

weather  
report

40°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:43 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 38 degrees  
• Humidity 82 percent  
• Sky cloudy  
• Winds southeast 5 mph  
• Barometer 30.19 inches and steady  
• Record High 82° (1972)  
• Record Low -13° (1948)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 59°  
Low 30°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy with flurries, low 25-30, north wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 30 percent chance of light snow, high 40, low 20-25, northeast wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high 40. Friday: dry, high 50, low 20-25.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

‘Angry’  
teen fired  
randomly

Officials say shooter  
told others his plan

SANTEE, Calif. (AP)—An “angry young man” fired randomly at fellow students, killing two, and had eight bullets left in his gun when police cornered him in a school bathroom, investigators said today.

Friends said the scrawny 15-year-old freshman accused in the nation’s latest high school bloodbath talked about his plans over the weekend, and they took him seriously enough to pat him down before classes started Monday.

One adult even warned Charles Andrew “Andy” Williams not to commit “a Columbine,” and tried to call the boy’s father but didn’t follow through. But no one is known to have reported the threats that preceded Monday’s attack that also wounded 13 at Santana High.

Authorities said the carnage could have been much worse if not for the swift actions of a sheriff’s deputy and an off-duty police officer who was on campus to register his child in the school.

When Williams surrendered, his .22-caliber long rifle revolver was fully loaded with eight rounds, its hammer cocked, investigators said. He came to school with as many as 40 rounds, investigators said.

“I do believe that if it had not been for the conduct of the people involved ... it would have been even worse,” Sheriff Bill Kolender said.

The boy appeared to have fired indiscriminately, sheriff’s Lt. Jerry Lewis said. Most of the students hit were struck as they fled down a hallway between the school’s library and administration office.

“The information we have from the evidence and the witnesses (is) the suspect was firing randomly at anybody who was going by,” Lewis said. “Any student who was going by he was shooting at.”

Authorities said the boy was cooperating in interviews but they could not shed further light on his motives.

According to witnesses, “They all said he was mad at something. We don’t know if he was mad at the school, mad at students, mad at life, mad at home,” Lewis said. “He was an angry young man.”

School was closed today. Students, parents and others gathered outside to place flowers at a makeshift memorial site and grieve. Some expressed anger that acquaintances of Williams heard him make threats in recent days but failed to warn authorities.

“I think they’re to blame, too,” said Helen Howard, who came to the high school with her husband. “I just can’t understand why they didn’t say anything.”

During a counseling session at a church, an American Red Cross representative asked for a show of hands of people who had trouble sleeping the previous night. About a third of the 200 people indicated they did.

“You may just feel like your heart is beating all the time and you can’t calm down,” said Robert Bray, a Red Cross disaster mental health worker. “I want to reassure you that people do get through this.”

Experts say  
Kansas needs to conserve energy

By Katrina Hull

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Kansas can and should do more to encourage energy conservation, three consultants on energy efficiency told a Senate committee.

The testimony Monday before the Senate Utilities Committee provided background for consideration later this week of a bill on conservation tax breaks, said Chairman Stan Clark, R-Oakley.

Lawrence architect Joseph King, who specializes in designing energy-efficient buildings, said other states have done far more than Kansas to reduce demand.

He’s a winner



Photos by Rachel Miscal  
The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board this morning recognized students who reached the state’s Standard of Excellence on assessment tests last year by putting off school for an hour to hold a breakfast and ceremony. Jonathan McClung, a fifth grader, ate with his parents, Gary and Laura (above), while Michael Smith, a sixth grader, accepted a certificate from Superintendent Marvin Selby. Before announcing the students, board President Dick Short had teachers and parents stand up to receive applause. Students will start this year’s assessment tests this week.

Storm hits some hard, passes others

RYE, N.H. (AP)—Anor’easter covered parts of New England with near-blizzard conditions today and hammered coastal communities with high waves after failing to live up to expectations in much of the mid-Atlantic region.

From New Jersey to Maine, schools were closed for a second day, hundreds of flights were canceled and offices

were shuttered.

Vermont’s Jay Peak ski resort had 29 inches of new snow by today, 28 had fallen at Ballston Spa, N.Y., north of Albany, and more than 20 inches of snow piled up at Keene, N.H. But only a few inches fell in Boston and New York City, and Philadelphia got only flurries, sleet and rain.

At least five people were killed in

weather-related traffic accidents, four in New York state and one in Connecticut. At Cranston, R.I., part of the roof of the Rhode Island Lottery Commission collapsed under the weight of ice and 5 inches of snow this morning, sending workers scrambling from the building. No one was hurt.

Lottery director Gerald Aubin said he ran after hearing crackling noises.

Parking  
stumps  
officials

Commission can’t  
agree on regulations

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland City commissioners tried again Monday, but they still couldn’t come up with an answer on when and where people can park big trucks like semi-trailer rigs, recreational vehicles, over-the-road tractors and big trailers.

A proposed ordinance which would have established a one-hour parking limit for all big vehicles in residential areas was defeated, leaving nothing to consider, and the city attorney and police chief were left to figure out how to enforce existing laws.

Commissioners are trying to make sense out of three conflicting ordinances now on the books and come up with one, so that it would be less confusing for police to enforce them.

One says no one can park a truck-tractor or semitrailer in a residential area for more than two hours a day. Another limits parking to one hour a day anywhere in the city, and a third, included in the state uniform traffic code, says no one can ever park trailers or farm machinery on city streets.

The commissioners said they get complaints about large, heavy vehicles but there is no clear rule. And though they have debated the issue for more than two months, they haven’t been able to come up with an answer that will please the complainers and vehicle owners.

“There’s no easy way out,” Commissioner Curtis Hurd said, adding that he would like to see the parking period changed from one to two hours.

Commissioner Rick Billinger said he thought the proposed ordinance is too restrictive. If a farmer parks his grain truck overnight with seed loaded on it, he would be in violation. Billinger said he thought 99 percent of the problems are semis.

Mayor Chuck Lutters said that from the looks of the city streets now, with a lot of the oil surface breaking up, the weight of vehicles needed to be controlled. He would like to go to a weight limit, but something that doesn’t prohibit trucks from loading and unloading.

City Manager Ron Pickman said

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Burglars  
break into  
gas station

The Coastal Mart at 17th and Caldwell temporarily closed its doors Monday for repairs, but that didn’t stop burglars who broke in and took about \$700 in lottery tickets and cigarettes from the store early today.

Manager Ida Salinas said the gas station’s alarm went off about 3:45 a.m., but no one was there when she and Goodland police arrived. She said a brick had been used to smash the front window — which is now boarded up. Money in the store’s safe was untouched.

Salinas, who was at the station today finishing paperwork, said the doors won’t be open to customers for a time, but not due to the break-in. She said the company that owns the station plans to do repairs.

Including replacing the window, Salinas estimated the burglary will cost the store \$1,500 to \$2,000. She said police told her they may have found the burglars in Colby, but the police chief said they’re not sure.

Chief Ray Smeed said officers are still investigating and can’t say whether the people in Colby will be charged.

afternoon  
wire

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press

1 p.m.

Lottery staffer  
gets probation

TOPEKA — The attorney general’s office didn’t press for a prison term for a former employee accused of stealing nearly \$63,000 from the Kansas Lottery.

And a judge, in line with the state’s recommendations, put Richard Lee Knowlton on probation for three years. Knowlton, 56, of Topeka, must pay a \$25,000 fine.

Knowlton won’t avoid time behind bars completely. A condition of this probation is that he spend 55 days in the Shawnee County jail during those three years.

He also must serve 200 hours of community service under the sentence imposed Monday by Shawnee County District Judge Marla Luckert. Knowlton already had repaid the state the money he stole.

Assistant Attorney General Stephen Maxwell said the state’s primary concern was becoming “whole again.”