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## weather report

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noon Monday



### Today

• Sunset, 6:06 p.m.

### Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:36 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:07 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 39 degrees
- Humidity 32 percent
- Sky Sunny
- Winds North 30 mph, gusts 40
- Barometer 30.16 inches and rising
- Record High today 89° (1963)
- Record Low today 3° (1931)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday	54°
Low Monday	29°
Precipitation	—
This month	1.92 inches
Year to date	2.5 inches
Above average	.63 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high around 60 with a low of 35. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts of 30 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high around 68 with a low of 37. South wind of 15 mph. Thursday: Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 58 and a low near 31. Friday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high around 60 with a low of 31. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high around 60 with a low of 32. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

# Road vote today



Melting snow filled the low spots in the intersection at Eighth and Caldwell, reflecting the image of a car crossing west on Eighth. The city plans to replace the pavement with concrete to smooth

the ride and eliminate the uneven asphalt as part of the joint road rebuilding program with the county.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

By Tom Betz

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Voter will decide the joint city-county road rebuilding program today with a Yes or No on a paper ballot asking to raise the sales tax by one cent.

Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 824 Main, and officials say the answer should be known within a couple of hours after the polls close.

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the sales tax question is being done on old-fashioned paper ballots because it would have taken too long and been too expensive to set up the more modern computer counting equipment.

Early voting has been available at the county clerk's office for 10 days, and by mid Monday morning, 220 people had voted. Early voting closed at noon Monday, and she said everything was ready for today.

Asked if she had a sense of how the vote was going she said she was not sure, but agreed that a low voter turnout might mean the proposal could fail.

Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said, "This is a great opportunity for us to build for the future and take care of what we need."

"I am positive people support our plan. I am hopeful people will pass this, but I never try to outguess the

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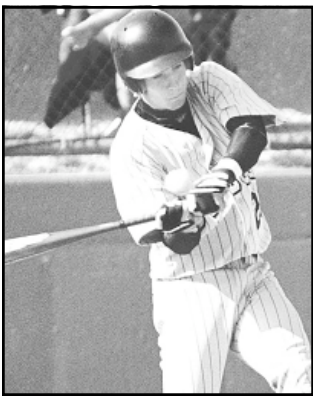
## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$3.66 bushel  
 Posted county price — \$3.60  
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
 Corn — \$1.84 bushel  
 Posted county price — \$1.85  
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 9¢  
 Milo — \$1.46 bushel  
 Soybeans — \$4.80 bushel  
 Posted county price — \$4.96  
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
 Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight  
 Sunflowers  
 Oil current crop — \$7.10 cwt.  
 NuSun crop — \$8.10  
 Confection — Call  
 Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)  
 (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

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## Baseball season opens

Derek Fenner, shown batting against Manhattan High last year in Garden City, is one of four returning seniors on the Cow-boys' roster. Goodland opens its season today in Burlington. See story, photo on Page 12.

By Pat Schiefen

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Ten horses seized by the Sherman County Sheriff's office in a cruelty case will be auctioned off on Monday at the Colby Livestock Auction. "There is an agreement by the parties that the horses be sold," said Scott Showalter, who is handling the case for the Sherman County attorney. "The proceeds go to the court to pay for the case of the horses."

The sheriff seized the horses when a man reported they were hungry and some were dead. Deputy Jason Showalter and Undersheriff Roger Studer investigated the report at the home of Tim and Shaunna Armknecht, 6975 K-27, about five miles north of Goodland.

Showalter reported finding 10 horses that, by their appearance, had no food or water for several weeks. He found four dead ones in the corals with the 10.

The officers found enough hose after hunting to get water to the animals. With some encouragement the horses were loaded into a trailer owned by Charley Herl and taken to the Prairieland Animal Clinic under the care of Gary Smith, veterinarian. Smith said the horses were malnourished but otherwise OK. The horses were moved to pasture as their condition improved.

Tim Armknecht was arrested when he came home and was taken to the Bastille. Later he posted \$5,000 bond.

The Armknechts will make their next court appearance on Monday, May 8. They will face 14 counts of animal cruelty, a Class A nonperson misdemeanor, and four counts of unlawful disposal of dead animals, an unclassified misdemeanor with a possible fine of \$100 for every 24 hours for each count.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said they had had calls from all over the state from people offering pasture and food for the horses. They did receive some money to help pay for their care.

The sale barn is at 125 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, past the railroad tracks south of U.S. 24.



Horses that will be auctioned on Monday at Colby Livestock Auction were seized at 6975 K-27, north of Goodland, by Sherman County sheriff's officers on Feb. 28 after allegedly being found without food or water.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News.

# Bowl for Kids Sake on Saturday

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Bowlers, get ready to have fun and raise some money for Big Brothers Big Sisters on Saturday at Goodland Bowladium Lanes and Cheyenne Bowl in St. Francis.

Bowling with teams of four will start at 11 a.m. and end around 7 p.m.

Bowl for Kids' Sake is the major fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman, Wallace and Cheyenne Counties.

"The money stays in the respective counties," said Dennis Daise, head of Big Brothers Big Sisters here.

Cheyenne County hopes to raise enough money for a part-time case manager.

By Monday, 31 had teams signed up for bowling in Goodland and 13 in Cheyenne County.

Last year, Daise said, there was a total of 31 teams. That will make 180 people bowling, not counting the volunteers.

Pizza Hut in Goodland is donating pizza and Goodland Coca Cola the pop for bowlers at Goodland.

In St. Francis, Bill Smith, owner of Cheyenne Bowl, provides the pizza and pop.

Last year the special bowling

event raised \$12,000, Daise said.

The money helps pay operating costs, a case manger's salary and for activities for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Daise said the agency has 47 matches between adults and kids and there is a waiting list.

Big Brothers Big Sisters calls itself the largest and oldest mentoring program in the country.

The program says it gives adults a chance to make a difference in a kid's life.

For information, call Big Brothers Big Sisters (785) 890-3665.

# Burn ban lifted

With the county soaked by melting snow, commissioners lifted the countywide burn ban Friday afternoon.

Two little skiffs of snow that fell earlier this month left the ban in place, but last Monday's 13.5-inch soaking wet snow turned the corner, officials said.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the commissioners held a special meeting Friday afternoon, and voted to lift the countywide burn ban based on the 1.73 inches of moisture Sunday and Monday.

Before the near-record snow, the county had just .78 of an inch for the year, .86 inches below normal.

With the 1.73 inches, Goodland was .82 of an inch above normal by Tuesday.

Precipitation for March was 1.92 inches, and for the year 2.5 inches. The average for March is .96 and for the year to day 1.83.

The forecast for this week is for partly cloudy days with highs in the 60s and lows around 30. There is no snow or rain expected though Sunday.