stage

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Steady and sure of themselves, the cast of the Goodland High School musical "Camelot" went through the motions of a full dress rehearsal Monday night.

The show will start at 7 p.m. tonight with encore showings at 2 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday.

The musical begins with overture, and when the lights come up, the bright colors of medieval period clothing sparkle. Men are decked out in tights and tunics and the women in long dresses. Props

range from long swords to a live dog in one scene.

The action starts with Guenevere (Grace Langness) set to enter the kingdom of Camelot and become queen.

The court goes down to her carriage to greet her, and the audience is introduced to main characters Merlin (Kerek Mason) and King Arthur (Daniel Blake). The next scene reveals Guenevere, and her songs introduce her to the audience.

The story is peppered with songs

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School district receives 'best opinion' from auditors

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Brian Staats, the managing partner of the Colby office of the accounting firm of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball hired to do the school district audit, told the Goodland School Board Monday night that the district had earned the "best opinion we can give" about how it handles its finances.

In August the firm conducted the annual audit of the district as required by state law for all school districts, and by federal law for those that have \$500,000 or more in annual federal expenditures.

The auditors checked the district for compliance with federal and state regulations, he said, as well as fiscal accountability. They also evaluated financial management procedures.

Staats said no reportable violations of federal or state regulations were found and the district met the

standards of both in financial administration. In its report, the firm commended the staff in the district office on the quality and organization of the records. Superintendent Marvin Selby said all the credit for that belongs to the office staff of Pat Juhl, Bonnie Smith and Marcia Harkins.

Staats complimented the district for its low long-term debt, which Selby said was about \$253,000. In comparison, Staats said, a district he just finished reporting to had \$6 million in debt and the next one has \$14 million.

Although the report made some recommendations for minor changes "for strengthening internal control and operating efficiency," Staats said the district had an excellent set of books, good people and rates "at the top" for financial accountability.

Don Newell, Goodland branch manager for S&T Communications, gave the board members a copy of a

bid proposal for the district's telephone service. Changing from Southwestern Bell to S&T would save the district about \$300 per month while maintaining the same capabilities the district now has, he said.

In the proposal, S&T identified 48 "parent lines" now in use. Newell recommended nine of them stay with the prefix 899 for awhile and the rest convert to the 890 when the change is made in January. He said those nine lines are the ones that receive most of the calls from outside Sherman County, and delaying the change to 890 numbers would allow more time for the word to get out.

Newell said the conversion would be done the last week in December, while school is out, so there would be less interference with daily business. He said during the conversion, some lines might be eliminated or added to improve efficiency.

The blanket change would be similar to that the Goodland Re-

gional Medical Center went through in September 2003. Newell said S&T would take care of getting the word out around town.

Board member Ron Schilling made a motion, with Danny Whalen seconding, to accept S&T's bid as soon as possible, with the provision that all the district's numbers be changed right away. Schilling said that since a "roll over" service will be in place for awhile, it was better to change all the numbers at the same time.

The board voted 6-0 to accept the bid as amended. Board member Fritz Duke, an employee of S&T, excused himself from the room before Newell spoke.

In other business, the board: • Selected Mike Campbell as the board's voting delegate, with Duke as alternate, to the Kansas Association of School Boards convention in Wichita on Dec. 3-5.

• Spent about an hour going

through the district's policies and the changes recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards. The board plans to dedicate at least an hour of each meeting to that job until all the policies have been read and discussed. This way the members will become familiar with all the district's policies, about 300 in all, and can consider any changes to them one at a time.

• Unanimously voted to allow Sara Studer to participate in the Senior Option Program and attend the Northwest Kansas Technical College in 2005-2006 for her senior year. The program allows up to three high school seniors to enroll in a program at the college instead of attending regular classes. The district pays the students' tuition but they are responsible for all other expenses. Studer will enter the carpentry program.

The meeting adjourned around 10:05 p.m. The next meeting will start at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22.