

weather report

44°

at noon

Today

Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 32 degrees

• Humidity 38 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 19-24 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.00 inches and falling

Last 24 Hours*

High 36°

Low 15°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low 20s, winds northwest 5-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy, high 42, low 16, winds northwest 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Friday and Saturday: cloudy, 30 percent chance of snow, high 36, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.56 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.46

Corn — \$1.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.88

Loan deficiency payment — 11¢

Milo — \$1.66 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.69 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.76

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.16

Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.85 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.

Leader says terrorists gone

KABUL, Afghanistan — Less than three months after the U.S.-led coalition began military strikes, Afghanistan’s interim prime minister said today terrorism has been “largely” beaten in his war-wrecked country.

“Some may be still here, but I don’t think they are in large numbers. I think terrorism is largely defeated in Afghanistan,” Hamid Karzai told The Associated Press today.

Still at large are Osama bin Laden, leader of the al-Qaida terror network, and Mullah Mohammed Omar, the leader of the hard-line Islamic Taliban movement.

“With regards to Osama bin Laden, I don’t know where he is,” Karzai said. “We receive reports now he may be here or there, and if we get a detailed report about his whereabouts, we will certainly go after him and arrest him.”

Hearings set in two drug bust cases

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

Two preliminary hearings have been set and three first appearances are scheduled for the five people arrested Thursday on charges of selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a school.

All five defendants bonded out of jail Friday, posting \$10,000 bonds.

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 cases.

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

Sybrena A. Malsom, 31, 1402 Cherry Ave., has been charged with 11 drug-

related felonies and a preliminary hearing has been set for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3. Leslie Beims has been appointed as defense counsel.

Clint L. Gresty, 28, 1402 Cherry Ave., is facing six charges of selling marijuana and a white powder substance believed to be methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school. Gresty bonded out after a first appearance and a preliminary hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3. The court appointed Scott Showalter to represent him.

Tracy Lynn Keller, 19, 608 W. 14th St., is facing four charges and his first appearance is set for 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15. Keller was arrested earlier on Thursday. The warrant said 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 without a state drug tax stamp.

Anthony L. Garza, 25, 508 W. 15th, is facing 12 charges of possession of marijuana, selling marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of drug paraphernalia to sell or distribute a controlled substance and no evidence of an official drug tax stamp.

Manuela B. Hernandez, 30, 508 W. 15th, is facing seven charges of aiding and abetting sale of hallucinogenic drug within 1,000 feet of a school.

First hearings for Garza and Hernandez are set for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

The warrant for Garza says he sold 29 grams of a substance believed to be marijuana, packaged in a clear plastic

bag, to a confidential informant for \$170 on Nov. 1, while at 508 W. 15th, which is approximately 987 feet from Grant Junior High School.

Another charge says Garza sold a confidential informant about one half ounce of marijuana for \$50 on Nov. 8. On Dec. 18, Garza allegedly sold about half an ounce of a substance believed to be marijuana for \$80 to a confidential informant while at 508 W. 15th. Each of these incidents also include additional charges of possession of an hallucinogenic drug with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a school and having no official drug tax stamp.

Hernandez is charged with aiding and abetting by allowing Garza to possess and sell a substance believed to be marijuana from her residence at 508 W. 15th, on Nov. 1 and 8. The charges also include aiding and abetting use of drug paraphernalia to sell or distribute controlled substance and that she allowed

Garza to possess a controlled substance at her residence without having an official drug tax stamp.

Gresty is being charged with selling one ounce of a substance believed to be marijuana to a confidential informant for \$100 on Oct. 17, while at 1402 Cherry Ave., which is approximately 448 feet from Goodland High School.

He is charged with selling one gram of a white powder believed to be methamphetamine to a confidential informant for \$100, while located at 1402 Cherry Ave., on Oct. 9.

The charge is sale of a narcotic drug within 1,000 feet of a school, and is a level 2 drug felony.

The Quad County Drug Task Force is a joint operation of the Thomas, Logan, Gove, Wallace and Sherman County Sheriff’s departments; the Colby, Oakley and Goodland Police; and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Kids’ party offers fun for holiday

Members of the Goodland High School Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) are sponsoring a slumber party to give children a safe and enjoyable environment while their parents celebrate New Year’s Eve.

The party will include games from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, and sleeping from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the West Elementary School gym.

The cost is \$2 per hour, which must be paid when the children arrive. Additional donations will be accepted. All proceeds go the Sept. 11 Fund. The club hopes to select a family that lost a member in the tragedy and really needs financial assistance.

Signed contracts must be turned in by the start of the slumber party. Call Richard Schwasinger at 899-3824 for a contract.

Parents are asked to feed their children before bringing them to the party and to bring sleeping bags, bedding and pillows.

Children will be released to sober parents or parents who provide sober drivers only. Schwasinger said he will provide a delivery service for families who need children taken home for an additional \$10.

Giving big brother a ride ...



Courtney Cowan, 6, pulled her brother Robert, 8, on a sled at 11th and Clark Monday afternoon. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Christmas brings brief pause at ground zero

NEW YORK (AP)—The search for bodies in the World Trade Center wreckage stopped only briefly for Christmas services, then continued, with the crews determined to help console grieving families by bringing home the missing.

“In a weird way, it would be like a gift for somebody,” said emergency services police officer Patrick Shea, who spent the holiday sifting through the

debris.

Christmas Day marked 15 weeks since Sept. 11, when two hijacked jetliners crashed into the trade center towers and left nearly 3,000 people dead or missing.

The remains of several victims were found Christmas Eve as crews reached what had been the underground levels of the trade center.

The rescue workers at the site Christ-

mas Eve and Christmas Day had volunteered to be there. Many said their families missed them on Christmas, but they noted that it was nothing like what victims’ relatives were going through.

“If you have to work on Christmas, as far as a fireman is concerned, this is the place to be,” said New York firefighter Tom Sweetman.

Huge crowds of locals and tourists also gathered at the site to pay their re-

spects. Veronique Fellous, who traveled from Paris to celebrate the holiday in New York, said she wanted to be there to feel like part of the community.

Army National Guard Sgt. Enrique Guadalupe spent the day escorting dozens of victims’ families to a viewing platform at the site. He said it was an honor to be working at the site on Christmas.

“They go in one way, and when they

come out, they have a whole different expression,” he said. “I guess they feel some sort of closure.”

Workers gathered inside a tent on the site throughout the day, where Salvation Army volunteers served a Christmas meal of prime rib, turkey and ham.

Christmas was a working holiday for many National Guardsmen across the country who patrolled airports, bridges and other potential terrorist targets.

For Kansans, terrorist attacks changed way of life

By Carl Manning
Associated Press Writer

OGDEN — Far removed from the Sept. 11 attacks, most Kansans have not faced the daily stress of fear felt by some, perhaps because they do not feel as if they are in the terrorists’ crosshairs.

But the attacks did change things for Kansans. For some, it meant families separated by the call of military duty. For others, a decision to drive instead of fly. For all, a new awareness that the United States is not bulletproof.

From the cities to the smallest towns, American flags flew from cars, trucks and tractors. Red, white and blue bunting decorated storefronts. Patriotism and the war were the topics at coffee shops.

But in the months since the attacks on New York and Washington, the daily routine has slowly overtaken the daily thoughts of carnage.

“Because we are in a relatively rural area, there is less sense of being a target,” said Jon Allen, a psychologist who

Security is tightened up

By The Associated Press

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, things changed in Kansas.

Kansas National Guard troops beefed up security at Mid-Continent Airport in Wichita and seven other smaller commercial airports around the state.

There was increased security at the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant and restricted access at many state buildings, including the Statehouse in Topeka.

specializes in adult trauma at the Menninger clinic in Topeka.

“If there isn’t something affecting us on a daily basis, it is easier to put it out of your mind,” he said.

But that doesn’t mean what happened is forgotten.

For example, in Ogden, which adjoins Fort Riley, protecting the United States is the top priority. But as in other areas, there have been changes — some good and some not.

For three decades, Pat Livingston has owned a gun shop frequented by sol-

diers and hunters.

“Our gun sales have doubled or tripled,” he said. “People are scared. You don’t know what they are going to do next. You use to think everything was under control. Well, you can throw that out the window.”

Livingston said within days of the attack he sold every American flag in stock. Another big seller was paper targets with circles over the likeness of Osama bin Laden.

“They were buying a lot of ammo, cases of ammo that first week, like we were going to be invaded,” he said.

Like others, one thing that changed for Livingston was the way he viewed strangers.

“I’m cautious. I have my eyes open all the time for these types of people. You can’t blame all of them, but you can’t help but look,” he said. “Most are good Americans.”

A few doors down the main street, Bea Hall helps out at the Diamond B Restaurant.

“They use to be standing at the door to get in, but after Sept. 11, it just seemed like everything fell apart,” Hall said, adding that it’s harder for people to enter and leave the nearby Army post.

Fort Riley had planned to restrict access in November, but the attacks pushed up the timetable. No longer can people drive unchallenged through the post as they had for years.

Now at every entrance to the Army post, there are roadblocks manned by armed soldiers who stop all vehicles.

“If you say you want to drive through, chances are they won’t let you do that,” said spokeswoman Christie Vanover.

Because of that change, Hall now drives an extra 15 minutes to do her shopping in Junction City rather than going through the post. The extra time doesn’t bother her.

“I know they’re doing it for a good reason. They have to protect Fort