

weather  
report

65°  
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:09 a.m.  
• Sunset, 5:52 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 55 degrees  
• Humidity 44 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds east 10 mph  
• Barometer 30.02 inches  
and steady  
• Record High 87° (1922)  
• Record Low 20° (1936)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 67°  
Low 41°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 40,  
southeast winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow:  
Mostly cloudy, high 60s, low 40s,  
southeast winds 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: chance of rain, high 60s,  
low 40s. Sunday and Monday:  
dry, high 60s, low 40s.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.72 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.52  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.82 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.66  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 33¢  
Milo — \$2.71 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.04 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.97  
Loan deficiency payment — 93¢  
Millet — no posted price; ask  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.30 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.45  
Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$15  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, 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.

Russell plant  
closing soon

RUSSELL (AP) — Chief Industries, the biggest employer in this central Kansas community, announced Wednesday it was relocating its recreational vehicle manufacturing facility from Russell to Bradshaw, Neb. Its King of the Road plant employs 146 people in Russell. The company said closing its Kansas plant will result in job losses for most production workers. Sales and service employees would not be affected. Some employees will move to new jobs at the Nebraska plant. Chief plans to continue operating a service center at the Russell location. “It is never pleasant to make a decision which impacts some of our long-term and loyal employees,” said Robert Eihusen, chairman and chief executive officer.

Rain slows  
work on road

K-27 project end pushed back

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

The rain last weekend may have helped farmers across Sherman County but it added a day or two to completion on the K-27 repaving project.

Hi-Plains Sand out of Kanopolis, the firm subcontracted to do the asphalt, couldn’t work Monday and Tuesday because of the rain, said Darin Neufeld, an inspector with Evans-Bierly-Hutchinson and Associates, the engineering firm which planned and supervises the job for the city.

Today the crews switched over the flow of traffic to the west side of the road, where an asphalt base has already been laid, and moved work to the east side.

“The first thing they are going to do on the east side is patch the holes that have developed,” said Neufeld.

He explained the workers will take out the current asphalt down to the original base and lay one big patch over a string of potholes in the east lane.

The patching should take a day, he said, and after that a base will be put on the east side just like it was on the west side.

The company will do everything north of I-70 first and then move south of the interstate.

If the weather holds out, said Neufeld, and if the company works weekends it might be possible for the asphalt work to be done by the beginning of November.

If the weather turns bad or the road crews don’t work weekends, he said, it will be difficult to tell when they will be done.

Work started in the end of April on K-27 with Smith Sand and Gravel Construction out of Garden City.

The original deadline for the work was Sept. 27 and Smith has to pay \$600 to the Kansas Department of Transportation for every day the workers are over the deadline.

All of the money goes into the state general fund, however, and none to the city.

Goodland is working with the state on the project.

The city submitted plans to the department of transportation and then the department selected the contractor.

The city put in \$300,000 into the grand total of \$1.3 million.

Cigarette may have  
started roadside fire

A carelessly discarded cigarette thrown from a car window may have started a grass fire this morning near South Caldwell and 19th Street.

Chris Bowman, a rural fireman, said the fire, which started in the county right-of-way, was reported at 11:07 a.m.

“The fire didn’t damage anything but

some weeds and grass,” he said.

The fire, which started on a hillside near a bridge, didn’t spread to a pasture below the right of way owned by Bud Enfield.

Enfield had been spraying the fire with a garden hose, trying to keep it under control before the fire department arrived.

Officials respond to hypothetical natural disaster

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The scene: A deadly tornado has ripped through the southern edge of Goodland about 6 p.m. on an October evening.

It wipes out many homes and nearby businesses in the Mid America Trailer Park, the Paxton Addition and the Armstrong Addition before moving east to virtually destroy Edson and strike Brewster a glancing blow.

There are many deaths, roads are clogged with debris and the radio station has been knocked out. Crews are called to action to handle the emergency and begin the recovery.

With this script, about 30 Sherman County and Goodland city officials gathered Wednesday in the basement of the Goodland Regional Medical Center for two and one-half hours to think about what must be done to react to and try to handle such a massive emergency.

“We do these exercises on an annual basis to look at the existing county emergency plans, and to see where changes and improvements can be



Fire Chief Dean Jenson (right) talked about search and rescue Wednesday to Sheriff Doug Whitson (left) Rural Fire Chief Ken Griffith, Emergency Medical Service Director Karen Hooker, Police Chief Ray Smee and Erica Arntt, a communications dispatcher.

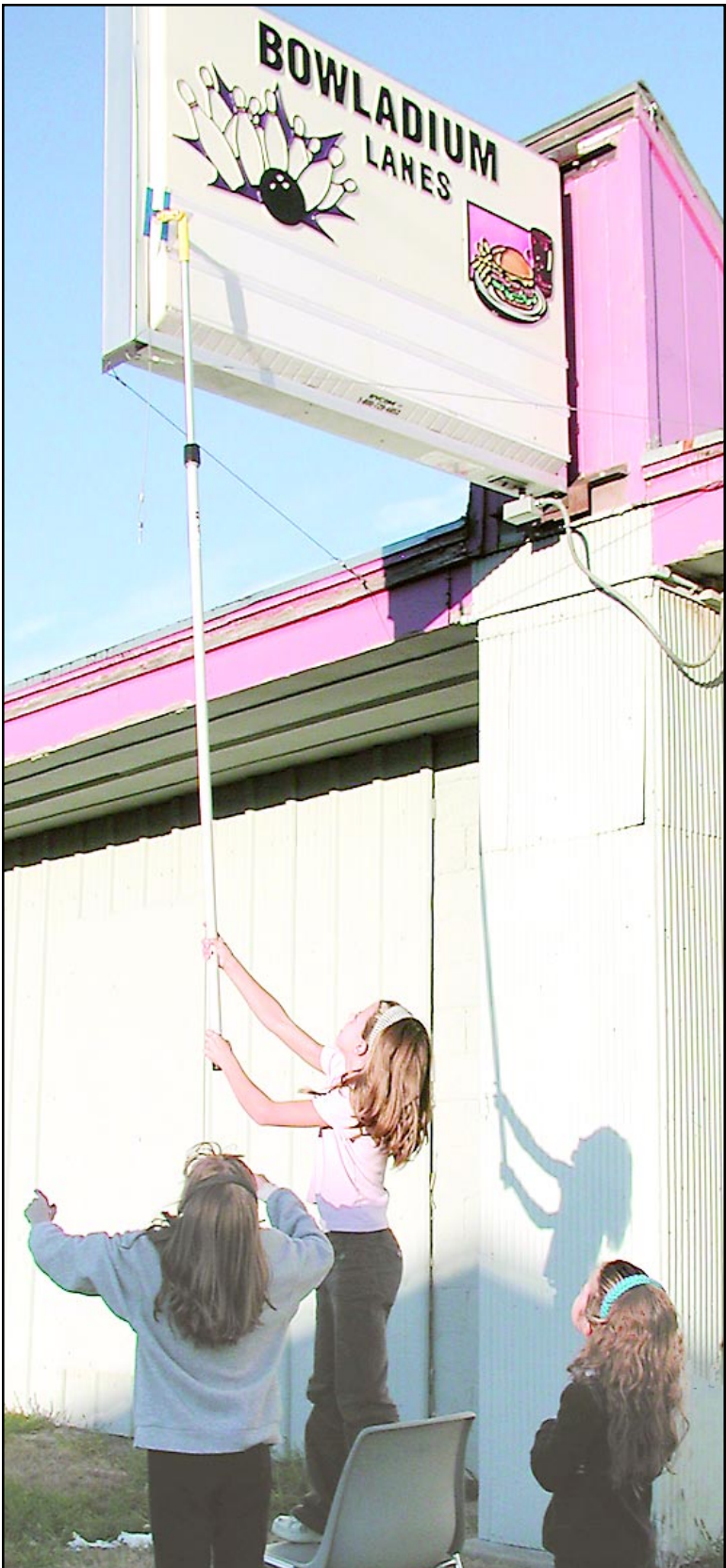
Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

made,” said Mary Messamore, Sherman County emergency management

coordinator, who organized the exercise.

There were four tables in the room, with people gathered around each one

A tall job...



Ashley Heier put a letter on the Bowladium Lanes sign Wednesday afternoon. She was directed by Amanda Amthor (left) and watched by sister Heather. They were helping Amanda’s father, Jerry Amthor, who owns the bowling alley. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Semi rolls  
and skids  
on I-70

Driver had  
one ‘wild ride’

A semi-trailer headed west on I-70 flipped into the median, skidded down the road and landed on its side in the north ditch Wednesday near Brewster, totaling the vehicle and sending the driver to the hospital in Colby.

Officials said the semi didn’t hit other vehicles. Floyd Smith, Jacksonville, Ark., the truck driver, survived the accident with some minor cuts and bruises and at first refused to be taken to the hospital.

“After he got a hotel room and things began to hurt,” said Ken Patton, Thomas County Sheriff’s deputy, “he asked for a ride to the hospital. (The wreck) was a pretty wild ride.”

Patton said Smith, 35, was westbound near the Sherman-Thomas County line about 2:18 p.m. (Central Time) when the trailer wheels caught the edge of the roadway, causing the 2000 Freightliner to flip and skid across the westbound lanes, coming to rest in the north ditch.

“The driver said he wasn’t sure what happened,” Patton said, “but a truck driver who was following saw the trailer duals drop off just before the truck flipped over.”

The semi was carrying a load of paper goods, the deputy said, and the weight was substantially lighter than normal. He said that could have been one reason why the semi flipped.

“He had about 12,000 pounds load for a gross weight of about 44,000 pounds,” said Patton.

Michael Boyles, hospital spokesman, said Smith was treated for minor injuries and released.

The accident was in Thomas County a few feet from the Sherman County line and the Thomas County Sheriff, emergency medical departments and the Kansas Highway Patrol responded.

handling a different aspect of the theoretical disaster. At one table were the law enforcement and fire chiefs, at the second the medical and funeral home representatives, at the third were the city and county public works and road and bridge representatives and at the fourth table were the city and county clerks, commissioners and the county attorney.

To assist in simulating and recording the exercise, each table was equipped with a computer which was networked with the other tables so questions could be e-mailed and answers e-mailed back. Just as in life, everything worked well until the government table tried to send an e-mail and their system crashed.

Each table had a facilitator who brought up issues for the group to handle, and keep the scenario moving. This was not the first exercise for the law enforcement and fire and emergency medical people, but it was for the county official.

“It opened a number of our eyes,”

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Farm ponds not subject  
to rules, attorney says

TOPEKA (AP) — Most farm ponds in Kansans aren’t subject to regulation under federal law, Attorney General Carla Stovall says.

Stovall has issued a legal opinion on one of the most contentious issues surrounding new water quality standards proposed for Kansas by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA proposed its tougher standards in July after settling a lawsuit filed by two Kansas environmental

groups, the state chapter of the Sierra Club and the Kansas Natural Resource Council.

Those standards would require the state to regulate lakes and ponds on private land. Many state officials and agriculture groups criticized the standards as applying standards to farm ponds used to water livestock.

However, Stovall said nearly all farm

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It’s time for a change in time

It’s fall back time once again, as the country will set its clocks back one hour this weekend, allowing for an extra hour of sleep Sunday morning.

The switch to standard time officially takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, and means the sun will rise and set earlier.

Though it will get light earlier, days will grow shorter and shorter as winter approaches.

The shortest day of the year will be on Thursday, Dec. 21, the first day of the solar winter.

After that, days will get longer un-

til it’s time to spring forward in April.

The idea has been around for decades — it was first suggested by Benjamin Franklin — but Daylight Saving Time wasn’t official throughout the U.S. until the mid-1960s.

A law passed in 1966 laid down a uniform system for all U.S. states, excluding those that didn’t want to change the time.

People in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Eastern Time Zone portion of Indiana and Arizona won’t set their clocks back this weekend.

