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weather report

46°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:20 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:21 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 32 degrees

• Humidity 26 percent

• Sky Sunny

• Winds West 18-24

• Barometer 30.26 inches

and Steady

• Record High 77° (1954)

• Record Low -11° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High 44°

Low 19°

Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Increasing cloudiness, lows 20-25; wind, south 10-15. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy; flurries late; high in low 50s; wind, north 15-25.

Extended Forecast

Thursday night: Flurries early, becoming mostly clear, windy, lows in mid-teens. Friday: Sunny, high in low 40s. Saturday: Partly cloudy, low in the low 20s high in the upper 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.61 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.55

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.83

Loan deficiency payment — 16¢

Milo — \$1.66 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.74

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.18

Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.25 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$.69

Confection current — \$15/\$7

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.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Lindh claims he's innocent

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — John Walker Lindh pleaded innocent today to a 10-count federal indictment that charged him with conspiring to kill Americans and aiding Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

Outside the courtroom, the family of a CIA officer killed shortly after questioning Lindh called him a traitor.

"Not guilty, sir," Lindh told U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III.

It was Lindh's third appearance at the federal courthouse since he was brought back to the United States by military aircraft on Jan. 24. His parents, John Lindh and Nancy Walker, were there for the arraignment, as they had been for his previous appearances. Also present were Johnny and Gail Spann, the parents of CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann, killed in a prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif.

Leader says map will pass

Redistricting bill to join two districts

TOPEKA (AP) — Senate President Dave Kerr believes a redistricting bill he supports has enough votes to pass.

The bill, redrawing the 40 Senate districts, awaited debate in the Senate, where Republicans have a 30-10 majority.



Stan Clark

As he left a Republican meeting on the plan Tuesday, Sen. Stan Clark of Oakley said he was disappointed. The bill puts Clark and Democratic Sen. Janis Lee of Kensington in the same northwest

Kansas district.

"We have well over 21 votes," Kerr, R-Hutchinson, said Tuesday. "I don't foresee any problems."

But not all Republicans favor the bill, endorsed earlier this week by the Senate Reapportionment Committee.

Clark and Lee last week presented a plan preserving both of their districts, but the committee ignored that proposal.

"Dave Kerr is showing his lack of interest in rural Kansas," Lee said.

Rural-urban balance has been a major concern as legislators redraw district lines to reflect shifts in population as shown in the 2000 census.

"The key issue is the population shift and the growth in Johnson County, which this map recognizes," Kerr said.

Lee said the plan she and Clark devised would be offered as an amendment.

"The chances aren't great, but we will wait until the vote is counted," she said.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley said he wanted the debate postponed until Thursday.

"It would give members a little more time to prepare amendments," said Hensley, D-Topeka.

But Senate Majority Leader Lana Oleen, R-Manhattan, said the debate would take place today "unless there is a computer glitch."

Campaign law jumps one hurdle

WASHINGTON (AP) — A law to remove millions of unregulated dollars from political campaigns moved toward a vote in the House today, surviving the first of several challenges from opponents.

Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., said the House had a "wonderful opportunity" to write into law the most far-reaching changes in campaign spending rules in more than a quarter-century. He predicted President Bush would sign the bill he is sponsoring with Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., because "this president knows what we all know, that there is a cloud over the Capitol and the White House because of this Enron scandal."

The Shays-Meehan bill tracks very similar legislation that passed the Senate last year, and its passage would open the way for quick Senate approval and delivery to the White House.

In the first challenge of a day expected to go past midnight, the House rejected a substitute version offered by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, that would have immediately banned all forms of soft money. The proposal was defeated 249-179.

The next adversary was legislation offered by Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, that resurrects a stronger version of Shays-Meehan that passed in 1998. Shays-Meehan backers said it was a "poison pill" designed to siphon off support for their legislation and undermine compromises with the Senate last spring.

Holy sign



The Rev. Charles Schneider used ashes to make the sign of a cross on Alyssa Brady's forehead this morning at Ash Wednesday services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She is the daughter of Scott and Mary Brady. That's her mom next to her and her brother Nathan. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent, in which Christians abstain from certain activities and focus on renewing their faith to prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

County sets fine for trucks

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Trucks driving through Sherman County on old U.S. 24 better be delivering within the county, or the drivers could face a \$500 fine.

Sherman County commissioners Tuesday asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby to draft a resolution which establishes the fine level. They suggested the first time a truck is stopped could be a warning rather than a fine, then left it up to the court to determine the fine, with a maximum of \$500.

Selby asked if the commissioners

wanted to allow the court to sentence the driver to jail, but they said the high fine should be deterrent enough.

The commissioners discussed setting weight limits, but decided not to include these in the resolution, feeling the state laws are adequate to handle overweight trucks.

Selby said she had talked to Thomas County Sheriff Tom Jones about how they handle this, and he told her they had given a truck a ticket in the last week which was carrying 100,000 pounds. She said the driver was ticketed for violating their county resolution and should be fined \$500.

The resolution is expected to be ready for approval at the next regular meeting Tuesday, and Curt Way, county public works director said the signs would be placed along the highway as soon as they arrive. (They were up that evening.)

The commissioners again discussed the long distance telephone service, but since questions remain the matter was tabled until the next meeting. The commissioners asked Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Snethen to check out information about the billing from S&T Telephone

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The stakes are low



Vocational students Kyle Shafer and Justin Foster, at the end of the table, tried their luck at craps during a casino night Monday. Northwest Kansas Technical College is sponsoring events every day this week in honor of National Technical College Week, and encourages visits and tours of the school. Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

College wants program to attract young women

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Ken Clouse, Northwest Kansas Technical College president, told Goodland School Board members on Monday that the college plans to add a new graphic design/desktop publishing program to attract young women.

Clouse, who came to Goodland last summer to take over for long-time director Larry Keirns, came to the meeting to introduce himself and update the board on college happenings.

During his talk, he said women comprise only 17 percent of the college's enrollment and administrators want to increase that.

"It really needs to be 50 percent," Clouse said.

He said there's been talk of adding programs that would be attractive to women, including a graphic design/desktop publishing course that would be oriented toward pre-press publishing.

"It's something we think would appeal to female students," Clouse said.

The college currently has 13 programs in areas like automotive technology and truck and tractor diesel mechanics that attract mostly young men. Clouse said he's been in education

Cowboys may take tourney

Coach says several wrestlers could place

By Rachel Miscall

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Coach Randy Bahe said there's a good chance several of the 14 Cowboy wrestlers going to the regional tournament in Larned this weekend will advance to the state contest next week — but he's not making any specific picks.

"I'm not going to predict what kids I think will get through and who will have the hardest time," the coach said. "If we wrestle well, I think we have a chance to get a lot of kids to state."

The Class 4A regionals will be Friday and Saturday in Larned and the state competition will take place the following weekend in Wichita. Goodland wrestlers will leave for Larned early Friday and matches will start at 1 p.m. Mountain Time.

Considering the Cowboys have had an outstanding season, Coach Bahe said it's likely more wrestlers will be headed to state this year than went last year. Goodland won the Northwest Kansas League Tournament and ended the season undefeated in dual meets. The team is ranked second among Kansas Class 4A schools, behind Clay Center.

Last year, seven Goodland wrestlers qualified for state at the regional tournament in Hugoton, placing third behind champion Scott City and second-place Colby.

This year, Bahe said, the Cowboys are in a good position to take the top spot, but will have to outwrestle four tough teams.

He said Scott City, Colby, Ulysses and Norton all have a shot at the championship. It will come down to which team makes the least mistakes, he said.

"When you get to this time of year," the coach said, "you gotta be ready to roll. You need the right mental outlook and edge every time you step on the mat."

Bahe said the Cowboys have already defeated Colby, Scott City and Ulysses in duals or tournaments this season, but haven't faced Norton. The Blue Jays are a good, solid team and he said he expects them to be tough opponents.

Other Class 4A schools at the tournament will include Andale, Anthony-Harper-Chaparral, Atchison-Maur Hill Prep, Clearwater, Haven, Hugoton, Lindsborg-Smoky Hill, Nickerson and Pratt.

The coach said he expects the toughest matches to be in the 125- and 140-

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