

weather  
report

47°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:27 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 7:04 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southwest 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.66 inches and falling
- Record High 69° (1933)
- Record Low -17° (1989)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	48°
Low	23°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, windy, 50 percent chance of snow after midnight, low 20-25, winds southwest 20-30 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy, 60 percent chance of light snow with accumulations of 1-3 inches, high 20s, low 5-10, wind northwest 25-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: mostly sunny, breezy, high 30s, low 5-10. (National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.59 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.47  
Corn — \$1.97 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.88  
Loan deficiency payment — 11¢  
Milo — \$1.69 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.76 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.76  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.16  
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$8.90 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 70¢  
Confection current — inquire  
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.

Tape includes  
many names

WASHINGTON (AP) — Osama bin Laden speaks fondly of several Sept. 11 hijackers on the videotape released by the U.S. military, asking Allah to “accept their action,” according to a more thorough translation of the tape by a government-hired Arabic expert. The new analysis of the videotape released last week revealed “a whole bunch of names,” translator George Michael said in an interview with The Associated Press. The Pentagon said today that its less-complete translation was not aimed at concealing information. “There was every attempt to give you the best translation we could in a relatively limited amount of time,” Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke told a press briefing. The White House echoed that sentiment, saying there was no deliberate effort to omit words.

# Five in jail for selling, holding drugs

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland police arrested five people on Thursday for selling and holding marijuana, illegal pills and what they think is methamphetamine.

Police officers arrested two men and two women at two houses in Goodland Thursday night for holding and selling marijuana, illegal pills and what may be methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school.

Earlier that day, police had arrested another man in a separate case for selling marijuana

within 1,000 feet of a school.

The names of two people arrested were released Friday morning, as charges had not been filed on all five.

Sybrena A. Malsom, 31, 1402 Cherry Ave., is being charged with 11 drug-related felonies and Tracy Lynn Keller, 19, 608 W. 14th St., is facing four.

Malsom was arrested Thursday night with three other people and Keller was arrested that morning.

Police Chief Ray Smee said the arrests ended a six-month undercover investigation and officers

aren't expecting to arrest anyone else. Officers from the Sherman County Sheriff's Department and the Quad County Drug Task Force helped with the investigation and arrests.

A news release said officers took search warrants to 1402 Cherry and 508 W. 15th St. Thursday night and found drugs and money in both homes. Smee said the arrests were made about 6:30 p.m.

The release said the five adults were taken to the Sherman County Bastille and will be charged with the possession and sale of drugs and the sale of drugs within 1,000 feet of a school, a more seri-

ous charge.

Court records say on two occasions Keller had about one ounce of alleged marijuana in a plastic bag, which he sold to a confidential informant for \$100 at 608 W. 14th. The home is two blocks from Grant Junior High School.

Keller reportedly made the sales on July 20 and 30.

He is being charged with two counts of sale of a hallucinogenic drug within 1,000 feet of a school, and two counts of possessing drugs with-

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## Militants clear way for truce

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Islamic militant group Hamas today announced a suspension of suicide bombings and mortar attacks in Israel, boosting chances for a U.S.-brokered truce to take hold.

In internal Palestinian fighting, five people were killed when a militant's funeral turned into a gunbattle.

The Hamas announcement came after two days of clashes between Palestinian police — who have been trying to enforce a cease-fire — and supporters of Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad group.

In all, six Palestinians have been killed and 94 hurt in internal confrontations since Thursday, doctors said.

Hamas said in a leaflet faxed to news agencies that it ordered the attacks suspended “until further notice” to preserve Palestinian unity.

The announcement was seen as a victory for beleaguered Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been under in-

tense U.S. and European pressure to prevent attacks on Israel. It was the first time Hamas had made such a promise in the 15 months of fighting.

However, the Hamas decision only referred to stopping suicide attacks in Israel, not in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, leaving open the possibility of further violence.

The ban on mortar fire extended to both Israel and the Palestinian territories, according to the leaflet.

A senior Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Hamas announcement was a result of negotiations between leaders of the group and senior Palestinian Authority officials that ended early today.

Israel's reaction was guarded. In the past 15 months of fighting, scores of Israelis have been killed in attacks by Islamic militants, including 36 this month.

Despite the Hamas announcement, tensions were running high in Gaza.



Skylar Williams, second grade

## Newspaper intercepts Santa letters for section

The Goodland Daily News intercepted letters and pictures students in Goodland and Brewster wrote and drew for Santa Claus in time to print them in a special section included in today's paper.

But don't worry, they all made it to the North Pole and into the hands of the big guy.

We couldn't fit all of the letters and pictures in the special section, so we placed the rest on Page 7 of today's paper. We typed the letters the way we received them — spelling errors and all — because that's the way Santa received them, and it's darn cute.

While some kids asked for timeless gifts, including balls and shoes, most put electronic toys on their lists this year.

The most popular items included “hit clips,” “game boys,” “battle-bots” and “cd players.”

A few students didn't ask for any-

thing, and were more interested in how Santa was doing.

Ashley Roeder wrote: “Are the elves wrking hard thir Santa. I ben good all week. I cleend my room! How have you ben? You are comeing on the 24th ok ok”

Some buttered Santa up a little before listing the presents they would like, and a few said they realize he has a tough job.

“I like you alot,” James Roeder wrote. “My brother doesn't think you real. But I do. For Christmas, I want a toy tow truck, a cat, a set of race cars, a skate board, a toy remote cotrolled car, and a spinning battle bot. It doesn't have to spin.”

Sarah Smith wrote: “Dear Santay, You can just get me one thing for christmas. I know that you have lots of children. I want some skate shoe's for christmas.”

We hope they all get what they want.



Tina Goodwin arranged the hand made ornaments on a tree in the gift gallery at the Carnegie Arts Center this morning. As the new director of the center, she will be busy for the next month arranging activities for 2002.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

## Arts center gets new director

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

A member of the board at the Carnegie Arts Center has been chosen to serve as director and plans to use the “if it ain't broke, don't fix it” approach to operating the center.

Former Director Rebecca Downs left the center in October to take a job for the City of Salt Lake doing research and organizing programs for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The center is on the right track, Tina Goodwin, the new director, said, adding that she wants to keep up with the present activities.

The most important program is the summer arts program, she said, which reaches a lot of children.

She said the director pulls in artists and volunteers from the community to teach week-long seminars. At seminars in the past, she said, the center has had volunteers teach painting, drawing, crafts, scrap booking and even making bird baths.

There is no charge for children to participate in the summer art pro-

gram, Joan Reid, president of the Arts Council, said. And the program is important, she said, because participating in the arts gives children an identity and helps them to discover themselves.

Goodwin said she and Jessica Cole bought the rights to produce “Wolfie,” as a part of this year's summer program and co-directed the play. The children in the play were wonderful, she said, and did a good job. The directors loved the project, Goodwin said, and plan to do another all-children's production next summer.

The center has a different display each month, Goodwin said, and the board works to bring Kansas artists to the gallery. This month's display is of local artists, Reid said, but there will be no display in January. The center will be closed for the month, she said, to give the director time to set up for the next year.

Unique gifts and artist's consignments are for sale in the gift gallery at the center, Goodwin said. There is pottery from local artists, she said, and Christmas ornaments and gifts. Some

of the ornaments are made of blown glass and others are hand-painted.

While the center is closed in January, Goodwin said she will plan the summer program, inventory the gift gallery and work on applying for a grant from the state. The board will be holding a membership drive.

The center has two part time employees, Goodwin said, Vivian Jensen and Rita Welle, who kept things going while there was no director.

The center is open to everyone, she said, but it's the members who keep the doors open. And the grant from the Kansas Arts Commission will help with the center's operating expenses, she said. Goodwin said the center receives the grant every year.

“Goodland is so lucky to have the center,” she said. “Not many small towns have one like it.”

She said she has lived in Goodland for almost 15 years and feels she knows what the community wants

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## Weatherman retiring after 36 years

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Bob Boyle, 57, who spent almost all of his adult life in federal government service, is retiring as a technician at the National Weather Service here on Jan. 3.

He began serving his country in 1964, when he joined the Navy. He was a weatherman aboard the USS Essex when he got out in 1967.

After a brief stint at a department store, he joined the weather service as a chartist in 1969, and has been with it

ever since, for a total of 36 years of government service.

He has been at the Goodland office for 27 years, watching the service go from teletypes to computer readouts, eight-track recordings to synthesized computer voices, and vacuum tubes to sophisticated Doppler radar.

He says the most important part of the work meteorologists do now is quality control of computer data, making sure that the figures the system spits out make sense. The workload for weathermen is probably less now than it was

when he started, he says, until, that is, something breaks. Then things can get interesting.

Boyle remembers a time in March 1977 when the focus of his life's work turned against him. A heavy blizzard came into town, leaving drifts six feet tall or more.

He started walking to work, but was picked up by someone in a four-wheel drive. When he got to the office, there was no electricity, no heat, and nothing

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