

**weather report**

**47°**  
at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 4:53 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:54 p.m.

**Middy Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 10 mph
- Barometer 30.01 inches and falling
- Record High 73° (1950)
- Record Low -13° (1935)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 54°  
Low 16°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Partly cloudy; low mid 20s; winds south 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy; dry; high mid 40s; winds southwest 5-15 mph; low 20-25.

**Extended Forecast**

Saturday through Monday. Saturday and Sunday: dry; high 40-45; low 20-25. Monday: chance for rain or snow; high 40; low 20-25. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.29 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$ 2.13
  - Loan deficiency payment — 32¢
  - Corn — \$1.73 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.83
  - Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
  - Milo — \$2.69 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$4.26 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.25
  - Loan deficiency payment — 64¢
  - Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$6.20 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.80
  - Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**afternoon wire**

Late news from the Associated Press

**1 p.m. Interceptor misses target**

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said today it may take several weeks to determine why a prototype missile interceptor failed to hit its target over the Pacific Ocean. Up to the expected moment of impact Tuesday night, the interceptor appeared to be on track to the target, a mock warhead launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Pentagon spokeswoman Cheryl Irwin said today. "It was extremely close," she said. But there was no immediate indication of what went wrong. The interceptor designed to destroy a missile by ramming it head-on, was launched from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands about 20 minutes after the target lifted off from Vandenberg. White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said it was too soon to say what impact the failure would have on the decision whether to move forward with the program.

## Millions more dollars linked to Colby suicide

By **PATTY DECKER**

*Free Press Editor*

In addition to the \$3.75 million seized in Colby Friday, more than \$5 million was found in a Fort Collins, Colo., storage locker linked to the convicted drug dealer who shot and killed himself here, according to *Denver Post* staff writers Marilyn Robinson and Kit Miniclier.

The article in today's *Post* also said the money in the Fort Collins locker apparently spurred Robert Henry Golding's trip east. However, after local law enforcement officials in Colby stopped the vehicle he was traveling in for a routine traffic violation and subsequent search, Golding shot himself in the head. Details of the raid on the storage locker were not disclosed, but sources confirmed the \$5 million figure.

In addition to Golding being sought by U.S. Marshals for nearly six years as a parole violator, the *Denver Post* reported that Golding was arrested in Denver last August on drug charges under another name, but disappeared before a fingerprint check revealed his true identity. He also had been arrested three months earlier in Hawaii under the same assumed name, authorities told the *Post*.

"By the time they connected it, it was too late, he was long gone," said Dawn Gregory, a supervisor with the U.S. Marshal's office in Austin, Texas. "He probably had 50 aliases."

Golding was convicted in March 1985 in Austin for distribution of drugs, possession of a fraudulent passport and income-tax evasion and was sentenced to 10 years in a federal prison. He was paroled in March 1994 and had been sought since May of 1994 as

a parole violator, marshals told the *Denver Post*.

Officials at the DEA, U.S. Attorney's Office and Fort Collins Police Department declined to comment.

Justin DeBusk, 26, of Katy, Texas, was the driver of the vehicle that Colby Police Officer Scott Sitton stopped Friday night. The vehicle was a rented maroon 1999 Taurus from Denver.

The events leading to Golding's suicide started when Sitton stopped the vehicle for an illegal U-turn just north of the Village Inn at the eastbound on-ramp of I-70.

After stopping the car, the officer asked to search the vehicle because DeBusk was acting nervous.

From inside the vehicle, the driver released the trunk, and Sitton went back and looked through it, locating a large blue duffel bag. As he felt the exterior of the bag, Colby Police Chief Randall Jones said, Sitton reported that items in it felt like bricks, which is common packaging for marijuana and other drugs.

After that, Sitton then approached the driver again and asked him to step out. The driver stepped out of the vehicle and Sitton did a quick "pat down" search, then asking him to step to the rear of the vehicle where Sitton inquired about the duffel bag and its contents as the bag was locked.

"It's not mine, it belongs to the other guy," DeBusk told Sitton.

Sitton then asked the driver to stand back next to his patrol car and as DeBusk was doing that Sitton approached the passenger. As he was walking up, Sitton asked Golding to step out.

At this point, according to Jones, as Golding stepped out and stood up from his passenger seat next to Sitton, he spun around

with his back toward the officer and then made a move down into his (Golding's) waistband area.

"Due to that quick movement," Jones said, "Sitton pushed Golding in-between the car door and vehicle. As Sitton tried to get control of the man, Golding discharged a gun.

"Golding went down," Jones said, "and Sitton then drew his weapon and ordered the other individual onto the ground."

Immediately after that, Sitton radioed to Colby dispatch..."Shot fired, shot fired, suspect shot himself in the head."

Shortly thereafter, Sitton told dispatch, "Need an ambulance, need an ambulance right away..."

The Thomas County Emergency Medical Service personnel arrived on the scene and Golding was transported to Citizens Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead. Officer Sitton was transported by police cruiser as he was covered in blood, Jones said.

The scene was then secured and over the next three hours the on-ramp was blocked as the Kansas Highway Patrol and Kansas Bureau of Investigation gathered evidence.

The investigation subsequently revealed that Golding had taken a 32-caliber semi-automatic handgun from his waistband, put the weapon in his mouth and pulled the trigger, Jones said.

It was later learned that Golding was a wanted fugitive by the U.S. Marshal's Service since 1994 for tax evasion and that he has an extensive criminal history involving narcotics at the international level.

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## 40 families honored as early landowners

By **Janet Craft**

*The Goodland Daily News*

It was not only a time of being honored, but a time of remembering, as over 40 families were given certificates of award by the Sherman County Historical Society, on Saturday at the Goodland Public Library.

These families still own Sherman County land that was purchased or

Robert Daise; Daniel Dillinger, Minnie Belle Imhof; George Edwards, Jewell Bolt family; Oscar Edwards, Marie Edwards; Francis Errington, Mary Jo Errington; Hugh Errington, Errington Trust; Jesse Finley, Betty Wolfe; Delbert Fortmeyer, John Fortmeyer; William Fortmeyer, Fortmeyer family; Nancy Hartzler, Colleen Rall; Horace J. Jones, Frances Jones; Horace O. Jones, Betty Wolfe; George McClelland, James McClelland; William McDaniel, J.R. McDaniel; Stephen Middleton, Robert / Glen Middleton; James B. Moore, Elmer Purvis; John Nelson, Mogge Trust; Green Berry Price, Dale and Zona Price; John R. Reed, Jack SeCoy; William Tovrea, Rex Tovrea; Frank Wright, Wright Farms; John Veselik, Bill Gannon.



Brenda Ross, member of the Sherman County Historical Society, talked with Bill Gannon, during refreshment time after the awards presentation on Saturday at the Goodland Public Library.

homesteaded by their ancestors in the 1880s.

Evelyn Ward, newly elected president of the society, told how this event came to be, before calling out the names of those who were to receive certificates of award. Bryce Cole, outgoing president of the society, handed out the certificates to the honorees.

After the presentation, cookies, punch and coffee were served. The time was spent visiting and taking family pictures. People talked about how their families came to have the land and how it had been kept for such a long time.

Society members were surprised at the turnout. Around 90 people came to the event. The farthest person to attend was from Topeka. Several of the individuals who received certificates, but were not in attendance, were from California. People also talked about how great it was to be honored. They complemented and thanked society members for putting on the event.

Ward explained that during the time Sherman County was being settled seven types of land acquisition were in existence: homestead, timber culture, final receipt, cash entry patent, school land patent, patent, and railroad land.

Homestead — A settler could acquire free title to a quarter section of land, which required improvements within six months and a five year residency. Upon meeting the requirements, the settler would receive a Certificate of Homestead, signed by the U.S. President, granting ownership of the land to the settler.

John Bock (original owner), Jane Bock Fortin (current owner); Terrance Brosnahan, Daise family; William Brosnahan, Daise family; Charley F. Butler, Leon Hoyt; L.A. Chatfield, Virginia Chatfield; Chris Christenson, Darrel Christenson; John Christenson, Darrel Christenson; William Daise,

timber culture (tree claim) — A settler could acquire a quarter section of land by planting and maintaining trees on at least 10 acres for 10 years. This was later changed to less acres and four years.

Clayton Briggs (original owner), Genevieve Matthews (current owner); Clayton Briggs, Genevieve Matthews; August Duell, Marvin Duell; Hugh Errington, Errington Trust; William Fortmeyer, Fortmeyer family.

Final receipt — A settler made payment in full to the government for the quarter section of land acquired.

Anson Ackerman (original owner), Ackerman family (current owner); Harley Pettibone, Richard Pettibone.

Cash Entry Patent — A settler could acquire a quarter section of land by paying an amount of money, usually \$1.25 an acre, and live on the land for a period of time, usually one to three years. Sometimes a settler would buy a "relinquishment" from another settler, whereby cash was paid to the first settler with the second settler completing the requirements to obtain the land.

John Briggs (original owner), W. J. Trachsel (current owner); Mary Lucy Brosnahan, Patricia Juhl; M.C. McKeighan, Feichter Farms; J.B. Moore, Jim Moore; Samuel Notz, Lucille M. Walter; Gus Tompkins, Lola Tompkins;

School land patent — In 1861, Kansas was granted Sections 16 and 36 in each township to set aside for school purposes. Income from the sections was to be used for county schools. Some of the school land was sold for as much as \$4 an acre. Mrs. Thomas Leonard wrote about their arrival in 1885. "We had taken a 1/4 section of school land four miles from this settlement (Gandy) and the law was at that time, that one could make settlement on school land for eight weeks, have it ap-

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A gentleman (top photo) showed some information to Evelyn Ward, president of the Sherman County Historical Society, (seated) and Jim Moore (right) after the awards presentation at the Goodland Public Library. Clarence Scheopner (above left), Edward Hayden, Mary Lou Boyington, and Marguerite Dupsky visited at the reception held after the Sherman County Historical Society's award presentation on Saturday.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Salina could lose Denver routes

SALINA (AP) — Without a federal subsidy, Salina will lose its air service to Denver by the end of February, an official of Great Lakes Aviation says.

Great Lakes, based in Iowa, now provides two daily flights Salina-to-Denver flight, with a stop in Goodland.

Dick Fontaine, the airline's se-

nior vice president for marketing, says the run has been a money-loser for Great Lakes, despite a steady increase in passengers since the service began about two years ago.

High operating costs, including the doubling of fuel prices over the past year, are to blame.

Service from the Goodland to

Denver portion of the route will not be affected, nor will Great Lakes' service to Denver from Great Bend, Dodge City, Hays, Liberal and Garden City. The federal government subsidizes flights from those cities as part of the Essential Air Service Program, which ensures smaller airports air service to hubs like Denver.