


weather report

66°  
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:16 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:54 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 66 degrees

• Humidity 26 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds south southwest 20-29

• Barometer 29.92 inches and falling

• Record High 93° (1996)

• Record Low 22° (1948)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 63°

Low 31°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, chance of rain, low 35-40, wind southwest 10-20. Tomorrow: cloudy, chance of rain, high 50s, low 30-35, wind northwest 20-30.

Extended Forecast


Saturday and Sunday: cloudy, chance of rain, high mid 60s, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.52 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.44

Loan deficiency payment — 8¢

Corn — \$2.03 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.80

Loan deficiency payment — 19¢

Milo — \$1.68 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.38 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.80

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.12

Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.35 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.54

Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$19 (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.

FBI launches investigation

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Federal officials said they have launched a criminal investigation into the source of anthrax contamination at a supermarket tabloid after learning a third employee was exposed.

The announcement marked the most declarative statement yet about an anthrax investigation that comes as the nation is on a heightened terrorism alert. Officials have hinted that it could turn into a criminal investigation but never have been so assertive about the direction of the probe.

The bacteria has already killed one man and put a co-worker in the hospital, prompting widespread concern about bioterrorism. But the FBI said there was no evidence linking the anthrax to a terrorist group.

A 35-year-old woman tested positive for anthrax Wednesday.

# Attacks continue on month mark

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Heavy explosions rocked Kabul’s airport today in the first daylight raids on the capital, and bursts of Taliban anti-aircraft fire rang out during the fifth day of U.S. airstrikes on Afghanistan.

In neighboring Pakistan, government officials acknowledged for the first time that U.S. personnel were on the ground, military planes were arriving and the Americans had been granted use of two key air bases.

Raids earlier today targeted a compound where followers of Osama bin Laden had lived near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

Also hit was a munitions dump, and the resulting huge explosions sent many Kandahar residents racing for the Pakistani border.

“People ran without looking back,” said Abdul Gharrar, arriving at the Chaman border crossing.

During the night, U.S. planes struck again around Kabul, and a huge fireball illuminated the blackened sky south of the city in the direction of Rishkore, a training base of bin Laden’s al-Qaida terror network. The camp has been empty for months, but the infrastructure including

buildings, training facilities and offices remains.

Detonations were also heard east of Kabul near a military academy and artillery batteries targeted the previous night. Residents of Chaman saw huge flashes and fireballs from the Kandahar region, about 70 miles away, signaling a new round of bombings there as well.

Afghanistan’s ruling Taliban militia said at least 115 people had been killed nationwide in overnight strikes late Wednesday and early today, including 15 killed when a missile struck a mosque in the northeastern city Jalalabad. Wednesday night saw the heaviest bombardment yet of Kabul.

The casualty claims could not be independently confirmed.

The head of the British armed forces, Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, said U.S.-led military action in Afghanistan could go on as long as until next summer, unless the Taliban surrender bin Laden to face trial in connection with the terror attacks on the United States one month ago.

If the Taliban hand over bin Laden and stop sheltering terror networks, the offensive could end quickly, he said.

“It could be a very short haul ... (or) we must expect to go through the winter and into next summer at the very least,” Boyce said in London.

The Kabul strike today caught many by surprise. Residents — accustomed to raids beginning well after dark — were in the streets, many shopping for their evening meal. Once the attack began at 5:30 p.m., panicked civilians fled on any transport they could find, some jumping onto the backs of bicycles of people riding away. About four hours later, the planes returned for the evening strikes.

International aid workers in Afghanistan once again ran into trouble with the Taliban. The World Food Program said in Islamabad that Taliban had halted a convoy of relief supplies headed from Pakistan to the western city Herat and demanded a large “road tax.”

“We refused,” spokesman Francesco Luna said. The standoff remained unresolved by the afternoon.

A day earlier, the United Nations reported that some Afghan nationals working for U.N. agencies had been beaten up by Taliban loyalists in several

cities.

Pakistan said that in the influx of U.S. military personnel, more than 15 U.S. aircraft, including C-130 transport planes, arrived over the past two days at a base at Jacobabad, 300 miles northeast of Karachi and about 150 miles from the Afghan border.

Government spokesman Anwar Mehmood said the personnel were not combat forces and would not use Pakistani territory for launching any attack on Afghanistan. A Pakistani official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. forces would be allowed to use air bases — including Jacobabad and a base at Pasani, west of Karachi — to carry out recovery operations.

The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, when asked about the reports of arriving U.S. personnel, replied: “When the Americans enter Afghanistan, here will start the real war — not now.”

Meanwhile, the alliance of Afghan opposition forces said today it had taken the key central province of Gur after heavy fighting with Taliban forces during the night.

## Plant fire did little damage

### Elevator continues to accept sunflowers

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
*The Goodland Daily News*

After smoldering sunflowers kept firefighters busy for over four hours Tuesday at the Sigco Sun elevator in Edson — right in the middle of fall harvest — the elevator started accepting loads from farmers Wednesday.

A bearing in a pulley inside the elevator got stuck and caught on fire Tuesday afternoon. The pulley had continued up the leg, taking the fire with it and causing hot spots throughout the sunflowers.

The Sherman County Rural Fire Department was called to the scene at about 12:30 p.m. and was joined by the Brewster and Goodland fire departments.

Firefighters sprayed water and foam into the leg from the top and bottom of the elevator, finally snuffing the blaze at 4:30 p.m.

Sigco Sun Manager John Bontjes did not return calls on Tuesday or Wednesday but relayed a message through an employee today that the fire was not as bad as it looked.

All of the smoke was smoldering sunflower dust, Bontjes told the employee, and looked a lot worse than it really was.

There was just a little water damage to the elevator, the employee said, and it was confined to the receiving leg. The value of the damage has not been determined yet.



An asphalt truck rolled over Wednesday morning after hitting the right rear of a water truck about 7 miles north of Goodland on K-27. The truck was totaled, but no one was injured in the accident.  
Photo by Bill Wagoner / The Goodland Daily News

## Accidents hurt driver, tip asphalt truck

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Daily News*

There were two accidents north of Goodland on Wednesday morning. One was a near head-on collision that injured a driver, and the second resulted in the rollover of an asphalt truck on K-27.

The first accident was at 7:15 a.m. on County Road 25, south of the intersection with County Road 76, northeast of Goodland. Two vehicles crested a hill at the same time and collided nearly head-on.

Lacy Stephens, 16, rural Goodland, was driving south in a 1989

Oldsmobile Cutlass, when she collided with the northbound 1981 Toyota Corolla driven by Ramiro Lazo, Sr., 41, Goodland.

Lazo was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center by ambulance and transported to Hays Medical Center for surgery on his arms. Stephens was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center by private automobile, and was admitted for overnight observation.

Stephens had her 11-year-old brother in the car as a passenger, but he was not injured.

Both vehicles were totaled and

towed by Kleine’s Wrecking.

Sherman County Undersheriff Kevin Butts said the accident is still under investigation, and Lazo was driving with a suspended license.

The second accident was at 10:34 a.m. about 7 miles north of Goodland on K-27. It involved an asphalt truck from DKW Enterprises of Ulysses, driven by Paul W. Hamilton, 20, of Grinnell, and a water truck from Sporer Land Development of Oakley, driven by Robert E. Wyels, 44.

Both trucks were southbound when the water truck started making a left turn into a construction area. The as-

phalt truck was attempting to pass the water truck on the left, when the driver realized the water truck was turning left and he swerved to miss it.

The asphalt truck clipped the right rear of the water truck, went off the road and overturned, landing in the west ditch.

There were no injuries and the asphalt truck was towed by McB’s Wrecking.

The asphalt truck was totaled, and the water truck had damage to the right rear, but there was no estimate of the cost. State Trooper Dave Albers handled the accident investigation.

## Group plans to haunt storm shelter

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Daily News*

Schylar Goodwin, president of the Goodland Development Corporation, said the group has found a location for a Halloween haunted house, and is now looking for volunteers to help decorate.

Goodwin asked the county commissioners last week if the corporation could use the 4-H building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds for the house, but the commissioners said they felt it wasn’t an adequate location.

He said the haunted house will be set up in the storm shelter underneath the student union at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Goodwin said the haunted house will be open Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27, from 7-10 p.m. and on Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 7-9 p.m.

As a way to help the Genesis food project, Goodwin said, the cost of going through the haunted house will be canned goods or non-perishable food products. Genesis collects food, toys and other items for families in Sherman County.

“We are getting the insurance and are now looking for people to help volunteer to set up the haunted house,”



As Halloween approaches, goulish creatures are starting to decorate yards and walkways around town, including the Borgmanns’ yard at 623 W. 16th.  
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Goodwin said. “We need people to help or to donate supplies, props, wood, black cloth, costumes, mannequins and black lights to name a few.”

If you have something to donate or want to help, call Goodwin at 899-2342 during the day or 899-6200 in the evening.

## Stovall takes poll to test support for nomination

TOPEKA (AP) — Attorney General Carla Stovall, considering a bid for the Republican nomination for governor, says she’s taken a poll gauging her support.

The poll of likely GOP voters was done in late September by Neil Newhouse, the pollers used by two other Kansas Republicans, Gov. Bill Graves and Sen. Pat Roberts.

While declining to discuss the results, Stovall indicated they were encouraging.

“I’m still interested in the governor’s race, so I guess you could put two and two together,” she told The Topeka Capital-Journal.

The newspaper said sources who have seen the poll said it showed Stovall leading the pack of declared and potential Republican candidates.

So far, House Speaker Kent Glasscock, R-Manhattan, state Treasurer Tim Shallenburger and Shawnee County Treasurer Rita

Cline have announced their candidacies for the GOP nomination.

Considering entering the race, besides Stovall, are Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, Senate President Dave Kerr of Hutchinson and former state GOP Chairman David Miller.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington brought about some major changes in the jockeying for position in next year’s Kansas governor’s race. Graves is completing his second term and can’t run again, and Rep. Jerry Moran was considering giving up his seat in the U.S. House to enter the race.

But Morgan said the terrorist attacks changed his mind, and that he would seek re-election to his seat in the 1st District.

Stovall, meanwhile, announced a year ago that she planned to leave politics when she completes her second term as attorney general and enter private practice.