

weather report

52°

10:30 a.m.
Monday



Today

- Sunset, 6:13 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:54 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 58 degrees
- Humidity 74 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 7 mph
- Barometer 30.04 inches and falling
- Record High today 93° (1996)
- Record Low today 22° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Sunday 59°
- Low Sunday 39°
- Precipitation none
- This month 1.54
- Year to date 17.99
- Above Normal .51 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 74, winds out of the southwest at 5 mph switching to the northwest and a low around 46. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 69, winds breezy out of the northwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 39.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 43. Friday: Sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 48. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 77 and a low around 47.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

local markets

10:30 a.m.

- Wheat — \$6.30 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.37
 - Corn — \$5.82 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.70
 - Milo — \$5.54 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$10.50 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$10.62
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$28.50 cwt.
 - Confection — no bid
 - Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls play in wind

Cowgirl Emily Purvis putts on Thursday at Syracuse. The Cowgirls had some trouble in the high winds. The 3A regional was Monday in Syracuse. See photo, story on Page 8A

City continues truck discussion

By Tom Betz

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The city commissioners continue to struggle with truck parking in residential zones and trailers being parked on city streets, and the commissioners are asking citizens to fill out a survey on the issue.

"Since we talked about it six weeks ago nothing has changed," City Manager Doug Gerber said at Monday's meeting. "We have the same laws on the books and we have the same complaints."

"The laws are addressed directly in the zoning ordinance trucks are not allowed in residential zones and on the next page is trailer parking. Both are very clear."

"Do we keep these laws or not?" "I appreciate Doug's items," Commissioner Josh Dechant said. "He outlines all the issues quite well. Was it a parking issue or a noise issue that started it."

"The trucks and trailers can go much larger. We had issues about construction trailers, and came up with a permit to allow them to be parked out there."

"We get into the wear and tear on the city streets, not just from grain trucks. With all we use needs to be hauled."

"I think the issue has been an ant hill thrown into a mountain range. At the end of the day we are an agriculture community and we make and made the choice to live here."

Commissioner Bill Finley said it was an issue he had had a lot of time to think about.

"I feel there was a good point brought up if a truck is a hazard to the public it has to be parked in some safe place," he said. "I do not know if it has been a problem with discouraging business in the economic times we have. I would suggest we allow trucks unless there is a public complaint and it is a safety issue."

Commissioner Chris Zimmerman said he agreed with Finley, and feels the city needs to review the laws we have.

"I have not found the best way to do it," he said. "I think we ought to issue them a permit or something we can do to allow them. I do not want to kick all the truckers out of town."

"I feel a bit differently," said Commissioner Annette Fairbanks. "I agree we are an ag com-

munity. I have a question as a mom about kids on bicycles and the hazardous chemicals."

"I have a question about providing a lot to park the trucks. I have a problem with having huge trucks parking in residential areas. Not that I want to discourage people from coming here. We are not going to make everyone happy. We need to find a way to make it more convenient for them to park, but not in the residential areas."

She said the city should consider providing a place in cooperation with the truck drivers so they are not in somebody's front yard.

Dechant said he agrees with that, but does not feel it is the city's responsibility. He said maybe economic development can find somebody who wants to build a parking lot.

"I feel we have to be helpful in finding a remedy for the dilemma," Fairbanks said.

"I think it is something from an economic development standpoint," said Mike Campbell. "We felt it was true for the parking lot we built for Roadway. There are 34 parking spots out there and we leased it to Yellow Freight for \$1 a year and it is forever."

"The city commission of Goodland decided parking commercial trucks in residential areas was not a good deal. Could bring it to a vote and feel the people would continue to support that."

Gerber said he felt it would be more divided.

Campbell said he had called the two truck stops and the trucks can park there for free.

"There is a solution," he said. "It does not have to be this way. We ought to be doing something to invite truckers to town. It does not have to be one side wins and one side loses. It can be a win, win."

"The trucks do not have to be in the residential neighborhoods. They are not allowed in most towns around including Norton, Scott City and Colby. This makes us look like an unincorporated community on the slopes of Alaska."

Mayor John Garcia said he feels it is a difficult issue. We are not going to make everyone happy, he said.

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Volunteer firemen give kids fun time at Flatlander Festival



Fun with water

Goodland volunteer firemen had fun along with the kids getting to try their best to use a fire hose to move an empty keg along the cable on south Main Ave., during the 25th Annual Flatlander Festival. The firemen raised about \$200 to go to the city fire department and Chief Brian James said the money would be used to buy equipment. The little guys seemed to have fun holding on to the fire hose, and maybe some have dreams of being a fireman when they grow up.

Photos by Tom Betz
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Citizens asked to take library survey

A meteorologist for the Goodland weather office, Chris Foltz, is running a survey to gather data on how the Goodland Public Library is used and what people want from the library.

For anyone who wants to participate the survey is online for people who use the library at www.surveymonkey.com/s/5YV375F or for people who don't use the library at www.surveymonkey.com/s/5YHJ2LK. People can also

fill out the survey in printed form at the library, 812 Broadway.

The survey asks people what they like at the library, don't like at the library and if they have been to the library's website. The website of the library is goodlandlibrary.org. It also asks what services people use and when they last used the library. It does not ask for an identity.

Foltz is doing the survey as part of a class for Fort Hays State University at Hays. He is working on

his Masters of Business Administration. Foltz has been a meteorologist for 4 1/2 years, has a wife Renae and an 18 month old child Ayden.

Karen Gillihan, the head librarian at the library, said a survey has not been done for library since she has been there, according to Foltz.

The purpose of the survey is to help the library give better service, said Foltz.

Flu shot clinic today

A mass flu clinic given by the Sherman County Health Department will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade. The clinic is part of an emergency preparedness exercise.

People with disabilities are welcome. Everyone needs to bring their insurance cards and the health department will bill them. Flu shots or nasal shots will be \$25 and high-dose flu shots will

be \$40 for those over 65, if paid for by cash. Nasal shots are generally given to small children.

The city van will be available to transport anyone from 2 to 4 p.m. Call to reserve a ride at (785) 899-5082.

If you miss the clinic appointments can be made at the health department for the shots after Tuesday by calling (785) 890-4888.

