

weather report

92°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 75 degrees
• Humidity 27 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds calm
• Barometer 26.24 inches and steady

• Record High 107° (1963)
• Record Low 48° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High 99°
Low 64°
Precipitation 0.16 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 60-65, south wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms at night, high 90-95, low 60-65. South wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: dry, high 90-95. Monday: dry, high 90, low 60. Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms, high near 90, low 60.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.62 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.49
Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢
Corn — \$1.82 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.61
Loan deficiency payment — 37¢
Milo — \$2.89 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.20 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.01
Loan deficiency payment — 91¢
Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.60 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$6.35 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.04
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$16
(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.

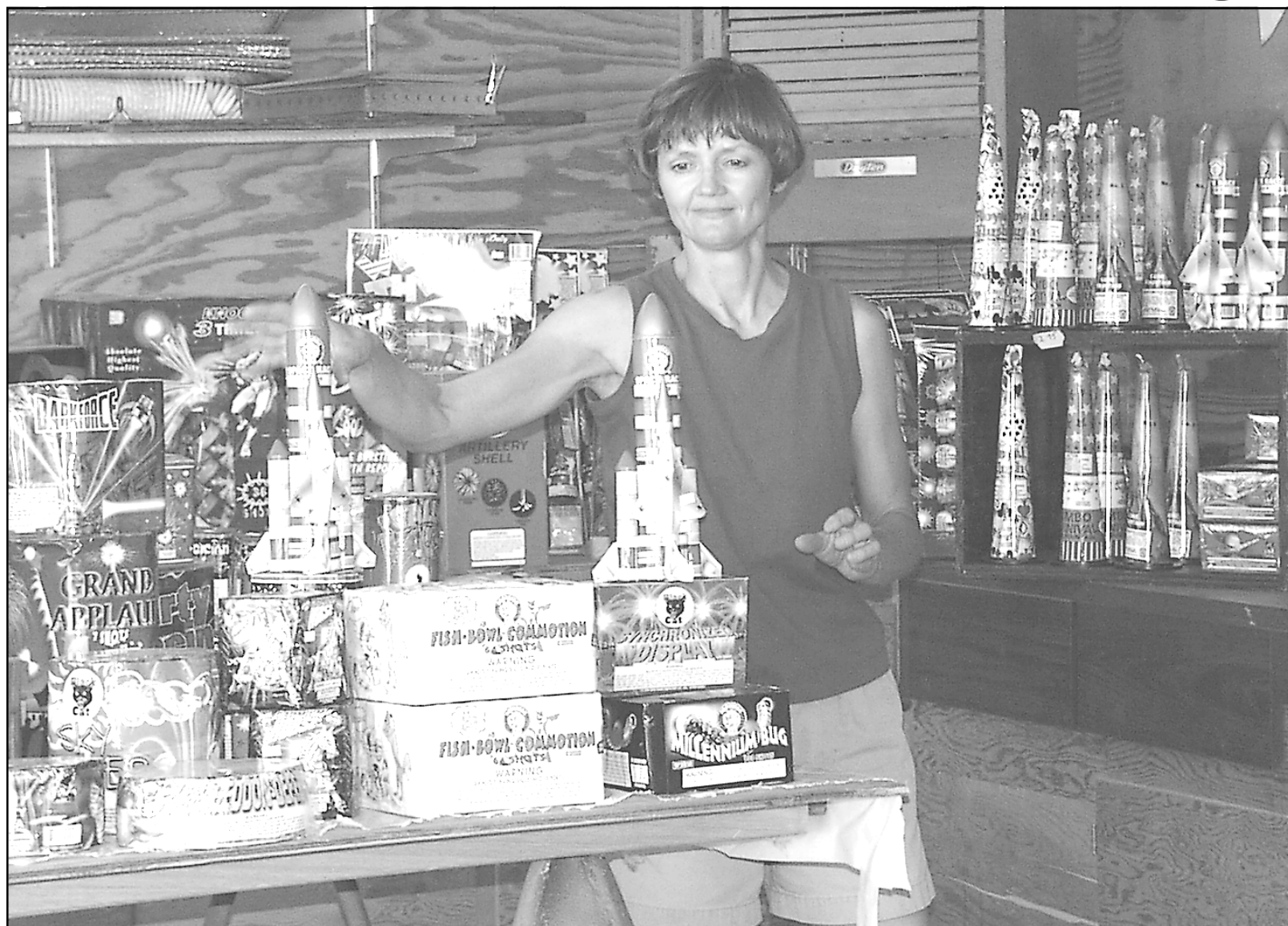
Officials won't compromise

WASHINGTON — Freed at least temporarily from a court-ordered breakup, Microsoft declared today it would not accept any settlement with the government that made changes to the company's structure.

"We don't believe that structural relief is appropriate especially in light of the Court of Appeals decision to drastically narrowing this case," Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The declaration — one day after a federal appeals court voided the ordered breakup of Microsoft — puts the company on a collision with attorneys general from the 19 states that brought the antitrust suit against the software maker. The states don't want any precondition on settlement talks and believe structural changes must remain on the table.

Fireworks family



Carol Topliff set up fireworks Wednesday at T-N-T Fireworks on her family's farm southwest of Goodland. The Topliff family has opened a fireworks stand south of Old U.S. 24 every summer for 22 years. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Family makes fireworks stand a tradition

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

One Goodland family has opened a fireworks stand every summer for 22 years.

Carol Topliff said her mother-in-law Myrna started the stand with her teen-age sons Tom and Tim in 1979. When Tom went into the Army and Tim into the Air Force in 1985, Myrna asked her son John and Carol if they would take over the stand.

Carol, a homemaker most of the year, said that from then on, their fam-

ily has shared the responsibility of setting up the stand, on the family farm southwest of town, and selling fireworks.

John Topliff, a pilot, works for Raytheon out of Wichita. He comes home to help the family with the fireworks stand but will return to work on Sunday.

John's parents, Dean and Myrna, own the farm, which produces mostly seed wheat and sunflower and corn test plots. The plots are used to test the productivity of new types of seeds in

the soil and climate conditions of this area. The Topliffs plant seeds for companies who want their new seeds tested in this area.

John and Carol have three children. Jason, 24, graduated from the University of Kansas and now works in Kansas City.

He will come home on Friday to help with the stand.

Joslin, 20, a junior at the university, is in Goodland for the summer. She teaches art classes for children at Carnegie Art Center and has managed

the fireworks stand for the last four years.

Joshua, 17, said he's always helped with the fireworks stand and remembers it being there all his life. His sister says she likes the stand.

"I like to see all the people," Joslin said.

Carol agreed that it's nice to see people come out to the country, as their farm is not usually a high-traffic area.

Joslin said the stand is a good

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Colorado youths caught driving two stolen cars

Five Colorado teen-agers allegedly stole three cars in Goodland Thursday night or early this morning, leaving two in town and driving another to Limon, Colo., where they were caught.

Police Chief Ray Smee said Goodland police recovered three stolen cars this morning, two from Goodland and one from Aurora, Colo. He said two were found parked in alleys and one on the street.

Limon officers, Smee said, recovered two stolen cars this morning, one from Goodland and one from elsewhere.

The chief said three of the youths, all under 16, were caught driving in one of the stolen cars and two in the other.

Smee said the department would have more information later. The Limon police chief was busy investigating the case.

Three firms competing to put air ambulance here

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

There seems to be growing competition to establish an air ambulance in northwest Kansas, with three firms now in the race.

Monday, the Goodland Regional Medical Center board heard a third presentation, from Air Evac out of West Plains, Mo., and today several board members were to fly to Wichita to see the Eagle Med operation.

The first presentation was by Good-

land resident Mike Skyler last fall, and Eagle Med hosted a lunch for the hospital board and the Sherman County commissioners in May.

Colin Collins, founder of Air Evac, spoke to the hospital board about his firm's plans to establish a regional fixed-wing air ambulance service in northwest Kansas.

"We come from rural Missouri, where we started a service in 1985 us-

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Chris Crutcher, an employee of Frontier Equity Exchange, scraped wheat from the corner of a truck box driven by Craig Townsend Wednesday evening at the business' Ruleton elevator. Wheat harvest in Sherman County is definitely underway. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Elevators ship grain, hire help for harvest

Workers spend weeks, months preparing

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland grain elevators have been making way for the incoming wheat crop by shipping grain out in rail cars and a couple have hired extra help to handle the harvest.

Ed Cook, manager of Collingwood Grain in Goodland, said their elevator wasn't doing anything special to prepare for harvest, but ships out corn daily and that makes room for the wheat crop.

Sometimes elevators pile wheat outside if there isn't enough room for the crop in their granaries, but Cook said Collingwood would have no ground pile or outside storage this year. He said no extra help has been hired for wheat harvest either.

"The help just stays later," he said.

Tom Stewart, operations manager at Mueller Grain, said the elevator's em-

Streets to close Monday

Detours direct cars around construction

The city is expected to post signs on Cherry Street today warning of construction that is scheduled to start Monday.

On Monday, said City Manager Ron Pickman, part of Business U.S. 24 east of Caldwell and west of Orschlen's will be closed for construction for two days. Traffic will be detoured to 19th Street and then to Caldwell.

On Thursday, the intersection of 19th Street and Cherry Street will be closed down for the rest of the project. Access routes will be established to accommodate traffic southbound from Cherry.

On Wednesday, July 11, Pickman said, Cherry will be closed from 18th Street to 19th Street. Traffic will be detoured out to K-27 and Business U.S. 24, and businesses will be accessible using U.S. 24 during the closing.

The roads will be closed until the completion of the project, which is scheduled for Aug. 15.

The Cherry Street project is designed to straighten out the road and make a new entrance into Goodland where Cherry meets Business U.S. 24. The construction will remove the old wye at 19th street.

Drainage is also being added as part of Pioneer Park, a new park that will be west of the newly erected Van Gogh sunflower painting.

"The contractors know that we want to get the road opened as quickly as possible," Pickman said. "They are going to do their best to work quickly so we can finish the project."

Crew begins repaving K-27 section

Construction began Wednesday on K-27 south of Goodland, covering 14 miles to the Sherman County line.

Donna Binning, construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Atwood, said crews will be doing a heater scarification, a process of melting and raking the asphalt, which rejuvenates old pavement. Following the heater scarification, also known as a hot recycle, a new layer of asphalt will be laid, she said.

It will not be necessary to close K-27, but the highway will be under pilot cars for about five weeks, Binning said. She said the maximum delay will be about 15 minutes, and there will be no delay on the Fourth of July, because the workers will have the holiday off.

The work is expected to hold K-27 south of town in good shape until the road can be rebuilt over the next few years.

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