

weather
report

54°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:49 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:13 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 57 degrees
• Humidity 50 percent
• Sky partly sunny
• Winds northeast 11 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.37 inches
and falling
• Record High 88° (1950)
• Record Low 11° (1993)

Last 24 Hours*

High 85°
Low 41°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, turning to fog, low 40-45, wind southeast 10-20. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy, high 73-78, low 43-48, wind south 15-20.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: partly cloudy, high 74-79, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.70 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.67
Corn — \$1.96 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.74
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
Milo — \$1.66 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.62 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.59
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.33
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.75 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.27
Confection current — ask
Pinto beans — \$19 (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.

Force plans
'major push'

KABUL, Afghanistan — Frustrated by weeks of U.S. bombing that have failed to budge Taliban front lines, Afghanistan's opposition forces plotted what they said today would be a major push on a vital northern stronghold.

To bring it off, a spokesman of the northern-based opposition alliance stressed, "We will need American help."

There were signs the United States was willing to provide that.

In Washington, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clark said the U.S. military extended its bombing toward the Afghan border with Tajikistan, where Taliban troops are holding back opposition forces from their objective — the strategic city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

As the air campaign in Afghanistan entered its fourth week, American warplanes also dropped six bombs behind Taliban lines.

Chase ends with fatal shooting

Teen-ager steals cars, hits deputy

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Officers shot a 19-year-old Indiana man to death Friday on I-70 near the east Goodland exit after he stole two trucks and a highway patrol cruiser, wrecked six vehicles and a boat, injured a deputy and allegedly tried to steal a trooper's gun.

Witnesses and law enforcement officers said the 30-minute chase started just before 2:30 p.m. in Colorado, where the man, identified as Mark Christopher Palmer of Carmel, Ind., rolled his blue 1995 Oldsmobile on I-70 between the exits at Burlington.

The driver ran from the car, and when officers caught up on a county road, he threatened them with a garden hoe, stole a white pickup and tried to run over Kit Carson County Undersheriff Hal Reeder.

He sped east on I-70, rolling the pickup at 2:43 p.m. a mile east of the Kansas-Colorado border in Sherman County. When an Oklahoma man stopped to help, Palmer stole his 1999 Ford pickup and the boat he was trailing and raced east again.

The young man managed to stay ahead of Colorado officers, but Sherman County deputies caught up to him after he got off I-70 at Ruleton — losing the boat near the exit — and headed east on Old U.S. 24 toward Goodland.

He bolted through town with sheriff's deputies, Highway Patrol troopers and other officers close behind. Deputies put "stop sticks" across the road on the west side of Goodland, blowing the truck's left front tire, but Palmer drove on through town, and got



The Kansas Department of Transportation closed I-70 between the east and west exits for about five hours on Friday night after officers shot an

back onto I-70 at the east exit. He then turned around, crossed the median and started driving west in the eastbound lanes.

He jumped out of the pickup after sideswiping a Sherman County couple's truck and began wrestling with state trooper Dave Albers, Undersheriff Kevin Butts and Sheriff's Deputy Bob Lamb on the south side of the road.

Palmer managed to steal trooper Albers' car — dragging Albers and Butts for a short way as he drove off west and hitting Lamb — but was shot and injured in the process.

He drove the cruiser across the median and westbound lanes, hitting a fence in the north ditch, and was crossing back over the median towards the eastbound lanes when another trooper crashed into the driver's side of the cruiser.

That didn't stop the young man, who tried to get into the driver's seat of the second trooper's car, climbing onto the trooper's lap. Albers and the other trooper wrestled him out of the car and Albers shot Palmer about 3 p.m. as he was reaching for the other trooper's

gun.

Dale Schields, human resources director at Goodland Regional Medical Center, said Palmer was shot four times and was dead by the time he got to the hospital. He said Undersheriff Butts was treated for a minor head injury and released.

Deputy Lamb was admitted for observation, Schields said, adding that x-rays and a CT scan found no bone fractures or head injuries. Lamb was listed in stable condition Friday night and was released on Sunday.

While no one else was injured, Palmer put dozens of people in danger and shook up the drivers he threatened, stole cars from or crashed into. Officers said they had no clue what caused the youth to act so crazy. Blood tests were ordered after he was taken to the hospital, to check for alcohol or drugs.

Kit Carson County Sheriff Steve Goering said after the first accident, people reported that a man had run from the wreck and was hiding in a group of trees. The sheriff said he and a Burlington police officer found Palmer walking south on a county road and drove up to him.

Indiana teen-ager to death on the highway.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News



Two state Highway Patrol cruisers were wrecked Friday when an Indiana man stole one during a chase on I-70 and another trooper stopped him by crashing into the car.

The young man ran and the officers chased him on foot, Goering said, adding that he ripped Palmer's shirt when he got close enough to grab him but didn't stop him.

The sheriff said Larry Vavra, a Kit Carson County farmer who was driving north in his white pickup, stopped

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More disease traces found in Capital

By Randolph E. Schmid

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The threat of anthrax sent the Supreme Court justices packing off to an alternative courtroom on Monday and evidence of fresh contamination turned up at the State Department and at least two more government buildings.

Even with confirmed spores at more than 10 locations in the nation's capital, a spokesman for the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention said residents need not fear inhalation anthrax when they open their mail.

"They may have a very very small risk of cutaneous (skin) type anthrax," said Dr. Patrick Meehan. "It's important to remember we're doing very aggressive surveillance."

Officials said the anthrax found in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle included silica, or silicon di-

oxide, found in nature as sand, quartz or flint.

"We don't know why it would be there," said Maj. Gen. John Parker, who heads the Army's Fort Detrick, Md., laboratory.

Silica is a colorless, tasteless crystal commonly used as a drying agent in pharmaceuticals and in food production. It helps control caking or clumping in powdered products.

Parker said officials had ruled out the presence of aluminum in the sample. That, he said, meant there was no bentonite, a lubricant that he said would make the spores spread through the air more easily.

Officials had said previously that the anthrax in Daschle's mail had been changed to make it more readily float into the air, and thus become more

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Arts center, newspaper win advertising award

The Goodland Daily News and a project of the Carnegie Arts Center won a first place award in Kansas Press Association's Newspaper Advertising Awards on Friday at Wichita's historic Hotel in Old Town.

The winning entry in the "most adaptable promotion" category was "Kidz Comix," a page that appeared Aug. 8, 2000, and featured 15 comic strips drawn by Goodland children, each with a different sponsor. Students drew the comics as part of the summer activities program at the art center.

"Having fun, getting kids involved...and make a profit to boot. That's a win-win-win situation," the Missouri Press Association judge said.

Eric Yonkey, advertising representative for The Daily News, accepted the

award on behalf of the newspaper. He also brought back to Northwest Kansas an honorable mention award for The St. Francis Herald.

The Herald's entry was the annual harvest countdown promotion for agricultural advertising.

The page was put together by former advertising representatives Doug Jackson and Cami Rodgers and designed by Jackson and ad designer Susanne Allaman with help from Rebecca Downs, outgoing director at the arts center.

Yonkey attended three advertising sessions at the convention, gathering information he will share with Nor'West Newspaper advertising staffs. Roxie Yonkey was his guest at the advertising banquet.



Holiday fun and games

Taylor Thomas decorated a pumpkin cookie with a little help as Connor Baker watched (above). Lee Rust bobbed for an apple (right). Pre-school children from West Elementary School decorated cookies, had their faces painted and bobbed for apples Thursday at a party at Wheatridge Acres with some of the residents there.

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