

## weather report



**50°**  
noon  
Monday

### Today

• Sunset, 7:43 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
• Sunrise, 5:44 a.m.  
• Sunset, 7:44 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 48 degrees  
• Humidity 46 percent  
• Sky mostly cloudy  
• Winds north 10 mph  
• Barometer 30.36 inches  
and steady  
• Record High today 93° (1949)  
• Record Low today 35° (1907)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 56°  
Low Sunday 24°  
Precipitation none  
This month none  
Year to date 3.86  
Above normal 0.20 inches

### The Topside Forecast

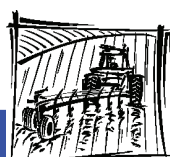
Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 69, wings out of the west at 10 mph and a low around 39. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 69, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 38.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 70 and a low around 40. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 83 and a low around 44. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 81 and a low around 43.

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## local markets

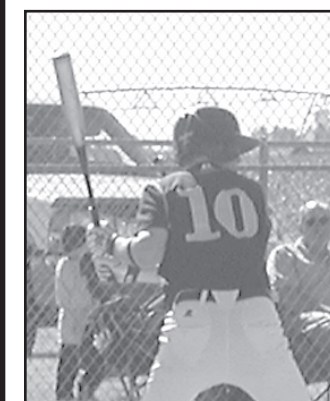


### Noon

Wheat — \$7.66 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.93  
Corn — \$6.51 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.14  
Milo — \$6.38 bushel  
Soybeans — \$12.54 bushel  
Posted county price — \$13.01  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$31.90 cwt.  
Confection — no bid  
Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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## Cowboys sweep games

Cowboy Michael Pettibone batting in the fourth inning of the first game on Thursday at Memorial Field. The Cowboys won 14-4 and 15-0. The Cowboys record is 9-5. See photos, story on Page 10.

# Congressman makes tour stop

About 20 people attended a session on Thursday at the public library with Congressman Tim Huelskamp on his tour stop to update people about the first 100 days in Washington.

Rep. Huelskamp said he wanted to give the people a quick update on his first 100 days in Washington and then take some questions from the audience.

He said when Sen. Pat Roberts was the congressman back in 1969 he felt it would be good to visit each county. Roberts said later the joke was on Jerry Moran and on me as now there are 69 counties and could be more in the next year.

"I have done about 45 of the town hall meetings so far," Huelskamp said. "I am keeping up with everyone except Moran, who is still doing them in the Senate."

Huelskamp said as a freshman member of the House in Washington the big thing was to try to change the way things happen. He said one thing the House did was change the schedule in Washington.

"We decided to have everyone get out of town for a week each month so they can go home and listen to the people," he said. "Of course, I am home every weekend. That is why you see me on a Thursday. This is part of my job."

He said one of the first things the House did was cut individual congressman budgets by 5 percent in the first week.

"People ask why we didn't cut more," he said. "We tried, but there are a lot of folks who have been there a long time who didn't want to cut anything out of their budget."

He said the House voted to repeal the President's health care plan. He said taking the



Rep. Tim Huelskamp explains the chart showing the historic national debt from World War II and what it could look like in the future unless changes are made in Washington.

Photo by Josh Harenberg/The Goodland Star-News

vote reminded him of the Huelskamp family reunion when someone gave the family genealogy and said "our 12th cousin was a guy by the name of Mark Twain."

"I am not sure what a 12th cousin is," he

said, "but Mark Twain once said 'do the right thing and it will gratify some people and astonish the rest.'"

He said he felt the vote was the right thing to do, but admitted it probably would not pass

the Senate or be signed by President Barack Obama.

"I was asked if it was as bad in Washington as I thought," he said, "and I can say Yes, and even worse."

"No matter how bad it looks this is still the best nation in the world and we are going to get through these problems."

Huelskamp went through some numbers about the budget and the debt and had a chart showing how the debt has grown over the past 70 years.

"The chart is of the debt you and I owe," he said. "The debt we are talking about is not so much impacting us as it is our children."

"The President told a group of college students not to let Congress balance the budget on your backs. I tell college kids Washington expects you to pay everything off, and today that is about \$14.3 trillion."

He said the numbers were not partisan numbers as they came from the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

The chart started out looking back to World War II and showing the size of debt compared to the size of the national economy, he said.

"After World War II they had more debt back then," he said. "Very quickly the people kept working and the economy got going again and paid that down and it stayed pretty consistent until we got this in the last few years of the prior president and the current two years we rolled up enormous debt and it is unprecedented."

"I had a few years working in Topeka and I had trouble getting used to taking about mil-

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# Huelskamp asks for ideas from audience

Congressman Tim Huelskamp gave an update on his first 100 days in Washington, and then asked those present to think if they were a newly elected member of Congress what would your first priority be.

In the crowd of about 20 John Golden said a good priority would be to reduce the debt and the way to reduce debt was by raising revenue.

"Thanks for that," said Huelskamp. "We could do that and one thing with this plan we proposed is to remove a lot of the tax credits in the tax code. We want to make it simpler and make it fairer and make

it flatter and reduce the rates and still raise the same amount of revenue and possibly even more.

"The estimate is we could produce 1 million new jobs if we just change the tax code. We could deal with regulatory reform and get the economy moving again and raise more revenue."

"The President's proposal was to raise taxes on the top one percent. If you raise taxes on the top one percent it would not fund all the deficit, and you could only do it once. Those are the folks — especially small business are the ones creating all the jobs. Historically

our nation has been spent about 18 percent on government and today it is at 23 percent and going up to 25 percent, and the income is still about 18 percent.

"Trying to raise the revenue to match the spending we will not be able to chase that."

Another lady in the audience said she was on a town hall phone call on Wednesday and they were saying Congress should not raise the debt limit no matter what. She said the country would not default if the debt limit were not raised.

"We have enough money to pay interest on our debt," she said, "and

enough money to prioritize what we are spending."

"I was wondering how you feel about this. I don't feel we have any other leverage on these people. A balanced budget amendment would take three years and they'll never do it. If we just say NO we are not going to raise the debt limit, we will fund our debt and it will force people to cut spending that is our of control."

"I am one of those people I am on Social Security, and I taught for 23 years, so a lot of my income has come through that way, but as an older person I feel we have got to save this and not do this to our

children. I think if we do this we are not going to be in the United State of America. I think our constitution is being trashed."

Rep. Huelskamp said he shared many of her concerns. He said he told the leadership in Washington he would consider raising the debt limit as long as they include a balanced budget amendment.

"Let me explain," he said. "At the federal level for every dollar they spend they borrow 42 cents. There are a lot of good programs in there. I ask if the programs are good enough

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# Northwest Tech ranked in top 10 percent in country

Northwest Kansas Technical College has been ranked as one of the top 120 colleges in the country and is in competition for a \$1 million prize from the Aspen Institute.

College President Dr. Ed Mills said he was proud to have the college included in the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, and the college will work hard to produce a good entry for the competition this year.

Dr. Mills was in Washington last week at the White House Community College Summit, and at a special event to announce the competition offered by the Aspen Institute. He said it was quite amazing to find Northwest Tech in the same group as some very large

community colleges.

"We have exciting things going on here," he said, "and it is great to see some national recognition for what we are doing."

The Aspen Institute competition will award the winning college \$1 million and will be announced in December. The focus of the competition is to focus on the value and potential of community colleges.

"We must set the bar much higher than we have in the past," said Josh Wyner, Aspen Institute College Excellence Program executive director. "To achieve excellent student outcomes, we need to highlight our country's success stories and learn from them so we can

keep reaching higher.

"Recognizing community colleges like Northwest Kansas Technical College sends a message to others who aspire to excellence, while encouraging Northwest Kansas Technical College to apply for the nation's top community college prize. As a country, now more than ever, we need all community colleges to graduate more students with the knowledge and degrees they need to be successful in the workforce."

Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden and Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, attended the Aspen Institute's announcement event on Monday, April 25th. The Aspen Prize was

announced at the White House Community College Summit hosted by President Obama and Dr. Biden in October. At that time, the President noted how critical community colleges are to the millions of youth and adult learners — who enroll in America's nearly 1,200 community colleges every year.

Dr. Biden, a lifelong educator who continues to teach English at Northern Virginia Community College, said "The country is becoming increasingly aware of the importance of community colleges in educating our way to a stronger America. I am inspired

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# Commissioners change chairman, meeting dates

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The Sherman County Commissioners at their meeting on Friday elected Larry Enfield as chairman until the end of August.

They voted to move the meetings to the second and third Tuesday of the month instead of the first and third Tuesday of the month. The commissioners will meet the last day of each month to pay bills.

After a 30 minute executive session the commissioners called Margaret Russell, supervisor at the county transfer station, to come to the courthouse.

The commissioners voted unanimously to terminate Russell.

"We are terminating you this morning," said Enfield when Russell arrived.

Russell wanted to know why.

Enfield said they could not tell her because the discussion was in executive session and by law employers in the state do not have to tell why.

Department Butch Vandiver said that a couple of current employees at the transfer station would rotate on the scales for a couple of weeks.

Vandiver said the supervisor at the transfer station has to keep good records otherwise the state will be upset.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said she didn't fee that the transfer station employees were not getting decent wages.

"Those are not pleasant jobs," she said. The county is in the process of providing uniforms and they will buy them a set of work boots a year.

Vandiver wanted the commissioners to set a dollar amount for the boots.

Strnad moved the county would pay up to \$150 for a pair of boots per year to be purchased at El Dorado.

Vandiver reported the spraying for weeds only had 40 to 50 miles left.

In other business the commissioners signed the solid waste management plan for the landfill and the transfer station.

# President announces bin Laden killed in American raid

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Sunday evening about 10:30 p.m. President Barack Obama addressed the nation to announce Osama bin Laden, Al Qaeda leader, had been killed in an American special forces raid in Pakistan.

President Obama said the plan had been in the works since August, and the special forces had pinpointed Bin Laden's hiding location in a Abbottabad compound.

President Barack Obama said Monday he thinks "we can all agree this is a good day for America."

"Our country kept its commitment to see that justice is done. The world is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden."

Osama bin Laden's body was buried at sea according to Islamic law because no country was willing or able to take his body for burial on land, senior Defense officials said on Monday.

President Obama said he gave the order for the attack on Sunday, and the American unit killed Bin Laden in that raid without any casualties to the Americans.

"Nearly 10 years ago, thousands of innocent Americans lost their lives on September 11th," said

Sen. Jerry Moran. "The momentous news of Osama bin Laden's death — al Qaeda's leader and the mastermind of those attacks — is a historic success in the War on Terror. It speaks to the resolve of our American troops and intelligence officers who have worked relentlessly for this moment."

"As a former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, I want to echo President Obama's comments tonight," said Sen. Pat Roberts. "Our Intelligence Community and our military personnel deserve our gratitude for their tireless efforts to never stop looking for Osama bin Laden, the murderous mastermind of September 11. They put their lives on the line for our country every day, and today,

all of America can be proud of their commitment and dedication. We will probably never be able to personally thank all who were responsible for ending the reign of terror of bin Laden, but we can celebrate their success and offer our appreciation for the work they do every day to keep America safe."

American units and installations have been put on high alert in case of any Al Qaeda retaliatory attacks.

President Obama said this is not the end of the War on Terror, but it is a major victory.



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