

**weather
report****64°**

at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:17 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

Middy Conditions

Soil Temperature 48 degrees

Humidity 49 percent

Sky mostly sunny

Winds southwest 20-26 m.p.h.

Barometer 30.18 inches

and steady

Record High 90° (1930)

Record Low 8° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High 56°

Low 36°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: increasing cloudiness, low mid 40s, winds south 15-25 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy becoming partly sunny, high upper 70s, winds southwest 15-25 m.p.h., low lower 50s, 30 percent chance of rain in evening.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly sunny, lower 60s, low near 40. Friday: partly cloudy, high lower 70s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$2.61 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.51

New Crop — \$2.55 bushel

Corn — \$1.85 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.81

Loan deficiency pmt. — 18¢

Milo — \$1.54 bushel

Soybeans — \$3.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.95

Loan deficiency payment — 97¢

Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.65 cwt.

NuSun — \$8.80 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 56¢

Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$28

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean.)

**afternoon
wire**Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

**Times breaks
Pulitzer record**

NEW YORK — In a year when terrorism dominated the news as no subject since Vietnam, *The New York Times* captured a record seven Pulitzer Prizes and *The Wall Street Journal* won one for publishing a comprehensive edition even as the World Trade Center collapsed a block away.

Five of the *Times*' prizes, announced on Monday at Columbia University, went for coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and another for the war in Afghanistan.

Times foreign affairs commentator Thomas Friedman won his third Pulitzer for what the prize committee called a "clarity of vision... on the worldwide impact of the terrorist threat."

The Washington Post and the *Los Angeles Times* each won two of journalism's most prestigious awards.

Gas station robbed in early morning

Robbers acted like they were armed

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Three or four Hispanic men who acted like they were armed but never pulled a gun robbed the Presto Convenience Store early Sunday, stealing about \$350 in cash and threatening to kill the clerk

if she didn't cooperate.

Edith Blume, Presto manager, said the cashier told her the men came into the store north of the I-70 interchange on K-27 about 1:30 a.m. She said they were talking loud and using vulgar language as they heated up burritos and sandwiches in the gas station's microwave.

Blume said the cashier was in the middle of a rush when the men came in and was busy helping a crowd of people who were buying gas, food and cigarettes. She said one customer complained about how loud and obnoxious the men were.

A police officer had stopped in earlier that night,

Blume said, but was gone when the robbery happened.

The robbers waited for the store to clear, she said, and then two brought their food and drinks up to cash register. The clerk was ringing up the items, she said, when one of the men jumped over the counter and demanded that she open the register.

The man acted as if he had a gun in his pocket, Blume said, but the clerk never saw a weapon. But that didn't matter, she said.

"As far as she was concerned, it was a gun," Blume said. The robber told the clerk, "Bitch, open

the drawer or I'll waste you."

The clerk was shocked and nervous, Blume said, and at first couldn't remember how to open the drawer.

"She went into a panic," she said. "You or I would have done the same thing."

The clerk finally got the drawer open, Blume said, and the robber snatched all of the cash and checks. She said he pulled out a \$20 bill rigged to set off a silent alarm that would have brought out police, but the battery on the alarm was dead and

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Coaches resign

Board accepts letters at meeting Monday

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board on Monday accepted resignations from two coaches, Chris Walters, the Cowboys head football coach, and Billy Gabel, assistant coach of the Cowboys wrestling team.

Members also accepted resignations from two elementary teachers who agreed to retire early so the district won't have to lay off anyone to solve budget problems rolling down from the state level.

The board accepted the resignations after a 30-minute closed session to discuss personnel matters. Members are allowed by state law to talk privately about employees.

Norma Staker, a "multi-age" teacher at North Elementary School, and Gail Walter, a reading teacher at North, will each receive a bonus of 10 percent of their total salary for retiring early. At a teacher contract negotiating meeting last week, member Kathy Russell said the board needs four teachers to retire to meet its budget goals.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the teachers and coaches all will finish the school year.

Both of the coaches were relatively new to the district, with Walters starting work during the summer of 2000 and Gabel last summer. Both are classed as non-tenured teachers, whose contracts can be dropped at the school board's discretion.

Walters was also a high school science teacher and Gabel replaced Chris Guillot, the former head wrestling coach, as the high school physical education teacher. He is a former state champion wrestler and his father is the long-time, highly successful wrestling coach at St. Francis.

Walters said this morning that he was not asked to resign. He said he plans to take over as head football coach for Ness City High School. Gabel was not at work today.

Walters said he heard this morning that he had been hired as a science teacher and head football coach in the Ness City district, but he's known he had the job for a couple of weeks.

He said the Ness City school is in Class 2A, the same category as St. Francis and Atwood. Goodland is a Class 4A school, two sizes larger with more students.

The Cowboys did not win a game last season and Walters said he didn't want to comment about whether that was a factor in his leaving. He said he didn't want to announce why he is leaving, but will discuss it privately.

"I'm not going to elaborate in the newspaper," he said. "I think it'll be a good deal for everyone involved."

The school board didn't discuss replacing Walters or Gabel. Members have talked about reducing the number of assistant coaches to save money.



Red plane, blue dragon soar

Curt and Tina Goodwin took advantage of the warm, windy weather on Sunday by flying kites with their children, Chloe, 7, and Alex, 3, at the North Elementary School field. Curt and Tina (above) tried to get the airplane kite soaring, while Chloe worked on a dragon kite in the background. With help from her mom (below), Chloe finally got it into the air and shielded her eyes (left) as she watched it floating there.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News



Man shot during robbery goes to court

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A Sharon Springs man who was shot while allegedly trying to rob a Goodland liquor store made his first appearance Thursday in Sherman County District Court.

Del Ray Dreiling, 20, appeared to hear the charge of aggravated robbery. A preliminary hearing was set for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4. He was released on his own recognizance, on the condition he tell his lawyer where he is at all times and that he be fingerprinted.

He wasn't fingerprinted after the alleged robbery attempt because of his wounds. He was taken first to Goodland Regional Medical Center and then to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver. If he fails to show for the hearing, he will owe the court \$2,500.

Dreiling is the son of Terry and Ginger Kamper of Sharon Springs. Court records list his current address as Arapahoe, Colo., across the state line to the west.

The court had found him indigent and appointed R. Dean Dinkle of

Sharon Springs as his lawyer. In a financial affidavit, Dreiling reported he has not worked since Dec. 31, the day of the shooting. He had worked for a construction company in Arapahoe before that. Dinkle said he's not sure when the trial will actually start.

Dreiling is accused of trying to rob Kamper Retail Liquor on New Year's Eve. A police statement said the man went into the store at 426 West Business U.S. 24 with a loaded .22 caliber pistol and pantyhose over his head. He allegedly demanded money from clerk

Marvin Thomas of Kanorado. When Dreiling went around a corner of the counter, store owner Jack Kamper came out of his office and shot Dreiling once in the chest with a handgun.

Dreiling was taken to the Goodland hospital by ambulance, and then flown to Denver, where he underwent surgery to remove the bullet.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby cleared Kamper in the shooting. Under Kansas law, she said, a person is free to defend himself or his property as long as he does not use undue force.

13 Israeli soldiers killed; Sharon says attacks will continue

JENIN, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian militants ambushed Israeli soldiers during intense fighting in a refugee camp today, opening fire from rooftops and setting off explosions that collapsed a building on troops in a narrow alley, the Israeli military said. Thirteen Israeli soldiers were killed and nine

wounded.

The attack in Jenin refugee camp, where the military has besieged dozens of Palestinian gunmen for the past week, was the single deadliest incident involving Israeli forces in the past 18 months of violence.

Hours after the ambush, Israeli Prime

Minister Ariel Sharon said in a nationally broadcast address that the incursion into the West Bank would continue until Palestinian militias are crushed — despite U.S. pressure that he halt the 12-day-old offensive.

"It was a tough campaign, a campaign that we are continuing... until we

will fulfill the decision of the Cabinet that calls for the destruction of the infrastructure of the terror groups," Sharon said.

Earlier today, Israel pulled out of the West Bank towns of Qalqilya and Tulkarem, raising expectations it would end the offensive altogether and

also leave Nablus, Bethlehem, Jenin and Ramallah.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, due to arrive in Israel late Thursday in an effort to work out a truce, praised the withdrawal and said he would meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during his visit.