

weather
report

77°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:14 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:55 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:13 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 63 degrees

• Humidity 31 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds west 16 mph

• Barometer 29.91 inches

and steady

• Record High 94° (1975)

• Record Low 25° (1986)

Last 24 Hours*

High 81°

Low 39°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 45-50, south winds shifting to the northwest 10-25 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of showers, high 65, low 35-40, northwest winds 10-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high mid 60s, low 35-40. Sunday: dry, high 60-65, low mid 30s. Monday: dry, high mid 60s, low 35-40.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.74

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.64

Loan deficiency pmt. — 35¢

Milo — \$2.84 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.93

Loan deficiency payment — 97¢

Millet — ask

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.25 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.51

Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, 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.

Middle East
boils over

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters rocketed Yasser Arafat's residential compound, Palestinian police stations and broadcasting centers Thursday in a powerful and swift retaliation for the brutal killings of two Israeli soldiers by a Palestinian mob.

Columns of smoke rose from Gaza City and the West Bank town of Ramallah after the gunships fired several waves of missiles.

"This is a declaration of war — a crazy war," Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian official, said of some of the worst Israeli-Palestinian violence since the 1967 Mideast war. The fighting has left last-ditch U.S. peace efforts in tatters.

Israel said it was sending a warning signal in a limited strike. Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami held Arafat responsible. "Arafat is endangering the entire region."

Blast rocks U.S. Navy ship; four die

By Robert Burns

AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON — An apparent suicide terrorist bombing tore into a U.S. Navy destroyer, killing four Americans, injuring three dozen and leaving 12 missing, the Defense Department said Thursday.

Authorities said the explosion was triggered by a small boat that had pulled alongside the ship as it was docked in the Arabian Peninsula. No one has claimed responsibility, U.S. officials said.

The destroyer Cole, with a crew of about 350, was in port at Aden, Yemen,

for refueling when a small craft came alongside and an explosion followed, said Lt. Cmdr. Daren Pelkie, spokesman for the Navy's 5th Fleet headquarters in Manama, Bahrain.

At a State Department news conference, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declared: "We will hold those who committed it accountable and take appropriate steps."

She said this is no time for the United States to "retreat from our responsibilities" in the region.

"We are operating in a world that is filled with a variety of threats. But that doesn't mean that we can crawl into an



USS Cole

ostrich like mode. We are eagles," Albright said.

Details of the incident were sketchy, but officials at the Pentagon said it appeared that the small boat was carrying some form of high explosive powerful enough to rip a large hole — 20 feet by 40 feet — in the side of the 505-foot long, 8,600-ton U.S. ship.

The boat was of the kind used in normal harbor operations in the port of Aden, according to a Pentagon official familiar with official reports from the scene. The official said the boat's crew had helped secure the Cole's mooring lines at the fueling dock before it came alongside the ship. As a result, officials said, its presence did not raise suspi-

cions.

Two men were seen standing up in the small boat before the explosion, the official said. He said there was no doubt the explosion came from the small boat but it was not clear whether the boat rammed the ship.

It appeared to be the first attack against a U.S. Navy ship since 1996, when the USS LaSalle, a 14,650-ton command ship, was fired on with automatic weapons from two unidentified craft in the Persian Gulf.

Pelkie said 36 sailors were reported injured Thursday and 12 were missing, in addition to four confirmed dead.

The Great Pumpkin



Christopher Bustillos, a second grader at West Elementary School, admired a pumpkin on Wednesday afternoon that he picked and painted. Most children at West have visited the pumpkin patch in the

past couple of weeks, and Sandy Jamison's class decided to paint instead of carve their Halloween staples.

Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Incumbent says he expected opposition

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Kenny Davis says he wasn't surprised to have last-minute opposition in his bid for re-election as county commissioner.

He has been Sherman County Commissioner for the 2nd District for one four-year term and is running again in this year's election. He was unopposed until September, when Mitch Tiede of Goodland decided to run as a write-in candidate.

"Having a candidate oppose me did not surprise me, as certain individuals with the Nemechek Road issue were disappointed in the commissioners' decision," Davis said, "and they basically had told us that they would find a candidate for this election."

"We have tough decisions to make all the time and have to look at all of Sherman County and



Kenny Davis

that is going to disappoint some groups at times."

Davis said if people are upset, they have a right to voice their differences.

"That's what's great about a democracy," he said. "People are allowed to vote and express their differences."

He said he hopes everyone will vote on Nov. 7. Davis, 52, said he thinks the major

issue coming up for the commissioners is how to balance the services provided for the county with the money available, without raising taxes.

He said taxes haven't been raised in four years, other than state-required property tax valuation increases.

"The farm economy being as poor as it is, it's difficult to ask for more funds from taxes to support the services voters are wanting," he said.

Davis was born in Garden City and

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Artist shows youngsters how to paint sunflowers

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Kids from North Elementary went to the Sherman County Fairgrounds on Wednesday to find out what it takes to paint a Vincent Van Gogh work.

The fifth and sixth graders listened to Canadian artist Cameron Cross talk about painting an 80-foot high replica of the first in a series of Van Gogh sunflower paintings.

The painting he is creating here, which will stand out by the old wye on Business U.S. 24 so that it is visible from I-70, is part of a project to paint seven of the sunflower series around the world in places that have significance with sunflowers or Van Gogh.

Cross has already created two of the paintings in Altona, Manitoba, Canada, and in Emerald, Australia, and he started on the painting here last week

after fighting to get a work visa.

The fifth- and sixth-graders listened to Cross explain the painting process to them. He talked about how difficult it was to paint in a cold climate.

"When I was in Australia, the paint would dry in a half an hour," he said, "because it was so hot."

He said that in Goodland, the paint takes a lot longer to dry. He said the paint is so strong it will eat through the plastic linings in the paint trays.

"The first time I tried it, I put the paint in the plastic lining and started to look at what I was going to do first," he said. "By the time I got back to the paint, it was all over the floor."

Cross also showed the kids how the large canvases were made and then gave them the chance to walk around the room and get an up-close look at the ones he had started on.



Hannah Burkett (far left) and Felicia McGrath examined a panel Cameron Cross is working on.

Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

City says PRIDE is f-u-n

Kanorado wins award for projects

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

"We spell Kanorado PRIDE f-u-n," says Mayor Hazel Estes, quoting what one of the group's members said when judges came to hear what they have been doing to better their town.

"Anything we do with the PRIDE program we try to make fun," she said. All the fun paid off for Kanorado when they won a PRIDE Community of Excellence Award in September.

PRIDE is a statewide program sponsored by the state Department of Commerce and Housing and Kansas State University Research and Extensions. For 30 years the program has helped communities to better themselves and celebrate their successes.

Kanorado won its award for putting together the Twice-Loved Toys store, community newspaper, Farmers' Market and city-wide clean-ups.

Mayor Estes, also the chairman of the town's PRIDE committee, said that the toy store is something that they have been doing for the past couple of years. She said a local couple Jake and Judy Fritz, collected old toys and she redid the stuffed toys, washing and mending them, while her husband fixed little toy wagons and bikes.

The Fritzes brought the toys to PRIDE and asked that they be given to a needy family, said Estes, but the group couldn't decide what families would qualify. They came up with the idea to sell the toys for a small price during the Christmas Festival.

"It's a fun thing to watch," said Estes.

She said that kids will come in and buy presents for their parents or friends and it is fun to watch them be able to buy something.

The community newspaper, the Kanorado Kaper, is a paper put together by volunteers, said Estes. It lets people know what is going on in town.

Adults and children participate in organized city-wide clean-ups every year also, said Estes, which gives them the opportunity to take pride in their community.

A panel of judges came to Kanorado to evaluate their work in the Kansas PRIDE program, and the PRIDE group presented all of its projects to the judges. Kanorado was picked, along with 16 other towns out of 70, to win the award.

Estes said that they were competing with larger towns like Lansing, with a population of 7,060 and Fort Scott, with 8,211.

"I am really proud that we were able to get an award," she said.

Kanorado got a trophy and \$500 for its work. The money, said Estes, will go back into the community and the next PRIDE project, which is new playground equipment for the city park.

The PRIDE group will also be raffling off a quilt to raise money for the equipment during their Christmas Festival.

"The PRIDE program celebrates community enrichment," said Estes. "It is about what services we can provide to the community."