

weather
report

53°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:01 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 51 degrees

• Humidity 44 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds north at 12 mph

• Barometer 30.22 inches
and falling

• Record High 87° (1958)

• Record Low 24° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High 54°

Low 21°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low near 30, north winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday: cloudy early, then becoming clear, high near 55, northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Thursday: dry, lows near 30, highs near 70

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.11 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.04

Loan deficiency payment — 41¢

Corn — \$1.52 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.54

Loan deficiency pmt. — 45¢

Milo — \$2.22 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$4

Loan deficiency payment — 89¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.52

Oil new crop — \$5.95 cwt.

Confection current — \$9 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco

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.

Irene races
out to sea

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Hurricane Irene raced out to sea today, but not before dumping nearly a foot of rain in parts of eastern North Carolina and rekindling fears of residents displaced by Hurricane Floyd a month ago.

North Carolina's third hurricane in two months churned through Florida during the weekend and up the southeast U.S. coast toward the Carolinas. Late Sunday, it turned northeast back to sea.

Irene's maximum sustained winds increased to 105 mph overnight and it accelerated its movement out into the Atlantic. Storm warnings were canceled as the storm moved away from the coast.

"Given the forecast track, the core of the hurricane should stay off the North Carolina coast," said Jack Beven, at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "It looks like it will go out to sea and will never return."

Cowgirls roll into sub-state

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Cowgirls rolled through the Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament Saturday, taking the championship and finishing the season undefeated in league play.

The varsity girls will go into the sub-state tournament with an impressive 29-5 record, and the momentum of having won the league tournament.

Goodland faced St. Francis in its first match, winning both games 15-5. The Cowgirls then faced Hoxie, and beat them 15-4, 15-9.

Next came Oberlin, with the Cowgirls winning 15-4, and 15-9.

The Cowgirls faced Colby in the first round of the championship. Goodland won 15-4 and 15-10.

That put the Cowgirls into the finals, where they faced Atwood.

Atwood took off in the first game, leading 10-4 at one point. The Cowgirls went on a ten point run, lost serve, and then scored the final point to beat Atwood 15-4.

In the second game, Goodland was in control throughout. Atwood was

aggressive and played hard, but the Cowgirls were too much for the Buffalos, and won 15-9.

Coach Jerry McKee said he is very pleased with the team. He said they are ready to go to the sub-state, which he expects to be challenge.

Concordia, which beat Goodland in last year's state tournament, has been moved to the Russell sub-state, and the Cowgirls will likely face them.

The tournament will start at 1 p.m. Saturday at Russell High School.

Goodland will face Chapman, 3-20, in their first match.

Abilene, 19-13, will play Smoky Valley, 4-18, after Goodland's match.

On the west court, Concordia, 31-2, will play Lyons, 2-23. Colby, 15-12, will play Russell, 6-16.

The winner of Goodland/Chapman will face the winner of Abilene/Smoky Valley, with the winner of that match going to the finals.

The winner of Concordia/Lyons will face the winner of Colby/Russell, with the winner of that match going to the finals, which should begin around 5 p.m.

Road and bridge bonds to be sold on Tuesday

Sherman County commissioners will learn the cost of the bonds being sold to borrow money for the old U.S. 24 and the Caruso Bridge projects when bond bids are opened at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Dave Warren of Chapman Securities will be in Goodland to handle the bid opening, and once the bids have been received, the commissioners will have to decide on the best bid.

The bonds will total \$381,000, including the \$83,000 for the county's share of the Caruso bridge replacement and \$298,000 for the first half of the cost of resurfacing old U.S. 24, the part east of Goodland.

A decision is also facing the commissioners about the liner for the new landfill. The commissioners have asked for cost figures on using a bentonite clay liner versus a soil liner.

Mark McMullen of Terranext, a consulting firm from the Denver area which is planning the landfill, has said if the plan can be submitted in the next two weeks, the state should have the plan reviewed and approved within four to six months. He is expected to provide the cost estimates.

During a previous phone conversation with the commissioners, McMullen said the bentonite liner would probably cost about 30 to 35 cents per square foot, or about \$76,000 for the first five acres. He estimated the cost of the soil liner with proper compaction to be about \$40,000.

The county has been working for the past two years to open a new landfill to replace the one northeast of the city which the state ordered closed in October 1997 because of contamination of the underground water along Sappa Creek north of town.

Over the past two years, the county has been hauling trash outside the

Crashes double in police chases

WICHITA (AP) — The number of serious traffic accidents resulting from police chases has doubled in Kansas since 1993.

Law enforcement officials say the increase may not be related to their training, but to the rise in the number of police officers on the streets.

The number of serious pursuit-related crashes in Kansas climbed from 99 in 1993 to 206 last year. There were 20 deaths and 529 injuries in 961 pursuit-related accidents through 1998.

Serious crashes are those recorded by the Kansas Department of Transportation that involve at least \$500 in damages, an injury or death.

"Pursuits are always something we monitor very stringently," said Kansas City, Kan., police spokesman George Simms.

county, with most of it being taken to the Browning Ferris Industries landfill near Garden City.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby will meet with the commissioners, and one of the items she is expected to discuss is the plan to seek applicants for the position of county administrator.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. in the commission room on the first floor of the county courthouse.

First-place finish



Sasha Lohr returned to cross country competition after injuries caused her to miss the last two meets. She placed first at Saturday's league tournament in Quinter, and earned an all league standing.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News



Ashley Hallagin slammed the ball past two Atwood defenders in the Cowgirls' 15-13 victory over the Buffalos in the championship match of the Northwest Kansas League tournament Saturday. Goodland won the second game 15-9 to take first place.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Kidnaped girl's funeral Wednesday

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — The man charged with kidnapping a 10-year-old girl whose disappearance and death captured the attention of Kansas City area residents for much of last week has been released from a hospital.

Meanwhile, funeral arrangements have been made for the victim, Pamela Butler, whose nude body was found early Friday afternoon in a wooded area near Grain Valley, Mo.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the CrossRoads Church in Kansas City, Kan., with visitation there from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, also in Kansas City, Kan.

The man charged with kidnapping the girl, Keith N. Nelson, 24, was arrested Thursday near the Kansas River and taken by helicopter to the University of Kansas Medical Center for treatment of a leg injury.

The hospital issued a statement saying he was released Sunday morning and transferred by the FBI to an area holding facility awaiting an appearance Monday before a federal magistrate.

Authorities said Nelson had suffered a fractured knee and an ankle injury in a fall the day before he was captured. He underwent surgery Friday, hours before the child's body was discovered.

Pamela had been roller-blading in front of her home late Tuesday afternoon when a man in a white pickup truck grabbed her and drove off.

Paul Wilt, a neighbor, heard the screaming of Pamela and her sister Penny and raced after the vehicle in his own car. He got close enough to write down the Missouri license plate number but lost contact.

Back at Pamela's house an older sister called police to report the kidnapping.

At 7 p.m. in Grain Valley, Shirley and Carl Condra noticed a white Ford parked behind their church that did not