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Goodland, Kansas 67735

50¢

weather report

49°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 5:12 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 23 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds north 14 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.04 inches and steady
- Record High 67° (1934)
- Record Low -8° (1936)

Last 24 Hours*

High	40°
Low	21°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 20s, wind northwest 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high near 60, low mid 20s, wind west 15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: partly sunny, high upper 50s, low upper 20s, 30 percent chance of snow by late evening. Saturday: partly cloudy, high mid 40s, windy with chance of snow in morning.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.61 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.51
- Corn — \$1.89 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.83
- Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
- Milo — \$1.61 bushel
- Soybeans — \$3.67 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.70
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.22
- Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$8.90 cwt.
- Loan deficiency prmt. — 86¢
- Confection current — inquire
- Pinto beans — \$25

(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.

Pension plan to help saving

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to the Enron collapse, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao today told Congress that President Bush's proposal to revamp pension laws would strengthen retirement account protections for millions of workers.

Bush is asking Congress give workers greater flexibility to diversify their company savings accounts, aiming to prevent another Enron-style meltdown.

Thousands of Enron employees lost their retirement savings as the company stock plummeted and they were barred from selling it from their investment accounts.

"We must strengthen the confidence of the American workforce that their retirement savings are secure,"

Chao testified at a hearing by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Project to reduce stealing

Students' aim to cut shoplifting in town

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Shoplifters better be on the look-out; the Goodland High School Deca Club is teaching merchants how to spot them and how to stop them.

This week is "Shoplifting Prevention Week." It is the brainchild of three Deca members, Destiny and Amber Wing and Jenna McGinley.

It is a program Deca, which teaches students about running a business, has sponsored in the past. The three girls said they decided to bring it back because it is a big concern for Goodland merchants.

"It is a vicious cycle," said junior Destiny Wing. "Merchants have to raise prices to cover their inventory losses, which causes people to buy less. They lose money when their stuff is stolen, then they lose money when they have to raise their prices."

The trio devised a plan to distribute fliers and pins employees can wear that encourage people not to steal. They said they would have liked to fly a banner across Main St., but the city never got back to them. They handed out the fliers on Monday.

Businesses that request it can get a pamphlet which teaches them how to prevent shoplifting, by merchandise design and spotting potential shoplifters, and explains the legal way to detain a thief.

"You can't actually hold a person unless you have seen him steal," Wing said, "it's surprising how few merchants know that."

Dollar General is one of the stores that has requested the pamphlet.

"It was really big," Wing said, "a store actually came to us. That really shows how big this problem is."

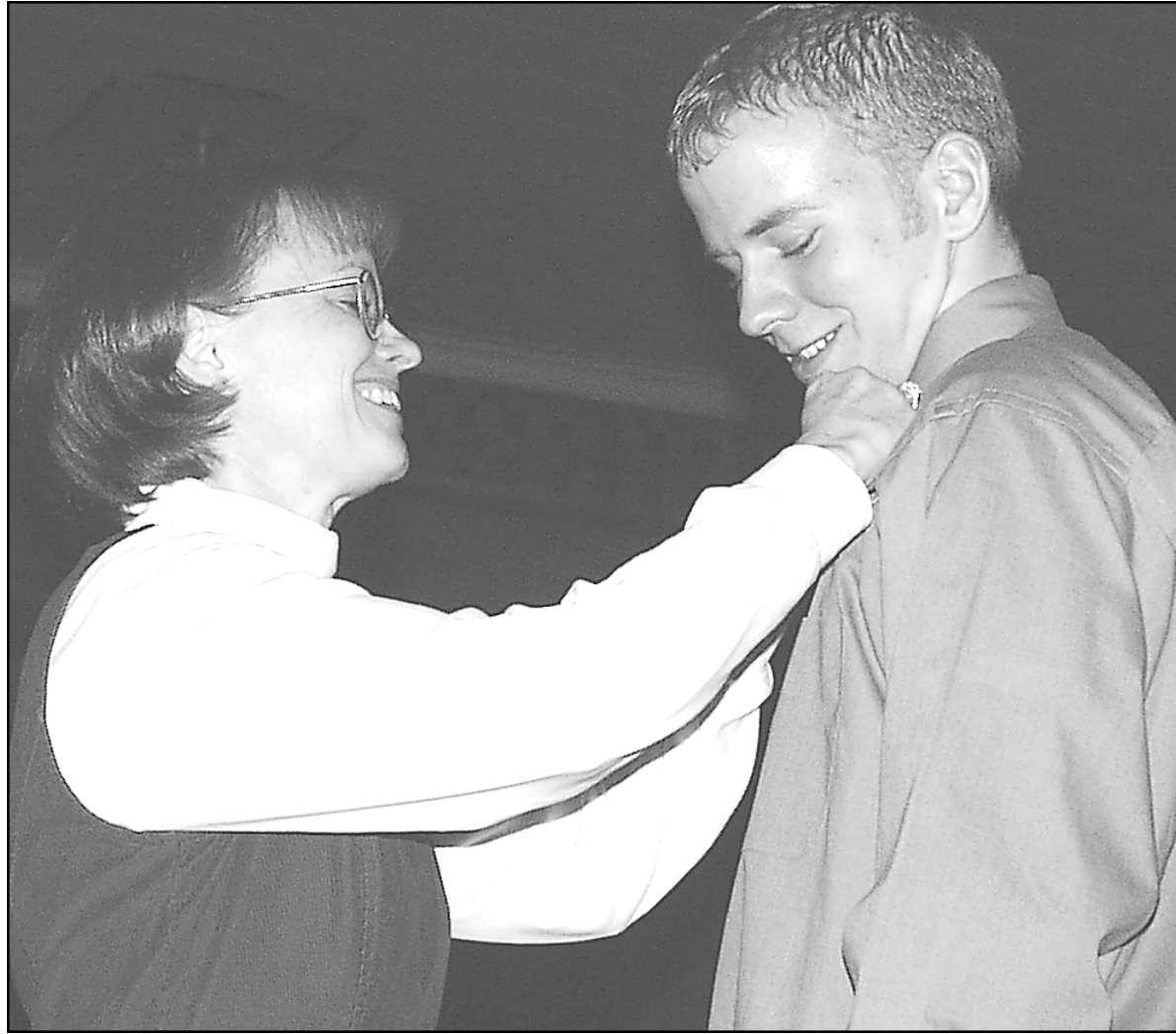
Jeff Bohlin, an assistant manager at Alco, said his store has had some problems with theft.

"It (shoplifting) has gotten a little worse in the last year," he said.

Jacque Cooper, owner of Jacque's Hallmark, said she hadn't heard about the pamphlet, but would be interested in seeing it.

"This is a big store," she said, "it's hard to keep an eye on everybody. We don't know if people are stealing are

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Timothy Kafka (above) selected his mother, Sandy Kafka, to place his induction lapel pin on his shirt Tuesday night at the Goodland High School National Honor Society ceremony in the high school auditorium. David Russell (below), president, lit the National Honor Society candle, during the welcome and pledge portion of the ceremony.

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Society inducts new members

By Eric Yonkey

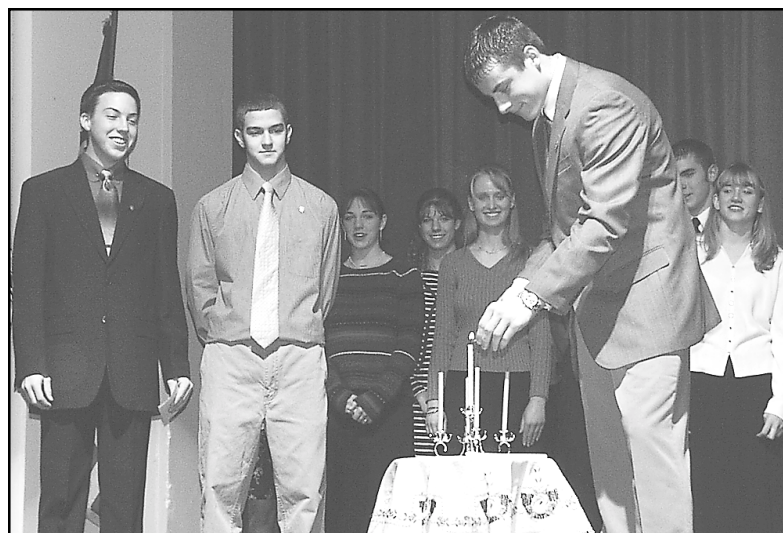
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Goodland High School students welcomed new members of the National Honor Society at an induction ceremony Tuesday evening at the high school auditorium.

Following the welcome and pledge led by Society President David Russell, officers Lacey Brenner, Jessica Vignery, Darin Richardson and Jordan Riebel lit candles in observance of the scholarship, leadership, service and character aspects of the organization.

New inductees pledged to maintain their "high scholastic standing. To hold as fundamental and worthy an untarnished character. To endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, and to give of myself freely in service to others. In so doing, I shall prove myself worthy of a place in the National Honor Society."

After the brief ceremony, inductees took turns asking one or more parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers or other friends to place a pin on their label. New members are: Amanda Angelos, Deanna Bauman, Kendra



Billinger, Alan Cebula, Thomas Cotter, Jenna Deines, Ashley Engel, Stephanie Fairbanks, Andrea Fenner, Rebecca Gattshall, Matthew Hall, Amanda Hoffman, Amanda Jolly, Timothy Kafka, Colleen Koehler, Emily Langness, Bill Linin, Deanna Livengood, Alyssa Mason, Anny McCoy, Britany Pettibone, Kamilla Pianalto, Donald Raymer, Chance Schilling, Tiffany Schwasinger, Joshua Topliff, Janet VanDonge and Tammy Weeter.

Senior members are: Brenner, Mandy Bellamy, Brian Coon, Rachel Hagerman, Bryan Mai, Erica Mann, Ana Montanez, StevieLee Raymer, Richardson, Riebel, Russell, Abby Scheopner and Vignery.

JoAnn Wahrman, high school librarian, is the society's faculty advisor.

Nurse shares Ground Zero trip with students

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Kathi Hapke realized a lot of things about life during her trip to Ground Zero in New York last year.

Appreciate your loved ones. If you're not happy, change. Don't pass up the opportunity of a lifetime. You can accomplish anything. Help others.

Hapke, a nurse and American Red Cross volunteer in Rexford, shared these lessons with about 60 Northwest Kansas Technical College students on Monday. She said witnessing the mass destruction of property and life and the devastation caused was powerful.

"It was a real humbling experience for me in New York," she said after the program, held in the student union. She added she plans to tell other students and organizations about the two weeks she spent at the site of the Sept. 11 World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

Hapke worked as a Red Cross volunteer at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan from Nov. 25 to Dec. 10. She helped fill out paperwork, traveled with families to the site, talked with people affected by the attacks and saw New York



Kathi Hapke talked with students about her trip to Ground Zero Monday.

Photo by Bonnie Hawks
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for the first time in her life.

Since then, she has been featured in

area newspapers and several clubs and organizations have asked her to share the experience. She said Monday's presentation was the second she has given. The program included blown-up pictures Hapke took at Ground Zero.

She said she talked to students in the Medical Assistant and Communications Network Technology programs, telling them what it's like to work at the site of a major disaster, where there is tremendous suffering and sadness.

The programs' instructors said they asked Hapke, who works at hospitals in Garden City and Colby, to come speak because their students could find themselves in that environment someday.

"I think it is educational to discuss things that are relevant instead of just reading out of the book," said Karen Lucas, the medical assistant instructor. She said she met Hapke years ago when they worked together at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Hapke said security was tight around Ground Zero and people had to get permission before they were allowed to look at the site, where crews and machines are working day and night. She

said it was very noisy, but the sounds seemed to take a back seat to the emotion hanging in the air.

"Even with all of the machines and people," she said, "it's a very spiritual place. That's my perception. I felt like the sounds were muffled."

Lucas said Hapke told about workers sifting through the rubble and finding watches, rings and other items that belonged to people who worked in the twin towers. Hapke said it's hard to put her emotions into words.

"I told them, 'It's really hard for me to tell you everything I saw there, it's too hard,'" she said. "I can't explain feelings."

The attacks destroyed thousands of lives, Hapke said, including that of those who died and those who lived.

She said she talked to people who operated lunch carts around the twin towers. They paid for the carts and the space where they parked them, she said, and now they have no way of making a living.

Hapke said she met a man whose life

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County to keep service

Phone contract good for four more years

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County will not change the local phone service anytime soon, based on information Deputy County Clerk Mary Ann Sneath reported at Tuesday's Sherman County Commission meeting.

The commissioners did not make any decision about changing the county long distance to S&T Telephone of Brewster, but did indicate they will not be changing the local system soon.

Sneath told the commissioners the Southwestern Bell contract for the city and county joint system will not end until Oct. 2005. She said the service could be terminated at a cost of \$12,000, and it would cost \$55,000 to change the equipment that handles the city and county phone lines.

The city has reserved 100 numbers in the 899-4500 range, and the county has the same number in the 889-4800 range. Sneath said the contract for this equipment has been handled by the city, and if the commissioners intend to change they need to notify the city that they do not want to see the contract renewed when it comes up in four years.

Sneath said she contacted Alltel about the cell phones and found the cost to be 10¢ per minute. She said this is the same rate for S&T's service, but there would be an additional \$1 a month for the Health Department's incoming "800" line.

The commissioners agreed the equipment contract makes that part difficult, but made no specific decision on changing the county long distance service.

Truck fines put on hold

By Tom Betz

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County Attorney Bonnie Selby presented a draft of a resolution setting weight limits on Old U.S. 24 and a fine schedule for overweight trucks to the county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday.

The commissioners requested the resolutions last week to reduce the damage big trucks do to county roads.

She said the Kansas State Highway Patrol policy is to only stop and ticket suspected overweight trucks within 10 miles of a scale.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he had several calls about the plan to set the limit at 80,000 pounds. He said many of the trucking companies in the county have trailers designed to haul 85,000 pounds.

Curt Way, public works director, reported that the state sets weight limits on county roads at 85,000 pounds. He also said Thomas County has weight restrictions on several of their roads, limiting trucks to 80,000 pounds.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said even at 80,000 pounds there are many trucks driving down roads that have bridges with much lower load restrictions.

Selby said she felt the enforcement of the weight limits would be a nightmare for the sheriff, but that without something, there is no way to stop trucks traveling through the county on U.S. 24 without having a Sherman County destination.

The commissioners decided to table the resolution and gather further information. They also asked to have a separate fine established for violating the resolution about traveling through the county.

Daryl West, noxious weed department head, met with the commission-

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Judge orders American Taliban held until trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal judge, declaring that U.S.-born Taliban John Walker Lindh "has every incentive to flee" from federal custody, ordered him held today pending a trial on charges of conspiring to kill Americans.

"No combination of conditions"

could permit the 20-year-old's release, said U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Curtis Sewell, turning aside pleas by Lindh's parents that he be released in their custody.

After a hearing of around an hour at the U.S. Courthouse here, Sewell rejected arguments Lindh presented no

danger of flight and scoffed at his lawyers assertions he should be released in the custody of his father, Frank Lindh, and his mother, Marilyn Walker.

"It may be argued by the defense the defendant is a loyal American," Sewell said, "but the evidence before the court belies that assumption."

"These are not family ties" that should lead to release, Sewell said. Lindh's parents did not speak with reporters, as they had during his previous appearance.

After his son's initial appearance Jan. 24, Frank Lindh told reporters Lindh "loves his country."