

weather
report

58°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:47 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 68 degrees
• Humidity 45 percent
• Sky east 15
• Winds east 15
• Barometer 30.05 inches
and falling
• Record High 92° (1963)
• Record Low 24° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*

High 58°
Low 47°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, chance of rain
turning to snow, low mid 30s, wind
north 15-20. Tomorrow: cloudy,
chance of snow, high 45-50, low 30s,
north 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Saturday and Sunday: sunny and
warmer, high 60-65, low mid 30s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.50 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.42
Loan deficiency payment — 3¢
Corn — \$1.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.77
Loan deficiency payment — 22¢
Milo — \$1.66 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.84
Loan deficiency payment — 1.08¢
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.24
Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$20 (new crop)
(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.

Stray missile
crashes plane

MOSCOW — A Russian char-
tered airliner heading from Israel
to Siberia exploded today and
crashed off the Black Sea coast
with at least 76 people on board.
U.S. officials said a missile fired
during a military training exercise
in Ukraine appeared to have acci-
dentally brought down the plane.

Ukraine denied that theory. A
Defense Ministry spokesman said
all the missiles fired in the exercise
hit their proper targets and that
there was no evidence a civilian
plane entered the training area.

Earlier, President Vladimir
Putin said terrorism could be the
cause of the crash.

A U.S. Defense Department of-
ficial in Washington said a land-
based surface-to-air missile had
been fired from the Crimean re-
gion of Ukraine. The downing of
the airliner appeared to be acciden-
tal, U.S. officials said.

Doctor commuted for three decades

By Patty Decker

The Colby Free Press

COLBY — For almost three decades, Dr. Wil-
liam Inkret of Denver, came closer than most to
being one of those indispensable people in north-
west Kansas.

While he lived in Denver, he spent a good
amount of time here, seeing patients and doing
surgery. Just a few short months ago, the good
doctor decided it was time to retire.

“There is nobody that could tell you anything
wrong about Dr. Inkret,” said Rosalind Bundy of
Brewster, who has known him for many years.

“You just don’t meet special people like him very
often.”

It all started nearly 30 years ago when Inkret was
asked to see a few patients referred to him by Drs.
LaDonna Regier and Victor Hildyard at Colby
Medical and Surgical Center.

“At that time, I was specializing in both obstet-
rics and gynecology in Denver,” Inkret said, “and
I would get a call when there was a need for con-
sultation on a ‘gyn’ problem.”

He said he couldn’t put his finger on the exact
moment when seeing patients in Denver changed
to seeing patients in Colby, but it was at that point

the specialty clinic concept was born in northwest
Kansas.

“They (Regier and Hildyard) were comfortable
with me and me with them,” he said, “and then one
day I agreed to go out on a Thursday night after
finishing work in Denver and schedule myself to
see patients on Friday.

“We were really the first to begin this type of
system in Colby and Goodland,” Inkret said. “At
that time, the only other doctor who came to the
area was Jim Holmes in orthopedics, who still
comes out.”

Inkret said in the earlier years, he did most sur-

gery procedures in Denver, but as time went on
he started doing surgery either in Colby or Good-
land.

As time went on, Inkret said one day a month
became two days a month in Colby and then about
10 years ago, he was asked to see patients in
Goodland. Inkret said he liked the people in Kan-
sas and when the opportunity presented itself to
retire from his Denver practice in October of
1994, he said he didn’t mind.

“I didn’t want to completely retire and I cer-

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Students at Central Elementary School laughed as David Alexander, a storyteller and children’s books author, told stories on Wednesday

afternoon. He will be working with students in the second through sixth grades on storytelling and public presentation skills this week.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Storyteller from Topeka entertains here

By the Carnegie Arts Center

The Goodland School District and the Goodland Arts Council are host-
ing David Alexander, a storyteller and
author of numerous children’s books,
this week.

Alexander, who lives in Topeka,
will be working with students in the
second through sixth grades on
storytelling and public presentation
skills and will perform his own stories
for kindergarten, first grade and ju-
nior high students. This program is pre-
sented in part by the Kansas Arts Com-
mission, a state agency, and the Na-
tional Endowment for the arts, a fed-
eral agency.

Alexander was a teacher for 27
years and his interest in storytelling
evolved from his middle and high
school days, when he would imitate
on-stage routines of well-known co-
medians.

He studied creative dramatics at
Kansas State University, which
brought him into contact with
storytelling for children in a more for-
mal way. Stories he wrote include:



David Alexander told stories on Wednesday.

Jack Becomes A Giant; To Your Good
Health, Your Majesty!; The Little
Wide Mouth Gecko; and World Jour-
neys.

Alexander is in his fifth year as an
artist in residence under the Kansas
touring roster. He has appeared in sev-
eral storytelling festivals in the U.S.

and overseas, and has completed
teaching and counseling assignments
in Ethiopia, Pakistan and Indonesia.
Many of his travel and multi-cultural
tales come from these experiences.

His one-week workshop in Good-
land will inspire students to tell as well
as write stories in an entertaining way.
Older students will complete an origi-
nal piece of handwriting involving the
use of all of their language skills.

Each day of his residency will be
spent working with each of the grade
levels, focusing on the fifth and sixth
graders.

On Friday at 1 p.m., 10 students
from North elementary will present
their stories in a public assembly at the
Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Goodland Arts Council will
have a joint reception at the Carnegie
Arts Center for Alexander and for their
premier October artist, Elwyn
Vatcher, tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.
Alexander will be signing his
children’s books and Vatcher will
present his latest paintings in the gal-
lery.

Bin Laden uses luck, guile to frustrate American sleuths

By George Gedda

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Through luck,
guile, timing, accommodating foreign
governments — and perhaps a dose of
American incompetence — Osama bin
Laden survives.

A U.S. attempt in 1996 to have him
arrested in Sudan and placed in Saudi
Arabian custody failed, as did an
American cruise missile attack on his
camps in Afghanistan in 1998.

A CIA-sponsored plan to have Paki-
stani commandoes hunt him down a
year later also fell short.

The United States has done no bet-
ter in sniffing out the deadly plots for
which bin Laden is believed respon-
sible: the bombings of U.S. embassies
in East Africa in 1998, the bombing of
the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000 and the
Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York
and Washington, with a death toll of

more than 6,000.

Should American intelligence agen-
cies have been more alert?

Secretary of State Colin Powell says
there were a lot of signs that “there was
something going on” prior to Sept. 11
but concrete information was lacking.

The assessment of former CIA offi-
cial Herbert Meyer is less kind.

He sees “a cascading series of intel-
ligence failures” that began years ear-
lier when, he says, U.S. officials failed
to take the threat of bin Laden seriously
enough.

Powell epitomizes a “we shall over-
come” mood in Washington in the wake
of America’s deadliest terrorist disas-
ter. Flanked by members of the Senate
Foreign Relations Committee on
Wednesday, he said, “We will be pa-
tient. We will be persistent. We will
prevail.”

Bin Laden appears to disagree.

A propaganda tape shows him say-
ing, “With small means and great faith,
we can defeat the mightiest military
power of modern times. America is
much weaker than it seems.”

At 6 feet 5, bin Laden would seem to
be an imposing target, but he’s been a
master at evading American sleuths.

Even his enemies concede he’s on a
roll.

—In hopes of neutralizing bin Laden
in 1996, the Clinton administration,
according to two former government
officials, sought to have him transferred
from Sudan to police custody in his
native Saudi Arabia.

The Saudis rejected the plan because
they believed his presence would be
destabilizing, citing the many Saudis
who embrace his extremist views.

—He was expelled from Sudan in
May 1996 and settled in Afghanistan.
Fortuitously for him, the Taliban mili-

tia, a radical Islamic movement, as-
sumed power four months later. Af-
ghanistan has given support and shel-
ter to him and his movement since then,
refusing to take him into custody de-
spite evidence of his involvement in
mass murder.

Bin Laden was indicted for the em-
bassy bombings.

—Bin Laden survived an assault by
66 U.S. cruise missiles on his Afghan
camps on Aug. 20, 1998. The attack was
aimed at avenging the bombing of U.S.
embassies in Kenya and Tanzania two
weeks earlier.

—In 1999, the Clinton adminis-
tration tried a new approach, training 60
Pakistani commandoes to hunt down
bin Laden.

But as the unit was ready to do battle,
the democratic government in Pakistan

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Funeral
moved
to school

Teen-ager’s death
impacts small town

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Friends, family, students and teach-
ers will gather at the high school in Bird
City on Friday to say good-bye to
Lynnette DaPron, the 17-year-old
killed in a car accident on Monday af-
ternoon east of Goodland.

DaPron was driving a small
Chevrolet south on County Road 28
about 4 p.m.,
when she crashed into a semi-trailer
rig headed east on
Road 72, sparking
a fire that de-
stroyed both ve-
hicles. Officers
said the rig’s
driver, Brandon
Gorr, 20, Good-
land, ran a yield
sign at the inter-
section.

DaPron was killed in the accident,
but was not burned, as someone driv-
ing by pulled her body from the car and
then left the scene. Her death shook the
small town of Bird City, where DaPron
was a senior at Cheylin High School
and involved in many school and com-
munity activities.

“I anticipate there will be a large
crowd at the service,” said David
Zumbahlen, principal and superinten-
dent of the Cheylin School District. He
said the service was moved to the high
school because there won’t be enough
room at the Immanuel United Method-
ist Church, where DaPron attended church.

Doug Mason, pastor at United Meth-
odist, will preside over the funeral,
which will start at 10 a.m. Central Time
in the high school gymnasium.
Zumbahlen said he expects all students
and teachers to attend, as well as many
parents.

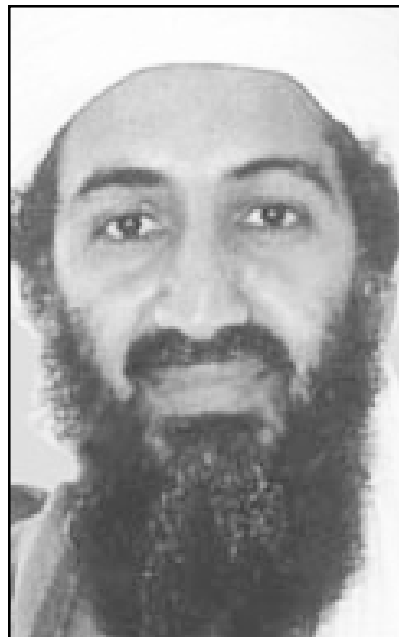
“In a small community like this,” he
said, “everybody knows everybody.”
Some parents were classmates of
Lynnette’s dad. I assume they’ll be
there.”

DaPron’s father, Darwin, lives in
Bird City, along with her grandparents.

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L. DaPron



Osama bin Laden