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Armed

robber

charged

Alleged thief heads

The Goodland Daily News

The man who allegedly tried to rob a

Goodland liquor store at gunpoint on

New Year's Eve and was shot in the

process has been charged with robbery

The alleged robber, 20-year-old Del

Ray Dreiling of Sharon Springs, was

served with a complaint and summons

early this week. County Attorney

Bonnie Selby said she thinks arrange-

ments are being made to have a meet-

The complaint alleges Dreiling went

into Kamper Liquor Store on Business

U.S. 24 on New Year's Eve with panty-

hose covering his face. He reportedly

pointed a loaded .22 caliber handgun at

Marvin Thomas, the store clerk, and

demanded money from the cash regis-

A statement issued by Goodland Po-

lice Chief Ray Smee earlier this month

said Jack Kamper, store owner, came

out of his office with a handgun and

Dreiling had been recuperating at St.

Anthony Central Hospital in Denver

where he had been flown by helicopter

and was originally listed as being in

critical condition. He had surgery to remove the bullet from his spine.

Selby said she wanted to wait until

Dreiling was out of the hospital before

she served with the summons. He left

the hospital some time in the past week.

before the Sherman County District

Court at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 2. Selby

said the court has a full docket until

Kamper will not be charged in the

shooting, Selby said. Earlier this

month, she said to charge Kamper she

would have to believe he had used un-

just force against the alleged robber.

Under Kansas law, Selby said, a per-

Dreiling has been ordered to appear

shot Dreiling once in the chest.

ing with the family's lawyer.

to court in April

**By Doug Stephens** 

with a dangerous weapon.

Goodland, Kansas 67735

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weather report a

## **Today**

• Sunset, 5:06 p.m.

**Tomorrow** 

· Sunrise, 6:53 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:07 p.m.

### **Midday Conditions**

## Soil Temperature 31 degrees

• Humidity 51 percent

· Sky clear

· Winds west 10 m.p.h. • Barometer 30.32 inches

and steady • Record High 73° (1963)

• Record Low -21° (1989)

Last 24 Hours\*

25° Precipitation

#### **Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 10, wind southwest 5-15 becoming northwest late. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high 35-40, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h.

#### **Extended Forecast**

Sunday: sunny, high mid 40s. Monday: clear, high mid 40s, low 15-20. Tuesday: mostly clear, high mid 40s, low 15-20. Wednesday: mostly clear, high mid 40s, low 15-20.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



## Noon

Wheat — \$2.64 bushel Posted county price — \$2.47 Corn — \$1.90 bushel Posted county price — \$1.83 Loan deficiency payment — 16¢ Milo — \$1.62 bushel Soybeans — \$3.67 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.68 Loan deficiency payment — \$1.24 Millet — \$0.00 hundredweight Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$0.00 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — 87¢ Confection current — inquire Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## Parole decision not made

## Board has not said if killer will go free

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Kansas Parole Board has not yet decided whether to grant parole to William Schlicher, a Hoxie man sentenced to life in 1980 for murdering a Sherman County gas station attendant in 1970.

Schlicher, who has been denied parole three previous times, met with the board in mid-January.

Colene Seidel, parole board administrator, said a decision legally had to be submitted within 10 days unless members requested more information about the crime or criminal. She said the board wouldn't release its decision until the inmate had been notified.

That was two weeks ago, and the board apparently still has not ruled.

Bill Miskell, spokesman for the state Department of Corrections, said Schlicher is still being held at the Norton Correctional Facility and has not been granted parole. He said the board has not issued a decision, but noted that is not unusual. "I have seen cases where the board

takes several months to make a decision," he said, "but it just varies each

Seidel was not available for comment Thursday or today.

In an earlier interview, she said Schlicher would be released on Thursday, Feb. 28, if he is granted parole. That is the day his sentence began.

Even if he is released, she said, he probably won't ever be completely free. She said prisoners with a life sentence usually remain on parole until

After a week-long trial in Sept. 1980, a jury found Schlicher guilty of shooting Wallace Patton to death on Nov. 8, 1970. Witnesses testified that Schlicher and two of his classmates at the technical school in Goodland abducted Patton after robbing the gas station where he worked. Schlicher was the only one to go to jail.

The murder went unsolved for 10 years, until Marvin Dale Seigrist, one of the classmates, received immunity for his testimony. Doctors ruled Charles Kauffman, the third student, was not sane enough to stand trial.



## Kids spend day in snow

Chase Sawatzky, Sawyer Burkett, and Austin Burkett (above) stood like kings Thursday on a snow hill during their day off from school. One of them was snow boarding on the pile. Classes were canceled Thursday because of a storm that dropped six inches of snow on Goodland. Auhley and Andrei Ramirez (right) were making a snow man in their spare time.

Photos by Skilar Boland The Goodland Daily News



son is free to defend himself, another person, or his property, as long as he does not use excessive force.

# County to restrict semi traffic

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Sherman County Commissioners on Thursday approved a resolution restricting commercial truck traffic traveling across the county on Business

Trucks hauling aggregate from Lamar to Levant, using U.S. 24 through Goodland, have caused damage to the county roadway.

The new resolution says no commercial traffic will be allowed without county designation, which means trucks must be registered here. The resolution takes effect immediately, and Curt Way, county public works director, said signs should be in place in the next two weeks.

At the final session of the month, Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson suggested the commissioners pass a separate resolution setting weight limits and including a fine schedule.

There was a suggestion to restrict weight to 40 tons. County Attorney Bonnie Selby was asked to draft the weight limit and fine schedule resolutions.

The resolution will not affect com-

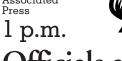
mercial trucks within the county, but is

aimed at outside commercial traffic seeking to use the county road to haul a heavier amount of material. Way said the state allows 85,000

pounds on secondary roads, but limits traffic on I-70 to 80,000 pounds. He said truck traffic causing the road damage has been rerouted onto I-70 at the

# Banks key part of city's past

# afternoon



## Officials ask for high alert

WASHINGTON — Despite U.S. successes in Afghanistan, the Bush administration is cautioning terrorists may be operating in the United States, requiring the nation to stay on high alert for perhaps years.

The call for vigilance came from a variety of officials Thursday, from Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to the head of the FBI and the White House where the president's national security adviser asserted that countries with links to terrorists have been "put on notice."

FBI Director Robert Mueller told reporters "sleeper cells" of terrorists may well continue to operate in the United States, awaiting orders to attack.

The al-Qaida terrorist network's ability to launch major attacks has been disrupted by more than three months of U.S. military action.

The Goodland Daily News There have been as many as a dozen banks in Sherman County since the county was organized in 1888, but today there are only three.

By Tom Betz

Two have become regional banks, with their main offices in Goodland, and the third is a branch of another regional bank. Two of the present banks, The First

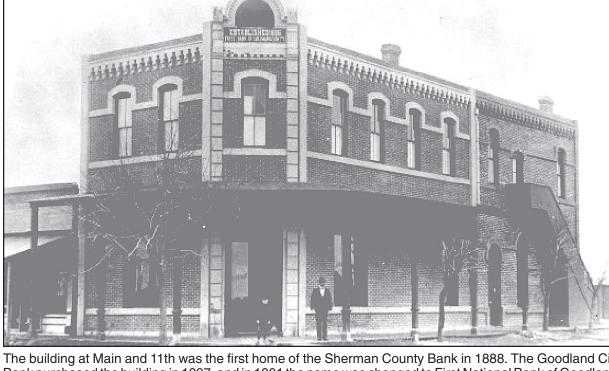
National Bank of Goodland, 202 E. 11th, and Bankwest of Kansas, 924 Main, each suggest they are related to a bank in the earliest Sherman County

Records from the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation differ on when the banks actually be-

State records provided by Judi M. Stork, deputy commissioner for the Division of Banking, show First National as opening on Jan. 1, 1886. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation lists First National as opening Jan. 1, 1886, and First National traces its history back to the Sherman County Bank, which opened in 1886 in Eustis.

Based on state banking and federal records, Bankwest of Kansas opened in January 1929. Bankwest historical information shows a connection back to The Kansas Banking Company in the town of Gandy in 1886, and to The Goodland State Bank in 1905 — the first bank to be located at 924 Main

where Bankwest stands today. Western State Bank of Goodland, 815 Center, is a branch office, with the main office located in Garden City.



The building at Main and 11th was the first home of the Sherman County Bank in 1888. The Goodland City Bank purchased the building in 1897, and in 1901 the name was changed to First National Bank of Goodland. Photo courtesy of High Plains Museum

The Goodland branch traces its history back to 1924, when it was a savings and loan. It then went through ownership by two large bank companies before being purchased by Western State. State and federal records show the main Western State Bank office was opened in June 1973, and the Goodland branch was purchased in

First National has become a regional

## In celebration of Kansas' 141st birth-

Feature celebrates state's birthday

day on Tuesday, The Goodland Daily *News* is telling the story of some of the oldest businesses in town this week.

The final feature in today's edition is the history of banks in Goodland. Other spotlights included Elliott's Home Furnishings on Wednesday and Garrett's Liquor Store on Thursday. Elliott's is the oldest family-owned business See BANKS, Page 4 downtown and Garrett's is the second months old

The special feature included the

"Business Honor Roll: A Century of Achievement," found on pages eight and nine in Wednesday's paper.

Sixty participating Goodland businesses are listed in order from the oldest, Bankwest of Kansas and First National Bank, to one of the youngest, Second Chance Bar & Grill, at two

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