

weather report

88°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:14p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:32 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 74 degrees

• Humidity 28 percent

• Sky Mostly sunny and hot

• Winds southeast at 11 mph

• Barometer 30.02 inches

and falling

• Record High 108° (1934)

• Record Low 43° (1990)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 86°

Low 59°

Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear with temperatures in the mid 60s. South winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Increasing cloudiness with temperatures at 95-100. South winds at 15-25 mph and gusty.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Saturday: Cooler with chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s with highs in the 80s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$1.96 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.90

Loan deficiency payment — 55¢

Corn — \$1.57 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.53

Loan deficiency prmt. — 46¢

Milo — \$1.92 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.55 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.57

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.32

Millet — \$4.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$2.36

Oil new crop — \$7.00 cwt.

Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Panel blames DeBruce firm

WICHITA — Experts who investigated last year's DeBruce Grain elevator explosion said their report faults the company's management and implores the industry to improve dust-control, *The Wichita Eagle* reported.

More than seven months after the report was submitted to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the agency has not made it public.

The experts, part of a six-member panel who investigated 14 other elevator blasts in earlier work for the National Academy of Sciences, are forbidden by OSHA and a court order to release the report or discuss its specifics.

But *The Eagle* said the report contends that DeBruce disregarded safety by not performing preventive maintenance and not repairing crucial dust-collection systems.

Burned in a jiffy



A 1998 Kenworth tractor-trailer driven by Slawomir Ryglewicz, 38, caught fire as he traveled westbound on I-70 at 2:55 p.m. Monday. Ryglewicz, who was not injured, said he saw smoke and pulled over to

the right shoulder of the highway. The rear of the tractor and front of the trailer were in flames. The truck was loaded with pallets of Jiffy cake mixes.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News

Pat and Carolyn McMahon 'just clowning around'

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Clowning around. Pat and Carolyn McMahon have been doing just that for 24 years and even though they are leaving Goodland soon, they will continue clowning in Kansas.

Pat has been a teacher in the Engineering Technology department at the Northwest Kansas Technical School and Carolyn worked as volunteer coordinator for Hospice Services Inc., but they will be moving to Hutchinson at the end of July to be closer to their children. Pat be supervisor of engineering design projects for the City of Hutchinson.

In 1974, when the local Knights of Columbus was having their annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise money for retarded citizens, Pat, his daughter, Tricia and Bernie Scheopner thought it would go over better to dress up as clowns to hand out the Tootsie rolls. The Knights Tootsie Rollers Klown Club grew out of that.

Carolyn said she felt left out when she saw how much fun her husband and daughter were having, so in 1975, at her husband's suggestion, she joined them.

"If it hadn't been for Pat, I wouldn't

have started," she recalled.

Carolyn had never clowned before, but Pat had done some during his high school years. He and a friend had been rodeo clowns at the fair in Abilene, the couple's hometown.

When the Klown Club was formed, they decided they needed names for their characters. Pat said "Casey" came to mind because of the letters k and c in Knights of Columbus. Carolyn had a hard time thinking of a name and finally decided on "Nameless." But, she said, kids didn't relate to "Nameless" very well. So on Monday, June 10, 1985, Carolyn changed her name to "Kandy."

Her husband even presented her with a birth certificate.

"She came out of her shell," Pat said of her character.

The McMahons have three children, Mike, Dan and Tricia. They said their kids always supported them in their clowning. Dan and Tricia did clowning, while Mike did promotion. They all helped with loading and unloading equipment.

"It's been an important part of our marriage," Carolyn said.

Pat's clown costume has stayed much the same over the years: Overalls,



Carolyn McMahon hugs her husband Pat while they looked through a photo album of their early clowning days (left). The McMahons, dressed up as Kandy and Casey (right), touched noses.

Left, photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



coat and hat for his character, who is a hobo. To make the clothes look old, Pat said, he spun the tires on them in his driveway. He said the children sat on the porch watching him, shouting "do it again!"

Carolyn said she has always had some type of straw hat with her costume. Years ago, a man named Gary Miller, who had a real straw hat from when he played in a jazz band, gave his to her, as he saw a place it could be used.

Carolyn has changed her costume to go along with different occasions, such as the Fourth of July. She said she probably has about 10 different outfits now.

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Goodland arches won't be the same

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

Accurate orders that are cooked for you after you ask for them delivered as fast as precooked, all in an attractive, modern setting.

That is what Paul and Nancy Nelson, new owners of the Goodland McDonalds, are promising.

"Geez, some of the stories I've heard about the service," said Paul Nelson, "it just about makes me sick.

"This store was not producing the quality that McDonalds demands. A lot of the equipment is worn out and outdated."

He said he has a plan to improve the situation, and it starts with the help.

"They're mostly good kids, they just lacked direction," he said. "With the owner not being around, they just did what they wanted."

The employees have new uniforms, but, more importantly, says Nelson, they have the leadership to allow them to succeed.

"We are looking for people who want careers," he said. "McDonalds is a great place to work, with unlimited potential for advancement."

Nelson brought Mark Helms, his store manager, with him from Cheyenne, Wyo.

He said he has hired several people, but is still looking for a few more ca-

reer-minded workers to be part of his team.

Another change visitors will notice is the store of a new readout display at the drive-through. The order and price will be displayed for the customer to confirm. Nelson hopes to be able to eliminate order errors with the new system.

The equipment has already been ordered for a new "Made for you" production system that McDonalds has developed. The high-tech equipment can fully cook a burger in 39 seconds, said Nelson. There is also a machine that toasts the buns in seconds.

"You can pull up to the drive-thru and place your order," he said, "and get a fresh cooked burger on a toasted bun, all in seconds.

"It is an efficient production line that produces an incredibly delicious burger. It tastes like McDonalds did when they first started making them."

Nelson also has plans to remodel the building. Painting has already begun on the exterior. He plans to paint the inside of the restaurant, put up new wallpaper, and replace the seats.

"I remember painting my grandparents had," Nelson said. "It was a combine cutting wheat, with pheasants flying up over it.

"I would like something like that to give the store a local feel."

Nelson said his goal is to use all lo-



New owner Paul Nelson (left) and manager Mark Helms, help Stacy Owens, owner of Pirate Electric, install the new Customer Order Display system at McDonalds. The system will allow the customer to confirm their order and price as they place it.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

cal contractors, if he can. He hopes to add a playground, but says he will have to meet with the city and county to discuss plans for any additions.

Nelson said the people of Goodland and the surrounding area are the No. 1 resource that made them choose to

move here.

"We had chances to go several other places," he said. "We chose Goodland because of the work ethic and the helpful attitude the people here have."

He said they intend to support the community and the schools, especially

the elementary schools.

Nelson said their goal is to give a quality product in a fast, courteous manner.

"If you ever have bad service or problems at this restaurant, call me," he said. "I want to know. I will make it right."