

weather report

58°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 81 degrees

• Humidity 86 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds north 12 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.09 inches

and falling

• Record High 101° (1956)

• Record Low 36° (1943)

Last 24 Hours*

High 76°

Low 59°

Precipitation .62

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, low upper 40s, winds north 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 80s, low mid 50s, light and variable winds.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: sunny, high mid 80s, low mid 50s. Friday: mostly clear, high upper 80s. Saturday: partly cloudy with chance of showers, high 80s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.70 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.68

New Crop — \$2.69

Corn — \$1.91 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.87

Loan deficiency payment — 12¢

Milo — \$1.61 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.50 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.49

Loan deficiency payment — 43¢

Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$10.10 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.45 cwt.

Posted county price. — \$9.96

Confection current — inquire

Pinto beans — \$27

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco

Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century

Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Panel says to fire priests

WASHINGTON — Roman Catholic bishops should ask the Vatican to defrock any priest who sexually abuses a child in the future, and those who molested one time in the past could continue in the ministry under certain conditions, a church panel recommended today.

Clergymen who victimized more than one child in the past also would be removed and all such violations would have to be reported to authorities.

The proposals are in a long-awaited report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, whose plan will be put to a vote when bishops from around the country meet June 13-15 in Dallas.

The committee's report leaves the bishops open to attack from those who want a sweeping zero tolerance policy, meaning the removal of all past abusers.

Big fire destroys homes

Chance for rain brings firemen hope

CAÑON CITY, Colo. (AP) — A chance of more rain and cooler weather brought hope today to firefighters battling a 4,400-acre blaze that has destroyed at least 80 homes in south-central Colorado.

Hundreds of firefighters worked to extend a containment line around the fire, which was burning through parched trees and brush in mountains south of Cañon City, about 100 miles southwest of Denver.

A strong cold front moved through the area overnight, bringing higher humidity, lower temperatures and a chance of rain, said Bureau of Land Management spokeswoman Barb Masinton.

"There's still a risk to homes," she said, "but this weather certainly is making a big difference."

The fire was 30 percent to 40 percent contained Monday night. One of several burning throughout the West, the fire forced hundreds of people out of their homes and closed Royal Gorge Park, west of Cañon City. A general store, 83 homes and several other buildings were destroyed, and up to 700 more homes were still in danger, fire officials said.

Fremont County Sheriff Ivan Middlemiss said the fire may have been started by an outdoor barbecue grill.

Four air tankers dropped fire retardant on the blaze Monday. Fire commander Kim Martin said there is stiff competition for the planes because of the number of fires burning in the West, but she said this fire remains a priority.

"As long as houses are threatened, we're competitive," Martin said.

Torched-out areas resembled a moonscape, Middlemiss said. He said charred trees and blackened houses were next to other houses with no damage.

In Las Animas County, bordering New Mexico, a 4,800-acre fire damaged at least one home and forced the evacuation of 11 ranches and three other homes near Trinidad.

Rain falls, but it's not much

Storms brought almost 2 inches of rain to Sherman County overnight, with drops still falling at midday, but the moisture won't be enough to bring rainfall in the county up to the normal level for this time of year.

Dave Thede, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Goodland, said by 7 a.m. today between 1.28 and 1.63 inches of rain had fallen in town and another .26 of an inch had collected at the weather office by 11:30 a.m.

That brought the total rainfall for the year up to about 4 inches, he said, which is still about 3 inches below normal for this time of year.

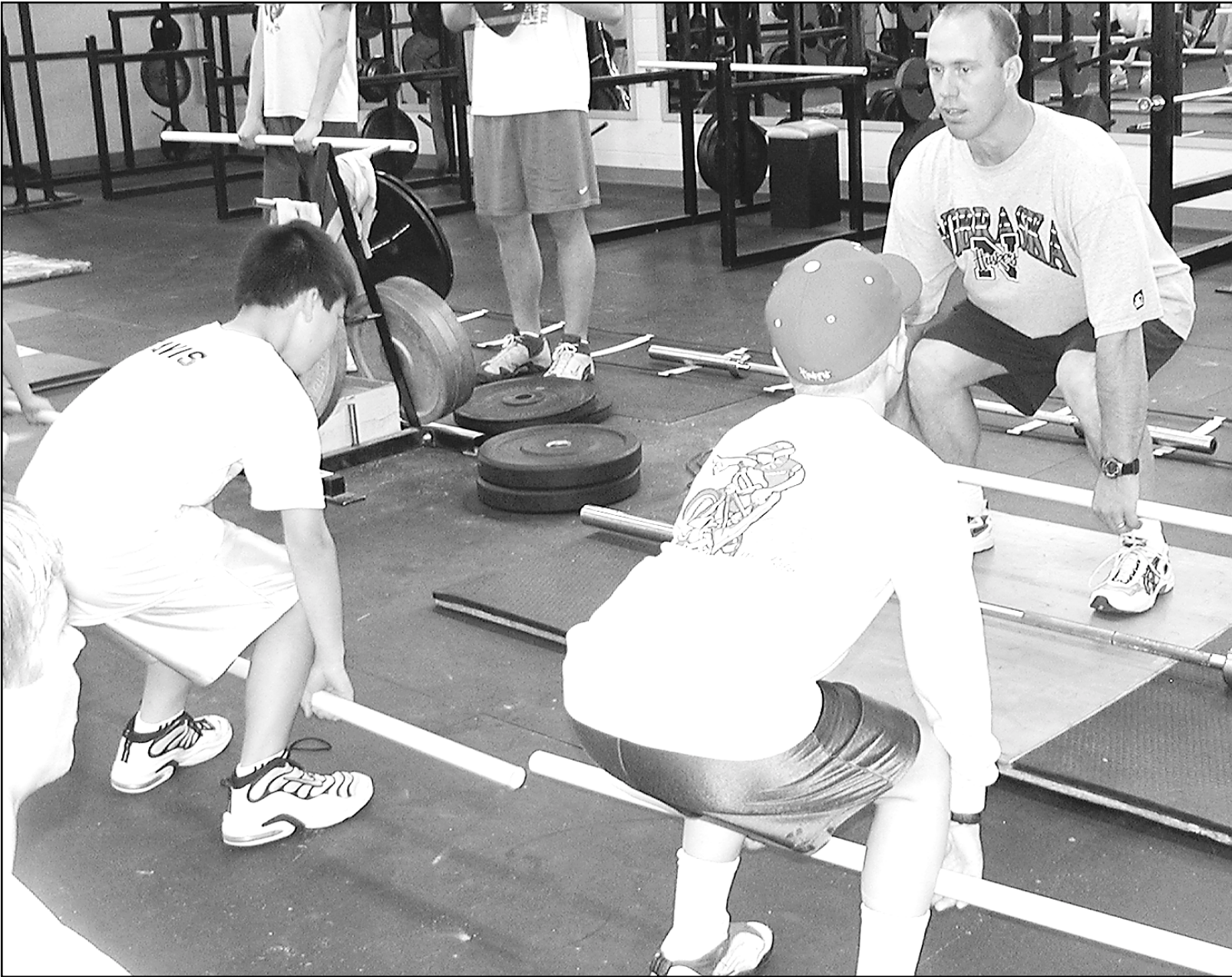
Thede said showers should continue through the day, but there shouldn't be much more rain. The system should dissipate tonight, he said, and warm, sunny weather is expected to return tomorrow, with temperatures reaching into the 90s later this week.

Thede said the combination of a cold front, a trough of low pressure over the West Coast and the jet stream produced the showers.

In past weeks, there hasn't been enough moisture in the area to feed storms that move through. Thede said it was different this time because low-level moisture off the Pacific Ocean came in behind the cold front.

He said there is a chance for more rain on Saturday.

The weather office put out a tornado watch for eastern Colorado last night and Thede said twisters were spotted in Elbert and Weld counties, but they didn't do much damage.



Aaron Deeds (top), a seventh grader at Grant Junior High, did leg squats with other junior high athletes at the Max Jones Fieldhouse gym this morning. The students used plastic pipes instead of metal weights as

part of a new strength training program to prepare them for high school sports. Tony Diehl (above), a high school teacher and the new head football coach, is running the program.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

New coach emphasizes strength

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Meet Tony Diehl, the new head coach of the Goodland Cowboys football team.

The 31-year-old is 6 feet, 2 inches tall with bluish-green eyes and short brown hair. Although he hasn't played football since college, he still likes to keep in shape.

He has taught sophomore English at Goodland High School for a year and says the most rewarding part of his job is watching the students' confidence

grow as they begin to think independently. He says it's the kids who keep him teaching.

"I think Goodland has a great group of kids here," Diehl said.

He coached Goodland's eighth grade football team last year and was special teams and strength coordinator for five years at his alma mater, MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe.

Diehl was a defensive end on MidAmerica's football team before he graduated in 1993 with a bachelor's

degree in English.

The Butler, Mo., native also played football at Missouri Southern State College, where Rod Smith, a wide receiver for the Denver Broncos, was one of his teammates. Smith has always been talented, Diehl said, but has really improved since he started playing for the Broncos.

After coaching for five years, Diehl worked as a manager for a home furnishings store and for General Electric in Olathe. Then he decided he wanted to do something to make a dif-

ference. It only seemed natural for him to pick teaching.

"I've always taught wherever I've gone," he said.

Diehl said he and his wife Tiffany, a Logan County native, got a good feeling from Goodland when he came here to interview for a teaching job.

"We're both happy to be here," he said.

Tiffany is a flight nurse with Eagle-Med, a Wichita company that has an

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Artist's pieces displayed after 35 years

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A Goodland native who has worked on his art for 35 years unveiled it Sunday at the Goodland Arts Center.

James "Rusty" Stout said he started making stained glass in high school. He says he became interested in the craft when he saw a display at the First National Bank in 1967.

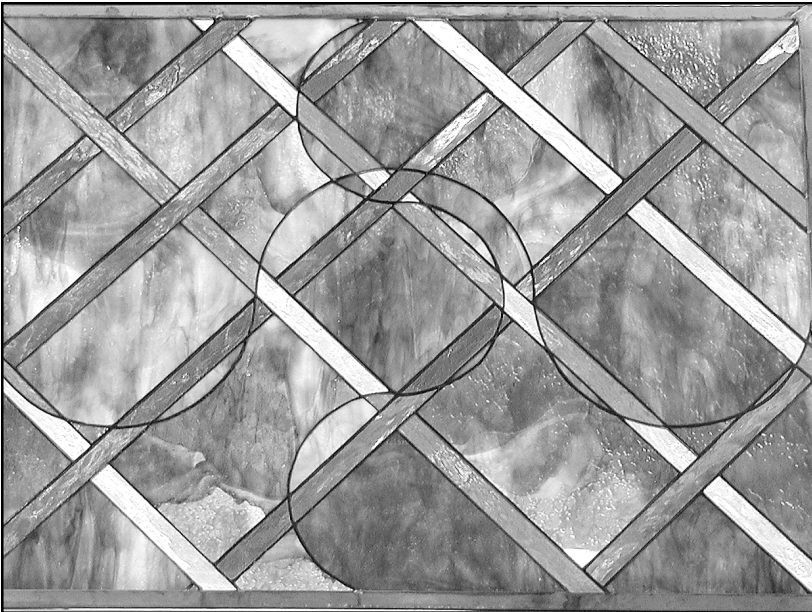
"It really got my attention," he said. "I started asking questions, and the wife of the artist showed me how to get started."

He's been working on it ever since. Stout, a 1970 Goodland High School graduate, and now a finance and accounting professor at Cornell University in Mount Vernon, Iowa, says he has done about 100 stained glass pieces in his basement workshop.

"It's hard to know exactly how many I've done," he said. "I've been doing them for a long time. Sometimes I do a bunch at a time, then it might be awhile before I do another."

Until this past year, Stout said, it has been mostly a hobby.

"I just recently started selling them," Stout said. "The idea isn't to make money, though. I just like doing it."



A stained glass painting by Rusty Stout named "Argyle" was put on display at the Goodland Arts Center on Sunday.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

The display at the center is his first public showing, but he says some of his work is in private homes, and he has done some church windows.

"I really like working with glass," Stout said.

The display will stay up until the end of June.

At the open house at the center Sunday, the Goodland Arts Council awarded \$100 to Dale Holbrook for the Sherman County Historical Society. He

won the center's "tablescapes" contest in May.

Tina Goodwin, director of the center, said 10 non-profit organizations set up table settings and visitors to the center voted for their favorite. About 260 people came to see the display, Goodwin said, and it was one of the center's biggest draws.

Holbrook's table was set with antique Japanese dishes, Goodwin said, set in the traditional Japanese style. She said Holbrook inherited the dishes from his father, who worked in Japan with Gen. Douglas MacArthur after World War II.

Holbrook immediately passed the check over to David Branda, a member of the historical society's board.

Branda said the money will go for paying bills.

The center was only able to hold the contest and award the prize money, Goodwin said, because businesses sponsored it. She said Western State Bank was the biggest donor, and other sponsors were Elliott's Furniture and the Antique Warehouse.

Goodwin said she would like to make the "tablescapes" an annual contest. "We had a lot of fun with it," she said.