

weather report

61°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 7:32 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:56 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 54 degrees
- Humidity 51 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast at 22 mph
- Barometer 29.99 inches and falling

- Record High today 89° (1989)
- Record Low today 21° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	65°
Low Monday	47°
Precipitation	—
This month	1.29
Year to date	4.50
Above normal	1.47 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Periods of showers and thunderstorms. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. High near 55, low around 40.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: High near 60, low around 38. A 20 percent chance of showers before noon. Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 68, low around 41. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 70, low around 42. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 75, low around 45. Sunday: Sunny, high near 80.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



In the pile of mixed junk called "municipal solid waste" were bicycles and old furniture. Debbie Martin, one of the volunteers who separated trash during Saturday's community cleanup, took trash to one of the dumpsters. People who

needed things hauled off put them by the curb and workers picked them up, loaded them on trailers and took it to Rasure's empty lot to be sorted.

Workers' frenzy cleans up town



Linda Knott (left), Schyler Goodwin (carrying toilet) and others helped separate trash during the Chamber of Commerce's annual community cleanup on Saturday.

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By Pat Schiefen

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Rasure Lumber's lot at Seventh and Clark was like an ant hill Saturday.

Team of workers drove pickups and trailers loaded with trash and limbs through a line so the trash could be sorted. Volunteers started grabbing things and moving them to the appropriate piles, for grass clippings and leaves, old furniture, anything metal and appliances.

Limbs went into the bucket of a front-end loader to go into a truck to go to the landfill. Anything plastic went into regular trash dumpsters, then into the trash trucks for a quick trip to the transfer station.

Small appliances went to a separate pile for recycling.

"There were 23 truckloads of limbs that went to the burn pit," said landfill supervisor Margaret Russell, adding that those loads were not weighed.

Workers collected 64,220 pounds, more than 32 tons, of other materials, she said, including 24,980 pounds of metal, 4,840 pounds of compost, 9,820 pounds of municipal solid waste which was mostly furniture, 20,600 pounds of carpet, wood and shingles and 3,908 pounds of concrete.

Goodland's annual community cleanup had been delayed a week, but Saturday the weather cooperated and the rain held off until later afternoon.

"This is one of the major events for the Goodland Chamber of Commerce," said Ken Clouse, college president and head of the Chamber beautification committee.

This was the fourth year for the cleanup. The city brought two loaders and four dump trucks, and the county brought two loaders to help load at the sorting site, across Caldwell from Rasure Lumber.

Some stacks of trash had been out several days, while other people got up early to have their junk out before

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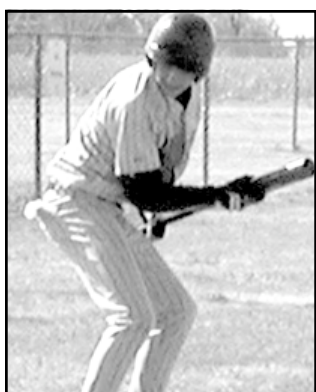
local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.77 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.80
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$3.43 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.33
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$3.18 bushel
Soybeans — \$6.27 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.34
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$7 hundredweight
Sunflowers
NuSun crop — \$16.10 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$25 (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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Cowboys lose to Redskins

Goodland High School freshman Teather Dautel bunted a ball in the fourth inning of the first game against Liberal on Friday at Memorial Field. The Cowboys lost both games, 12-6 and 13-9. See story, photo on Page 12.

Projects designed to reinvest in town

By Tom Betz

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Getting rid of unsightly houses and improving downtown businesses are the objectives of two projects approved by the Sherman County Economic Development Council on Tuesday.

A housing grant program would provide \$1,500 from council funds to help buy or demolish unsightly houses, and the front facade project would help Main Street businesses with similar grants.

A third project would establish a "work force" office in Goodland to help people looking for jobs and businesses needing workers. The nearest state job office is in Colby.

Director Tiffani McMinn said the housing grants would be an incentive to property owners.

"I think this would help remove unsightly houses," McMinn said. "We would offer a \$1,500 grant to help purchase or demolish a house. We would do two of these."

The front facade project would offer a similar grant to two businesses looking to improve their look, McMinn said.

"These would be to help those businesses who can't qualify for anything from the state," McMinn said, "and are making a living in our town."

President Don Newell said the council will have to develop criteria for those applying for the grants.

"We will set up the criteria," McMinn said. "These have to be specific and there has to be a deadline to have the project completed."

The council talked about how the applications would be judged. Member

Harlan House said they should select the best two of those who apply.

Council member Nancy Cole asked if the housing program was to help people buy older houses or to help pay to have them demolished.

Newell said it could be either. It would encourage people to fix them up or tear them down so there could be an empty lot that might encourage someone to build.

The council approved the two projects and appointed a committee to develop the criteria and review applications.

McMinn suggested a third project, to create a "work force" center in the council office to help businesses and the people looking for jobs.

"We can help businesses post information about jobs that are available," McMinn said, "and have a computer to help people look at the Colby Job Service office website."

"We need to get information out that the economic development office has his jobs opportunity."

"We have an empty office, and have been in contact with the Colby Job Service office to help provide this service to our people so they don't have to go to Colby."

McMinn said setting up the office would cost about \$3,000, but she has been offered some computer equipment.

The council agreed to pay for the three projects out of the project development budget for a total of \$9,000. McMinn said there is \$30,000 in the fund.

The development council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the basement at Western State Bank.

Promenade



Sandy Johnson and Josh Cech, both seniors, glanced at each other as the cameras started clicking during the Goodland High School Promenade at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday.

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