

Weather Corner



Weekend outlook breezy and cooler

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 39. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny with a high around 70. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. **Saturday night** — A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy with low near 34. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high around 54. North wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 23.

Monday — Mostly sunny with a high near 66. **Monday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 34. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 62.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 59
Low this morning, 24
Records for this date, 80 in 1974, -22 in 1960

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
February's precipitation, 0.04

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Mothers of Preschoolers to meet

Mothers of Preschoolers will meet at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 9 at Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin. The program will be local preschool teachers talking about enrollment information and curriculum. Childcare is provided, for a small fee, for children ranging from infant to age 5. Any mother with children under the age of 6 or expecting mothers are invited. For information, call Michelle Mettlen at 460-3310.

Gaither video concert Sunday

The Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring another Gaither video concert, at 6 p.m., Sunday. The concert will feature "A Gospel Bluegrass Homecoming" fea-

ting Ricky Skaggs, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Rhonda Vincent, and many other Gaither artists. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

Dance planned tonight

A Colby single and couple's dance is planned from 8 to midnight, today, at the American Legion, 1850 W. 4th. Entertainment will be provided by Swing N' Country. The event is open to the public.

School board member wanted

The Brewster School Board is looking to fill a vacancy until the general election. The vacancy will be filled by appointment. The board has an opening because of the resignation

of board member Tony Horinek. Anyone interested should call board clerk Daryl Ann Jorgensen at (785) 694-2236 before 4 p.m. Friday, March 17.

Benefit soup supper Saturday

A benefit soup supper for Lana Anderson, to help defray substantial medical bills, is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at the Colby VFW, 220 Lake.

Farm Bureau offers scholarships

The Thomas County Farm Bureau Association is offering scholarships to three students who are seniors in the three Thomas County schools. Students or their parents must be members of the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association.

Goodland couple charged with animal cruelty

By Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Star-News

A Sherman County man and his wife are charged with 14 counts of animal cruelty for neglecting horses.

Derek Nichols, who works for Mueller Grain, from Kanorado, reported the animal cruelty to the sheriff's office on Tuesday. Deputy Jason Showalter and Undersheriff Roger Studer investigated the report at the residence of Tim and Shaunna Armknecht, 6975 K-27, about five miles north of Goodland.

Showalter found 10 horses with no food and water and he said from their appearance the horses had no water or food for several weeks.

He also found four other horses dead including a mare and her foal. He saw four corrals with different number of horses in each with no food and water.

The horses had eaten the weeds and grass to the ground outside the pens as far as they could reach. Live horses were in with the dead ones. One particularly bony horse just paced the fence line.

Some of the horses just milled around and a few had energy enough to try to escape the men who were trying to load them in a horse trailer.

It took officers awhile to find enough hose to get water to the horses, said Sheriff Butts. One of the water tanks had the plug out and water was hauled by bucket to another horse.

Showalter said when he went in to give one some water the horse thought he was going to take the little water he had and tried to bite him.

In a couple of the corrals where the horses were in better shape there were bales of hay. When officers checked, the hay was moldy, said Butts, and horses will not eat moldy hay.

"From the way two of the dead horses were sinking into the ground they appeared to have been dead from three to four weeks," Showalter said.

The Armknechts had moved from the house across from the corrals to a new modular house on top of the hill looking down on the corrals.

Sheriff Butts ordered the arrest of Tim Armknecht when he came home and was in the Bastille on Wednesday.

Showalter said he expected County Attorney Bonnie Selby to charge the Armknecht's each with 14 counts of animal cruelty. The Armknechts made their first court appearances Thursday afternoon.

Tim Armknecht told Butts the horses were sick and he had no money to feed them.

Showalter, Butts, Studer, Burton Pianalto, Charley Herl, Ryan Hill, who works for Herl and Gary Smith, veterinarian from Prairie-land Animal Clinic, loaded the horses into a trailer owned by Herl and took them to the animal clinic. Some of the horses loaded easily



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Burton Pianalto, Sherman County Deputy Sheriff, leads a horse trying to get it into a trailer to be transported to Prairieland Animal Clinic. Sheriff Kevin Butts helped load the animals into Charley Herl's horse trailer.

and some had to be encouraged.

Showalter said he had been interviewed by KBSL and ABC TV.

"We've had calls from all over the state," said Butts.

"Citizens have been offering from pasture land to food for the horses."

Smith said they expected the horses to recover.

They were very malnourished but not injured.

"Three of the horses were in good condition, four were in fair condition just slightly thin and three were in poor condition," Smith said.

"I am most concerned about two yearlings."

Butts said the county will pay the

vet bill and hope to recover the costs. They will petition the court for restitution.

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