

**weather report**

**78°**  
at noon



**Today**  
• Sunset, 8:07 p.m.  
**Tomorrow**  
• Sunrise, 5:40 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
• Soil Temperature 76 degrees  
• Humidity 66 percent  
• Sky mostly sunny  
• Winds light and variable  
• Barometer 30.02 inches and falling  
• Record High 110° (1940)  
• Record Low 54° (1996)

**Last 24 Hours\***  
High 95°  
Low 62°  
Precipitation 1.39 inches

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**  
Tonight: Cloudy, 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 65, light wind. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 85, low 60.

**Extended Forecast**  
Thursday and Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s, low 60s. Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**  
Wheat — \$2.69 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.55  
Corn — \$2.00 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.81  
Loan deficiency payment — 18¢  
Milo — \$3.21 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.59 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.41  
Loan deficiency payment — 51¢  
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$8.30 cwt.  
Oil new crop — \$6.95  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 96¢  
Confection current — no bid  
Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop)  
(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. Bush wants peace quickly**

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Yugoslavia — President Bush ventured into Serbia's recovering Kosovo province today, telling U.S. troops he hopes to speed the day when peace is self-sustaining here and they can go home. The president brought a defense spending bill passed by Congress that includes \$1.9 billion to boost pay, benefits and health care for American troops. He signed it before hundreds of cheering soldiers in green camouflage fatigues. Bush told the troops of Camp Bondsteel that their mission in Kosovo is vital to block those who use religious and ethnic differences as "a license to kill." "Our goal is to hasten the day when peace is self-sustaining, when local democratically elected authorities can assume full responsibility, and when NATO forces can go home," Bush said to cheers.

## Board picks air ambulance firm

*Wichita company may bring plane here in April, hire locals to run service*

By Reaghan Smith

*The Goodland Daily News*  
After reviewing their options, the Goodland Regional Medical Center board on Monday decided to ask Eagle-Med, a Wichita air ambulance firm, to come to Goodland.

But, while Goodland has extended its hand, Eagle-Med hasn't taken it yet and could still decide to put the air ambulance service in Colby. Eagle-Med representatives, who attended the regular meeting, said, however, that they prefer Goodland because of location and similar goals.

If the company decides to come here, the air ambulance plane will arrive in April and before that local people will be hired and trained to operate the service. The service would mean faster flights out of this area, as air ambulances now have to travel from Wichita or Denver to pick up patients here.

The board and others, including City Manager Ron Pickman, city Commissioner Chuck Lutters and Mayor Tom Rohr, listened to a presentation by Don McElroy, program manager for Eagle-Med.

Board members said they picked Eagle-Med over AirEvac, an air ambulance company from Missouri, because of the company's reputation and the fact it is established in Kansas. AirEvac has said it will not put a competing service in northwest Kansas if Eagle-Med decides to come.

McElroy said Eagle-Med is an air medical transport system owned by Ballard Aviation. The company, he said, has been flying air medical transports since 1981, and is licensed in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas and Colorado.

He said Eagle-Med currently has four planes in

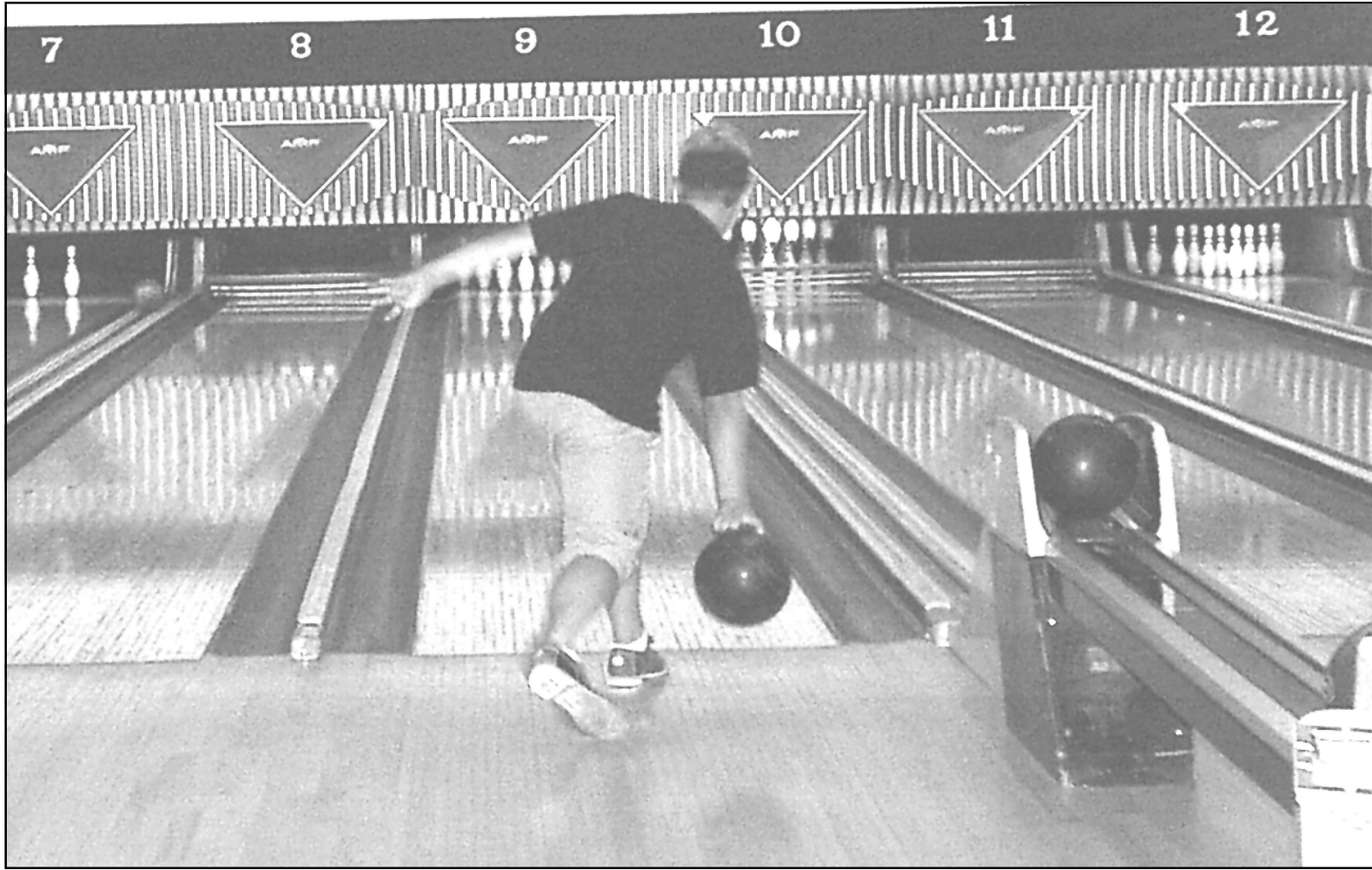
Kansas, including ones in Hays, Garden City, Wichita and Dodge City. The company, McElroy said, is looking to expand into western Kansas, due to the need, and also to expand their coverage into Colorado.

Eagle-Med, he said, plans to hire local people to help fill the crew positions. AirEvac said it would bring in its own workers.

McElroy said each plane has a crew consisting of one pilot, Eagle-Med provided, one nurse and

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## Tips from a pro



Tyler Anderson from Goodland practiced the bowling tips he learned from pro bowler Rick Steelsmith of Wichita Saturday at the Bowladium. Steelsmith gave lessons to anyone who wanted them.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

## Professional bowler offers advice

By Sharon Corcoran

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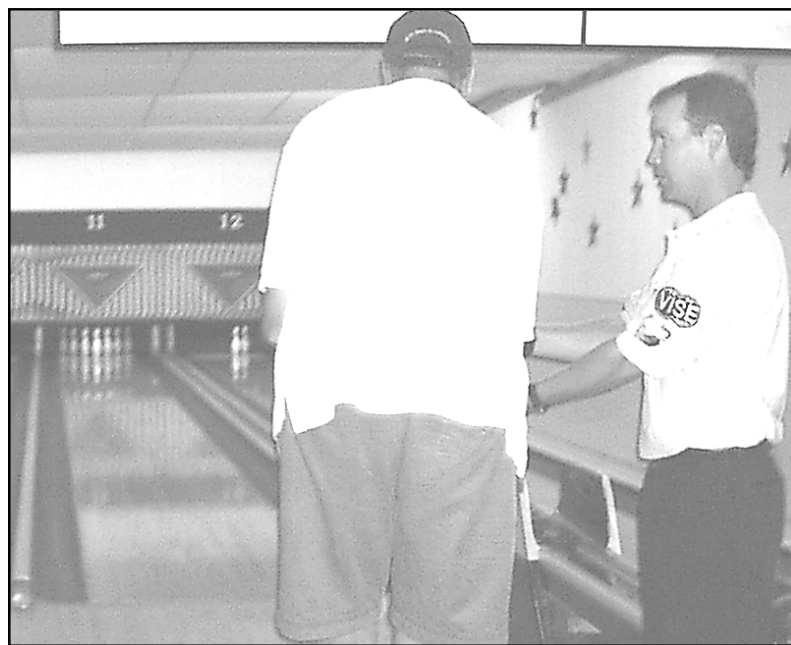
Rick Steelsmith, a professional bowler, spent Saturday evening at the Bowladium in Goodland teaching local bowlers his skills.

Steelsmith is a good friend of Kurt Minner, a professional golfer, and was staying with Minner and his wife Leslie here in Goodland.

Leslie Minner said the two are always giving each other lessons in their respective sports. This time, however, Steelsmith, from Wichita, decided to open his lesson to anyone who is interested in bowling.

Steelsmith held a paid workshop at the Bowladium from 4 to 6 p.m., teaching local bowlers the proper way to bowl. Young and old bowlers came for tips, while others came to watch.

The pro said starting off right is 90 percent of the battle. He told the bowlers to imagine a string is tied from the ring finger on the hand they hold the ball in to the foot on the same side of their body. The hand with the ball and the foot on the same side of the body should move together, he said, in order to get the timing right. "If you don't do the right things at



Pro bowler Rick Steelsmith from Wichita gave tips to his friend, pro golfer Kurt Minner, Saturday at the Bowladium.

the very beginning," he said, "it's hard to do the right things in the end." Only six parts of your body need to move, the pro told his students: Your feet, hips and legs, and your wrist, arm that swings with the ball and other arm for balance. He said the rest of your body should stay in a straight line and remain relatively motionless. "A lot of people have never been taught the right things to do," he said. Steelsmith told the bowlers their

starting position will change for spare shooting, depending on which pin they need to hit. He talked to the students about learning to control the ball, or getting it to hook as much or as little as they want.

"That's the main difference between amateur bowlers and professionals," he said. "The guys on the tour have a really good sense of how to make the ball do things — how to control the ball."

After these lessons, the bowlers went to the lanes to apply Steelsmith's tips. He worked with each bowler to correct their individual quirks.

After the lessons, most of the bowlers agreed the suggestions helped, but said they knew they would have trouble changing their way of bowling.

"The suggestions helped," Nancy Kear said. "But it's going to be hard to get used to. We all have bad habits."

"I never had anyone tell me anything about how to bowl," said Larry Minner, Kurt's father. "He gave me a better sense of balance."

Leslie Minner said, "I didn't know how out of sync I was. He really helped me with my balance."

## Night sky fireball

### stirs some

*Emergency centers flooded with calls*

POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — James Mennig's story of what he saw in the sky was so incredible his own mother didn't believe him.

To him, the bright lights looked like a plane engulfed in flames.

But authorities said it was likely a meteor shower or a different type of natural phenomenon known as a fireball or "bolide."

"It was about the size of that Jeep Cherokee," the 22-year-old Pottsville resident said Monday evening, pointing to a parked vehicle.

Similar sightings were reported throughout the Northeast, with people from Virginia to New York saying they saw lights in the sky and heard loud noises.

"This is a natural event, which is called a bolide or a fireball. It is similar to the shooting stars you see sporadically at night in its appearance, but as far as the physical nature of this object is concerned it's quite different from the periodic meteor showers we get," U.S. Naval Observatory spokesman Geoff Chester said.

"This is a random piece of rock that happened to have the misfortune of being in the same part of space occupied by the Earth at the same time," he said. "In this particular case, the Earth won."

In Buffalo, N.Y., National Weather Service observers received reports of a bright meteor in western and southern New York state.

"We got our first call at about 6:25 p.m.," meteorologist Dave Sage said. "Then the calls just started coming in."

In Wellsboro, a town in the northern Pennsylvania mountains, Patrick Kane was on a porch with friends about 6:30 p.m. when they saw a bright yellow streak move rapidly across the sky.

Kane said the bright yellow streak was trailed by a long plume of white smoke.

Less than a minute after the fireball was gone, a loud boom shook the windows, Kane said.

"It almost sounded like when you're at the fireworks and they send out the one to just kind of make noise," he said.

At McGuire Air Force Base in Wrightstown, N.J., Airman Sharon Carpenter was on break around 6 p.m. in the air traffic control tower when she looked up and saw an orange streak north of the base.

In less than a second, the westbound streak was gone, and seen by no other air traffic or radar controllers in the tower.

"I spent the rest of the night trying to prove to them that I wasn't going crazy," Carpenter said.

Alexander Wolszczan, an astronomy professor at Pennsylvania State University, said that the shaking that people felt could have resulted from a sound wave produced by a meteor breaking apart in the atmosphere.

Normally, a meteor shower is a silent event, he said, but large meteors can create concussive sound waves or even hit the earth.

Often, meteors are hundreds of feet in diameter before the rock burns up in the atmosphere, he said.

## Driver of truck woman fell out of was not drunk

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

Officers say the Goodland man driving the pickup Janice Calkins fell out of early Sunday morning, receiving a fatal blow to her head, had been drinking, but wasn't drunk.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said officers gave George Bauman, who most call "Joe," a blood-alcohol test on Sunday after the accident, which happened at 3 a.m. at the intersection of County

Road 21 and Old U.S. 24, east of Goodland.

Whitson said results showed Bauman had been drinking, but the blood-alcohol level in his body was well below the .08 legal limit, which officers use to determine whether someone is driving drunk.

Because Bauman was not legally drunk, the sheriff said, officers let him go and he will not be charged with any crime.

Whitson said a coroner investigator in Denver, where an air ambulance took Calkins after the accident, tested the blood-alcohol level of the 34-year-old mother of three, but the results are not available yet.

Bauman and Calkins, who both live in Goodland, were turning east onto Old U.S. 24 from County Road 21, east of the city, when the 1991 pickup's passenger door swung open and Calkins fell out, hitting her head on the pave-

ment. An ambulance took her to the Goodland Regional Medical Center, where she was flown to St. Anthony's Central Hospital about 6 a.m.

Calkins, who left behind three children, was pronounced brain dead on Monday morning. No funeral arrangements have been made and at press time the family had not contacted either funeral home in Goodland.