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weather report

39°

noon
Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 4:53 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:52 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 48 degrees
• Humidity 93 percent
• Sky rain
• Winds north at 23 mph
• Barometer 29.86 inches
and rising

• Record High today 86° (1937)
• Record Low today 17° (1925)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 62°

Low Thursday 34°

Precipitation .54

This month 2.10

Year to date 21.30

Above normal 2.97 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 60, low near 34.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Sunny, high near 66, low near 35. Sunday: Sunny, high near 71, low near 34. Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 64, low near 33. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high near 54, low near 33. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, High near 61.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Weather alert spurs harvest



Vernon Irvin (in combine) cut through a field of milo southwest of town Tuesday afternoon. Irvin said they have some help coming to cut corn next week, but he and his son Doug (in tractor) were trying to get the milo in themselves before the coming storm. Vernon was running the combine while Doug filled two semi-

trailer rigs, and he drove one to town while his father filled the next one. The National Weather Service in Goodland had forecast a blizzard for Thursday, but downgraded that Wednesday to rain. Today is expected to be sunny, with highs in the lower 60s.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Changes sought to two-hour parking limit

By Tom Betz

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City commissioners agreed at their last meeting that the two-hour parking limit for trailers, trucks and motor homes in residential areas is too short, but they disagree on how it should be changed.

Members said they want visitors to be able to park in town and stay in a motor home for a few days, and contractors to be able to park a trailer by a job site. They don't want people storing big recreations vehicles, semi-trailer rigs and other equipment stored on the street.

The thorny question will be on the agenda for the commission's next meeting, at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

The city ordinance says a trailer, truck or motor home can only be parked on city streets for two hours a day. That means a motor home cannot be parked overnight or over a weekend without the owner risking a ticket.

City Commissioner Dave Daniels raised the question in September, saying a cousin came to town in a motor home and was told he could not leave it parked for more than two hours.

City Manager Wayne Hill handed the commissioners copies of the ordinance on parking to give them a

Intersection bid goes to Halstead firm

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The first jobs from the joint city-county road program should begin in the next three weeks with city approval of the low bid from a Halstead company for the replacement of the intersections at Eighth and Caldwell and Armory and Caldwell.

Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who is handling the city projects and a one-mile section of County Road 14,

told the City Commission at the meeting last Monday there were two bids for the Caldwell intersections. Bryant and Bryant Construction of Halstead bid \$322,755 and Miller Construction of Goodland \$345,809. Neufeld said the engineer's estimate had been \$324,800.

Commissioners discussed taking the higher local bid from Miller or rejecting the lower bid because it

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chance to read the current rules.

"I need some guidance on the issue about two-hour parking," Hill said. "I talked to the (police) chief about the problem."

"I would like to see it changed to days," said Mayor Rick Billinger, "like five or seven."

Daniels asked if the section on use could be changed to allow parking for uses other than storage.

"I don't want people to store their vehicle on the street," Daniels said.

Hill said the city could use construction permits to allow contractors to park on the street while working on a job.

"If you know someone is coming

to town for two or three days, could you come down to the city office and get a permit?" Daniels asked.

Hill said that would not solve the questions of sight obstruction where the parking is a safety issue.

"We have not issued a ticket for those situations," Hill added.

"Why have it on the books?" Billinger said. "It's a rural community."

"You need to have something to control your streets," Hill said. "If you don't have something, people will call you saying we have all this stuff parked on the streets."

"I would like to see it so people would be more understanding," Daniels said. "I have a cousin who

won't come here because of this ordinance. He has a 30-foot motor home."

"Two hours is too short," said Commissioner Annette Fairbanks. "Indefinitely is too long."

Chief Ray Smee said whatever the commission does, it has to be enforceable. He said officers can't differentiate between a trailer or vehicle from Colorado versus a local person.

"I think you make it five days," Billinger said. "That is enough. If it is there for over five days, you are storing it."

"I think we need something we can enforce," Commissioner John

Garcia said.

"I am not against what you want to do," Smee said. "I want it to be enforceable and fair to everyone. We did this ordinance because it is enforceable across the board."

"We agree the two hours is not good," Daniels said. "We need to find a way to make it fair."

"What can we do if we went for 48 hours?" Fairbanks said.

"My problem is I don't know if it has moved in 48 hours," Smee said.

"I would not mind having someone parked in front of my house for a day or two, but not indefinitely," Fairbanks said. "We have to find something to enforce."

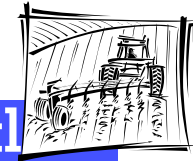
"I have had a lot of cities call and ask about our ordinance," Smee said, "and they have adopted it because it was enforceable."

"You cannot park unless there is a chance of getting a ticket," Fairbanks said. "Unless a permit is obtained. Can that help?"

Smee said the police have given several verbal warnings, but no tickets. He said the police try to understand situations such as Flatlander Fall Festival, where a lot of out-of-town trailers and motor homes are in town for the weekend.

"Think about it for the next meeting," Billinger said.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$4.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.86

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$3.22 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.87

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.77 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.47 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.41

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$7 hundredweight

Sunflowers

NuSun crop — \$12.25

Pinto beans — \$19 (new crop)

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Young Guns play Sunday

Young Guns Zach Miller and Gage Ihrig walked through a corridor of supporters as they walked onto Lewis Field on Sunday in the Western Kansas Football League playoffs. The team plays on Sunday. See story, photo on Page 7a

It's your move...



Chris Thompson and his daughters Sophia (left) and Margaux played a math game at Central Elementary School's math night on Monday. The school wanted parents — and school board members — to see the games the Everyday Math program uses to teach.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Spooks, goblins to invade Monday

Spooks and goblins will be out from 5-7 p.m. on Monday for Goodland's fifth annual Moonlight Madness celebration and costume contest

Several downtown stores will be open until 7 p.m., for a night of spirited shopping, entertainment and there will be treats for the kids who stop by. El Dorado Western Wear, 1101 Main, will feature a haunted house and costume contests.

The costume judging begins at 5 p.m.

There will be three age groups,

with prizes for first, second and third in each. The 4-and-under group will be judged at 5 p.m., 5-9 at 5:30 p.m., and 10-14 at 6 p.m. The Goodland Kiwanis Club donated prize money, and Wal-Mart gave money for candy.

Businesses handing out candy include J.C. Penney, Garcia's Home Furnishing, High Plains Office Supply, State Farm Insurance, Jacque's Hallmark, Mann's Jewelry, Farm Bureau Insurance, American Communications and Overhead Door and *The Goodland Star-News*.

Daylight
Saving Time
ends on Sunday.
Fall back one hour
to Mountain Standard.

