

weather report

77°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 7:04 p.m.

Tomorrow

- Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 44 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southwest 9
- Barometer 30.13 inches and steady
- Record High 98° (1939)
- Record Low 37° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High	86°
Low	49°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low 65, winds light and variable. Tomorrow: sunny, high 90s, lows 55-60s, wind southeast 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: partly sunny, high 90, low 50-55, chance of thunderstorm.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.56 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.52
- Corn — \$1.99 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.91
- Loan deficiency payment — 8¢
- Milo — \$3.11 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.17 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.17
- Loan deficiency payment — 75¢
- Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$7.40 cwt.
- Oil new crop — \$6.90
- Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.71
- Confection current — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$20 (new crop)

Market closing figures weren't available today.
(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.

GOP to cut budget, taxes

WASHINGTON — Unwilling to wait for clear guidance from President Bush, congressional Republicans are crafting standby spending cuts meant to showcase support for Social Security at the same time they push for new tax cuts to spur the economy.

"It's important to show some leadership and not just stand on the sidelines," Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott told reporters Monday as he suggested a tax cut aimed at easing the payroll tax.

While Lott and others call for tax cuts, House Republicans arranged for a budget committee session to approve conditional spending cuts.

The reductions would take effect in the next fiscal year, soon after Oct. 1, if it turned out the government had dipped into the Social Security surplus in the current year.

Terrorists attack

Hijackers target towers, kill thousands

By Jerry Schwartz

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in a deadly series of blows today that brought down the twin 110-story towers. A plane also slammed into the Pentagon as the government itself came under attack.

Thousands could be dead or injured, a high-ranking New York City police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Authorities had been trying to evacuate those who work in the twin towers when the glass-and-steel skyscrapers came down in a thunderous roar within about 90 minutes after the crashes, which took place minutes apart around 9 a.m. But many people were thought to have been trapped. About 50,000 people work at the Trade Center and tens of thousands of others visit each day.

American Airlines initially said the Trade Center was hit by two of its planes, both hijacked, carrying a total of 156 people. But the airline later said that was unconfirmed. Two United airliners with a total of 110 aboard also crashed — one outside Pittsburgh, the other in a location not immediately identified. Altogether, the planes had 266 people aboard.

"This is perhaps the most audacious terrorist attack that's ever taken place in the world," said Chris Yates, an aviation expert at Jane's Transport in London. "It takes a logistics operation from the terror group involved that is second to none. Only a very small handful of terror groups is on that list. ... I would name at the top of the list Osama bin Laden."

President Bush ordered a full-scale investigation to "hunt down the folks who committed this act."

Within the hour, the Pentagon took a direct, devastating hit from a plane. The fiery crash collapsed one side of the five-sided structure.

The White House, the Pentagon and the Capitol were evacuated along with other federal buildings in Washington and New York.

Authorities in Washington immediately called out troops, including an infantry regiment. The Situation Room at the White House was in full operation. Authorities went on alert from



coast to coast, the U.S. and Canadian borders were sealed, all air traffic across the country was halted, and security was tightened at strategic installations.

"This is the second Pearl Harbor. I don't think that I overstate it," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

In June, a U.S. judge had set this Wednesday as the sentencing date for a bin Laden associate for his role in the 1998 bombing of a U.S. embassy in Tanzania that killed 213 people. The sentencing had been set for the federal courthouse near the World Trade Center. No one from the U.S. attorney's office could be reached today to comment on whether the sentencing was still on.

Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers condemned the attacks and rejected suggestions that bin Laden was behind them, saying he does not have the means to carry out such well-orchestrated attacks. Bin Laden has been given asylum in Afghanistan.

Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper, said he received a warning from Islamic fundamentalists close to bin Laden, but did not take the threat seriously. "They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack but they did not specify," Atwan said in a telephone interview in London.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians celebrated the attacks, chanting "God is Great" and handing out candy.

American Airlines initially identified the planes that crashed into the Trade Center as Flight 11, a Los Angeles-bound jet hijacked after takeoff from Boston with 92 people aboard, and Flight 77, which was seized while carrying 64 people from Washington to Los Angeles.

In Pennsylvania, United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh with 45 people aboard. United said another of its planes, Flight 175, a Boeing 767 bound from Boston to Los Angeles with 65 people on board, also crashed, but it did not say where. The fate of those aboard the two planes was not immediately known.

United's pilots union said United Flight 175 crashed into the Trade Center. But the airline had no immediate comment.

An emergency dispatcher in Westmoreland County, Pa., received a cell phone call at 9:58 a.m. from a man who said he was a passenger locked in the bathroom of United Flight 93, said dispatch supervisor Glenn Cramer.

"We are being hijacked, we are being hijacked!" Cramer quoted the man as saying. The man told dispatchers the plane "was going down. He heard some sort of explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane and we lost contact with him," Cramer said.

Evacuations were ordered at the

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Workers fled down the streets of downtown New York City (left) with a cloud of dust and smoke behind them, after two hijacked airliners slammed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center within minutes of one another about 7 a.m. The first, an American Airlines plane, slammed into one tower about 7 a.m., and minutes later a second plane (above), identified as a United Airlines plane, flew into the second tower, causing a horrific fireball (right). At the same time another American Airlines plane crashed into the west side of the Pentagon, and another United Airlines plane crashed in Pennsylvania.

(AP photos)



Kansas officials tighten security

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Planes were diverted to Kansas airports and security tightened at government buildings today following the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

State officials moved quickly to increase security around the Statehouse and Gov. Bill Graves. In Kansas City, Kan., the federal courthouse closed, according to a report from KCTV, the Kansas City, Mo., CBS-TV affiliate.

In Finney County, officials declared a state of emergency because of the diversion of air passengers there, Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer said.

In Washington, Sen. Pat Roberts called the attacks "unconscionable" and said it shows the nation has to beef up its intelligence capabilities. Roberts serves on the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"I have to tell you, this is an intelligence failure," Roberts said during an interview. "It just seems to me we ought to be thinking outside the box ... This is war."

Dozens of flights were diverted to Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport and three the Garden City Regional Airport, where the fire department used a hook-and-ladder truck to remove passengers from the jets.

Guards were posted at all Kansas National Guard armories, limiting access to them, said Steve Larson, the guard's assistant public affairs officer.

The 184th Bomb Wing at Wichita's McConnell Air Force Base and the 190th Air Refueling Wing at Topeka's Forbes Field also were on alert, Larson said.

The state limited access to the Statehouse and its office buildings in Topeka, requiring visitors to enter through only one entrance.

A system that allows people who work in the Statehouse to enter through any entrance with a special security pass also was disabled, and two of three entrances for vehicle traffic also were closed down.

Joyce Glasscock, secretary of administration, said the Statehouse secu-

urity detail, normally one Kansas Highway Patrol officer, had been increased to four officers. She ordered security increased despite a lack of threats to the building.

"I'd rather be safe," she said.

Graves was in Wichita, attending the Midwest U.S.-Japan Trade Conference, but he was grounded after all air traffic in the nation was halted.

Glasscock said she was in contact with the Kansas Highway Patrol to put additional security near the governor. Graves still planned to travel later today to Hutchinson to visit the Kansas State Fair.

"The governor never hesitated," said spokesman Don Brown. "He's proceeding with his schedule uninterrupted."

Glasscock said she asked to be notified of any security threats to the Statehouse and whether additional measures need to be taken.

There have been no threats, she said.

Joy Moser, spokeswoman for the state adjutant general's office, said the state had moved its threat condition to "bravo" and additional security people were called in.

The adjutant general's office oversees the state's emergency management and the National Guard.

"We're wearing both hats right now," Moser said.

One commercial aircraft had landed in Salina, Larson said, and passengers were taken to Nickell Barracks at the National Guard's training center there.

In Garden City, three large commercial flights landed at the small airport, which is not equipped for such visitors.

A United Airlines 757, Air Canada 727 and a US Airways Airbus 300 carrying hundreds of passengers landed safely at Garden City Regional Airport.

Because the airport has no ramps that will reach the large planes, the fire department used its ladder truck to get passengers to the ground. They were taken by school bus to Garden City High School.

In Wichita, 30 flights were diverted

Airplanes forced to land here

By Sharon Corcoran and Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Two airplanes holding 17 passengers were forced to land at Renner Field this morning, as major airports across the nation were shut down after possible terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

The attacks halted travel plans for people all over the country, with most forms of interstate transportation stopping for the day, or longer. A Goodland business owner on his way to Milwaukee on an Amtrak train had to make his final destination Ottumwa, Iowa and said he planned to rent a car and drive back.

A co-owner of Butterfly Aviation in Goodland said some grounded passengers — who were destined for San Jose, Calif. — were trying to make plans to drive home and the pilots were staying with their planes. It wasn't known this morning when airspace would open again, as the three planes that slammed into the twin towers, collapsing both and killing thousands, and Pentagon may have been hijacked.

Dean Fenner and Scott Collett, pilots and maintenance technicians for Butterfly Aviation, said the planes had to land in Goodland because Class B airspaces are closed and pilots were told to land planes.

Aircrafts were not allowed to land at large airports such as Denver International Airport, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and O'Hara Airport in Chicago, the pilots said.

The men said one of the two planes was on its way from Virginia to San Jose and had 12 passengers on board. The



This airplane, carrying passengers from Virginia bound for San Jose, Calif. landed at Renner Field today because terrorist attacks forced the closure of larger airports. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

other, they said, was being flown by John Topliff, a Goodland man who works for Raytheon in Wichita, and had 5 passengers on board.

When the planes first landed, the pilots said, there was confusion as pilots and passengers did not know what to do and were not sure how long they would have to wait. Many of the passengers filed into the cafe at the airport to wait for more information, some were still there hours later.

Fenner and Collett said their radios are more quiet than usual because there is less traffic over the airport.

Aircrafts usually fly over Goodland, they said, because pilots use the Victor IV Airway between here and Denver. The airway is similar to an interstate, the men said, but it's in the sky. The flights are monitored on the Victor Omni Radio at the airport, they said,

and pilots use that system to determine their positions.

Steve Haynes, owner of The Goodland Daily News, said he and his wife Cynthia were traveling by train to a National Newspaper Association Conference in Wisconsin about 9:45 a.m. Central Time, when Amtrak ordered the conductor to halt.

The train stopped in Ottumwa, east of Des Moines, Haynes said, and the conductor was waiting for further instructions.

"We're just sitting in the depot waiting," he said. "I think the convention will be canceled."

Haynes said they would probably have to rent a car and drive home. He said the tragedy this morning has been the main topic of conversation.

"I heard that downtown Chicago is being evacuated," he said.