



**High winds howled all day in Perkins County last Thursday, Oct. 18, creating low visibility and dangerous situations. Motorists were warned not to travel west on Highway 23. Highway 26 was closed from Ogallala to Lewellen and Interstate 80 was closed from Big Springs to Wyoming. Waves on Lake McConaughy were reported at six to eight feet high. Destructive wildfires in Keith and Perkins County were challenging to area firefighters who fought out-of-control blazes all afternoon. Extreme drought conditions continue throughout southwest Nebraska. (Photos by Jan Rahn and Shari Friedel)**



