



Ashleigh Borders (left) hesitated as she reached to touch a hissing cockroach from a program the Butterfly Pavilion gave at Central Elementary School on Wednesday. The presentation was students' reward for reaching their reading goal. Cody Hooker and Kailee Raile (right) looked at Rosy, a Chilean rose tarantula.
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Bugs visit Central Elementary on Wednesday

By Pat Schiefen
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As a reward for Central Elementary students meeting their reading goal, the Butterfly Pavilion from Denver came to visit on Wednesday.
Denise Price was the kids' tour guide into the world of insects, spiders and crustaceans.
She brought with her a hissing cockroach, a Chilean rose tarantula, scorpion, black widow spider, roly pollies, or pill bugs, a walking stick, a hermit crab and millipede.
She told the students that insects have three main parts to their body

and six legs. She showed them a hissing cockroach from the rain forest.
She said the cockroach can't bite if a bird tries to eat it, but if it makes a big noise, perhaps the bird will drop it. Insects have their skeleton on the outside of their body, she told the children.
Price took the cockroach out of its cage and let the students touch it.
"Wow! It feels like wood," said one.
Next she talked about spiders. Spiders have two body parts, eight legs and spin silk to make webs. She took the Chilean rose tarantula out

and let the pupils touch Rosy on a leg.
The pupils carefully and slowly reached out to touch the big spider.
Price talked about how to identify black widow spiders and the brown recluse, two common venomous types.
She warned the children to leave eaten and venomous is a bite. She showed the pupils a black widow in a jar.
One boy said he had caught and

kept a black widow in a jar. Price warned the kids that was not a good idea.
She talked about the importance of colors in nature. Bright colors such as orange or red can signal danger, she said.
Showing the scorpion, she talked about how they sting with their tails and how it could be an advantage to the animal. She showed the scorpion in its cage.
She had a walking stick that hung down on a branch and looked like a leaf. She explained that it would lose a leg if grabbed. Her walking stick was down to four legs, and she

didn't let the pupils touch it so it wouldn't drop any more. Price said if the walking stick is not full grown, it could slowly grow back its legs when it molted.
Crustaceans such as crabs and shrimp were the next topic. She explained how a hermit crab would change the shell it lived in if it needed a bigger home. The shell protects its soft and vulnerable body. A hermit crab has one claw bigger than the other, which is used to attract females, she said.
She had a container with roly pollies and their relative, sow bugs.

She explained the difference between the two. Rolly pollies are crustaceans, she said, because they breathed through gills.
Price asked if anyone had caught roly pollies, put them in a jar and they died. Several hands went in the air. She explained that they needed the right amount of moisture to breathe.
The last thing she talked about were centipedes and millipedes. She explained that centipedes were flattened and had two legs per segment. Millipedes are rounder and have four legs per segment.

Fraternal and nonprofit groups can get temporary beer licenses

By Tom Betz
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A new city ordinance allows fraternal and nonprofit organizations to apply for temporary, one-day or one-event beer licenses.
City Manager Wayne Hill said the temporary licenses would be open to any group. There would be a background check by the police department, the building inspector would check the area to be used and the fire chief would inspect the area for safety.
There could only be 10 temporary permits per year.
One commissioner asked if this would be the same for people who wanted to set up a beer garden at an event for profit.
City Clerk Mary Volk said she did not know if there was a problem with including the for-profit along with the fraternal and nonprofit groups.
"Are we setting ourselves up for other organizations who will want something like this?" asked City Commissioner Josh Dechant. "Is this what we want to open us up for in the future?"
Mayor Rick Billinger said he did not know if the city can add the for-

profit groups and said Hill and Volk should ask the police chief.
Hill said he did not see a problem with passing the ordinance allowing the fraternal and nonprofit licenses. He said the commission could amend the ordinance later if it was possible to add in the for-profit as a new section.
The ordinance was approved unanimously.
In other business, the commission:
• Approved an ordinance extending the AT&T telephone franchise until August. The commission had previously approved the extension as a resolution, but Hill said state law requires franchises to be done by ordinance. The city hopes to have reached an agreement with AT&T on a new franchise by summer.
• Appointed Ed Carleton and Marty Melia to the shade tree commission for three-year terms.
• Approved a request from Chief Ray Smee to move money to allow him to replace all the leather equipment for the police officers. Smee said the leathers the officers have was in use before he became the police chief, and that quite a bit of

it is in bad shape. He told the commission that some of the pieces are no longer being made. He said there are three budget line items for police equipment. The costs of the radar guns and computers had been less than expected, and there was left over money he would like to use to replace the leathers. The commissioners agreed it was a good idea.
The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

corrections

The caption of a photo showing Mazie Sutton receiving her discharge from Helen Dingler on Page 5a of the Friday, May 26, issue of *The Goodland Star-News* identified her as the person on the left. She is on the right in the photo. This was an editing error.
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Pioneer Park to get more signs

By Tom Betz
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Pioneer Park was dedicated in October, but people still hope to see some finishing touches.
The Rev. Gene Tromble, a retired minister who has spearheaded a fund drive for the park, brought a plan for additional signs to the City Commission last Monday, saying he had talked to the banks about helping pay for them.
"I think you are all aware that Kiwanis appointed me to be volunteer coordinator to get the park built," Tromble said. "We are doing some finishing up. Part of that is the signage you are looking at."
The main thing Tromble said was missing was a sign that with the name Pioneer Park. He suggested the sign would serve as a screen for the big power box along the east side of the park.
Tromble also asked for a parking sign across the street at the parking lot.
City Commissioner Josh Dechant said the parking lot is not just for the Pioneer Park, but for public parking.
City Manager Wayne Hill said he thought a "public parking" sign should be enough.
Hill asked Tromble if he had talked to Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who handled the project for the city, about the type of sign.
Tromble said he had talked to Neufeld, and the plans are to use the same steel and design as on the big sign at the corner of Cherry and business U.S. 24.
"We are suggesting a third sign," Tromble said. "The suggestion was from Steve Duell, who thought

it would be nice if we had a welcome to Goodland sign over on K-27 as people come off the Interstate. The sign would have an arrow for the Van Gogh and Pioneer Park."
Tromble said he did not think having such a sign would take traffic away from downtown Goodland. He said the new sign would be an addition to the stack of signs now telling people where things are.
"I guess what I need to do is ask permission to continue improving Pioneer Park," Tromble said.
Mayor Rick Billinger said all the plans would be turned over to the city manager. Hill said he would see what other ideas may be out there and try to figure out the best answer.
City Commissioner Dave Daniels said it would be good to have a "welcome to Goodland" sign.
Tromble said he would ask the city and the shade tree commission to consider additional trees for the park. He suggested the shade tree commission consider the redbud trees that would give color to the park in the spring. As an accent, Tromble suggested yellow-green locust trees, which he said would add color and "look super."
Hill said he would talk to Neufeld about the signs and talk to the shade tree commission about the trees.
Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she has been asked about the lights at Pioneer Park, and when the city crew was planning to install them.
Charlie Bandel, utility crew supervisor, said he had received a call from the company making the lights. He said they will be delivered, but he doesn't have a specific time to install them.

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