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weather report

87°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 64 degrees
• Humidity 22 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds variable 5 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.92 inches and falling
• Record High 103° (2000)
• Record Low 30° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*

High 86°
Low 52°
Precipitation .01

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low around 54, winds calm. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy, high around 93, low around 58, winds south 5-10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: partly sunny, high around 91, low upper 50s. Saturday: partly cloudy, high upper 80s. Sunday: partly cloudy with slight chance of showers until midnight, high lower 90s, low middle 50s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.52 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.43
Loan deficiency payment — 2¢
Corn — \$1.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.85
Loan deficiency payment — 14¢
Milo — \$1.60 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.34 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.38
Loan deficiency payment — 54¢
Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.80 cwt.
NuSun — \$9.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 15¢
Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$27

(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.

Results of primary are in

BOISE, Idaho — A millionaire Clinton administration diplomat and a newspaper publisher will head the Democratic charge in Idaho against two popular Republicans: Sen. Larry Craig and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

In Kentucky, the primary to pick the Democratic challenger for popular GOP Sen. Mitch McConnell was too close to call.

In Idaho, Alan Blinken, 64, a former Wall Street investment banker and ambassador to Belgium, easily defeated an underfinanced real estate agent to advance to the general election to take on Craig, who faced no GOP opponent in his bid for a third term.

With virtually all precincts reporting, Blinken had 71 percent of the vote. Idaho Falls newspaper publisher Jerry Brady pulled 87 percent in overwhelming a retired construction worker.

FBI counters criticism with changes

By Ted Bridis

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The FBI will undergo a wholesale reorganization of its "structure, culture and mission" to better cope with threats against the United States in an age of terrorist attacks, Attorney General John Ashcroft said today.

Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller jointly announced the changes, while acknowledging the FBI had failed to adapt quickly to the changed law enforcement environment following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It became clearer than ever that we had to fun-

damentally change," Mueller said.

The FBI director said the reorganization will make protecting the American people from another terrorist attack the FBI's top priority. Number two, he said, will be protecting the United States against espionage.

The broad reorganization will include a new office of intelligence and strengthened oversight of counterterror investigations. It also will improve FBI ties with the CIA and overhaul the FBI's outdated computer systems.

Mueller pointedly criticized his bureau's response to attempts by agents in the field to alert headquarters to the possibility — before Sept. 11

— that terrorists could hijack commercial aircraft and use them as weapons against the American people.

"Our analytical capacity is not where it should be," he said, noting criticism the bureau has received from the legal counsel for the bureau's Minneapolis field office for its handling of accused terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui, and its failure to respond sufficiently to a warning sounded by an agent in the Phoenix FBI office.

"I still find them somewhat embarrassing," Mueller said.

To prevent future terrorist attacks, Mueller said FBI headquarters will have to do a much better job

of coordinating and analyzing information from its field offices, like the reports from Phoenix and Minneapolis.

"It is critically important that we have that connecting of dots that would enable us to prevent the next attack," he said. "What we need to do better is being predictive... That is the shift."

Ashcroft said the overhaul will occur "by shifting the FBI's structure, culture and mission to one of preventing terrorism."

One change announced today will require the bureau to hire some 900 new agents nationwide

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County office up for election

No one has filed for commission seat

By Doug Stephens

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Does anyone out there want to be a county commissioner? Now is your chance.

With the filing deadline less than two weeks away, no one has announced they will run for county commissioner in District No. 1, a position that will be left open when Chuck Frankenfeld moves out of the district.

Anyone wanting to fill the slot doesn't have a lot of time to register.

The deadline to file for all county positions, and most state offices, is noon on Monday, June 10. If no one files for the commissioner job, precinct chairs will try to find someone to run a write-in campaign before the primary election on Aug. 6.

District No. 1 includes wards three and four and townships Iowa, Itasca, Union and Washington — an area covering parts of Goodland east of Broadway Avenue to the Thomas County line.

To be elected county commissioner in District No. 1, you must live within the district's boundaries.

Frankenfeld will not be eligible for the position because he said he is moving out of the district. He said he's not sure whether he will run for county commissioner in the future.

The county also needs to fill spots for 13 township clerks. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said so far only two people have filed to run for the slots.

If a candidate for an office does not get three votes, she said, the county

commissioners may appoint someone to fill the position. She noted there are currently several townships that are not represented at all.

Rumpel said there are four chairperson positions open in each of the county's 19 precincts. She said a chairperson's job is to find someone to fill an elected position if it becomes vacant, such as through retirement or death. To be eligible, a person has to live within the district.

For balance, Rumpel said, the four chairperson positions in each precinct need to be filled by two men and two women and one man and woman need to be Republicans and the others Democrats.

Only one person has filed to run for a precinct chairmanship, Rumpel said.

Currently, she said, there are just two Democrat positions filled in the entire county. Five precincts have no Republican representation, Rumpel said, and a couple more only have one person.

Statewide, the deadline to file for positions not affected by recent redistricting, including governor, Lt. governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer and insurance commissioner, is June 10.

Other offices, including U.S. representative, state representative, state senator, and positions on the state board of education, have a deadline of June 24, but a bill on the Senate agenda, which has been passed by the House, would move the deadline back to June 10.

Grant to help give art center new face

By Doug Stephens

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The Carnegie Arts Center is one step closer to looking like its old self.

The city has accepted a \$41,570 grant from the Kansas State Historical Society to fix up the outside of the building.

The total cost of the repairs is estimated at \$51,960, and the city will have to cover the remaining balance.

The grant will allow the city to replace the center's roof, fix the columns at the entrance, replace mortar joints, replace damaged gutters and down spouts, and fix wood window and door frames.

The grant did not include the \$7,000 needed for installing a wheelchair ramp, which replaces an old chair lift, and is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The historical society did not give a reason for turning down money for the ramp, but Jerry Nemechek, city building inspector, said he was told the society didn't have a lot of money this year, and only funded about 25 percent of requested projects.

The city will have to put out about \$17,000 to repair the building, and City Manager Ron Pickman told the city commission at a meeting that the city can look for another grant to cover the ramp.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd asked where the city was going to get the money to pay for its share of the repairs. Pickman said it will come out of the building inspection fund.

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- Tina Goodwin
Carnegie Arts Center director

Commissioner Chuck Lutters said there really was no other choice but for the city to accept the grant, even if it had to scramble to find a way to fund the \$17,000, because the building needed to be repaired somehow.

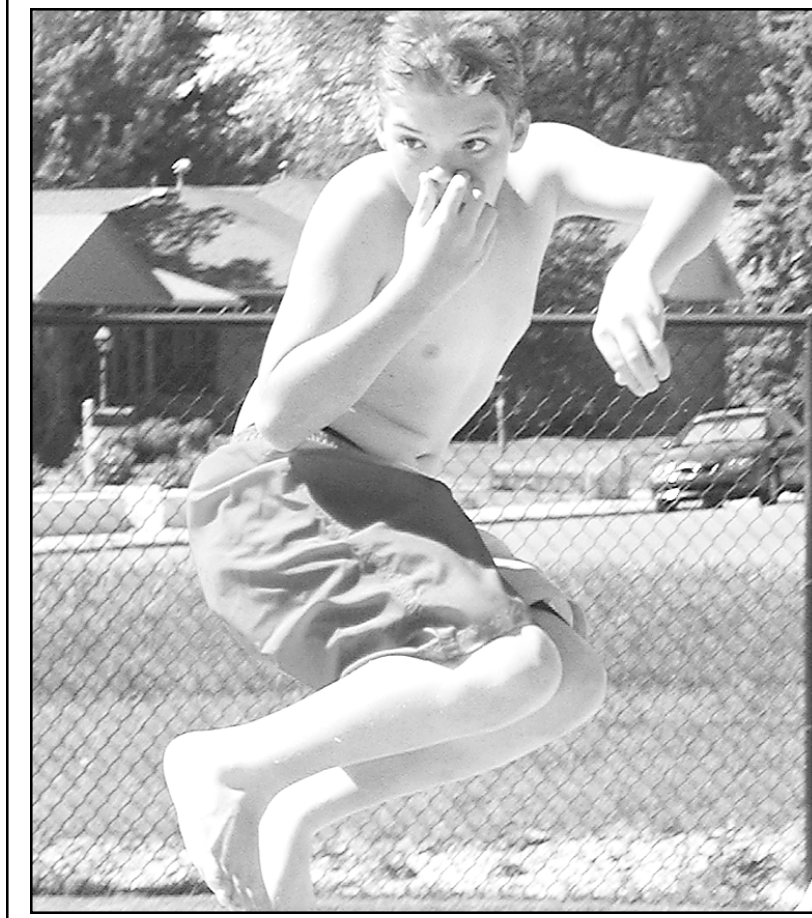
The city applied for the grant in January after Tina Goodwin, director of the center, asked the commission to find a cheap and easy way to repair an inside wall, which had paint and plaster falling to the floor.

The commission decided to put off fixing the wall until the leaking roof had been fixed first, not wanting to "put the cart before the horse," and started looking for ways to finance it.

The building, which is owned by the city and leased to the center, is on the National Register of Historical Places, and nothing can be fixed or changed without the approval of a state architect, who tries to keep the building as close to its original condition as possible.

Goodwin said all the fuss about the building is worthwhile.

"There's not a lot of historical buildings in the area," she said. "The center adds a lot of character to the city."



Kids enjoy sunshine at water park

Alyssa Tanner (above), a 10-year-old from Rapid City, S.D., tested one of the slides at Steever Water Park on Tuesday while visiting Riley O'Hara, her cousin who lives Goodland. After jumping off the diving board, Tyler McClelland (left), 11, plugged his nose before hitting the water below. The park opened this weekend and the hours are public swim, 1-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 1-7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday; and adult swim, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, and 12-1 p.m. Monday and Friday. Prices are age 0-5, \$1; age 6-12, \$2; and age 13-up, \$3. Adult swim is \$1.

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Student shares European experience

By Doug Stephens

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When asked what the biggest difference between Europe and the United States was, Cynthia Cole didn't hesitate: "Everything was so small!"

The houses were small, she said, the streets were small, the cars were small. In Amsterdam, Netherlands, the staircases are too narrow to move furniture to the second floor, so when a large piece has to be moved in, a hook on the roof is used to lift it with a pulley.

Cynthia, 21, a 1999 graduate of Goodland High School and the daughter of Charlene Cole, studied abroad in Europe from January to April as part of a program with Baylor University in Texas, where she is a junior study-

ing to become a social worker.

She spent a semester at Maastrich University in the Netherlands with 15 other Baylor students, and lived in a dorm with 150 other foreigners, including Mexicans, Canadians and Europeans.

When she wasn't studying or trying to decipher the thick accents of her professors, she said she traveled through Western Europe. Armed with train passes, she and friends spent time in Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Luxembourg, France, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Sweden, and the Czech Republic.

"I realized in Europe, we wouldn't think anything of hopping on a train for 20 hours a pop," Cole said. "In the

states, we wouldn't drive for 20 hours, we would fly."

She spent anywhere from one to 12 days in each country, depending on how much time she could spare from her studies, and how far it was from Maastrich. She said she wished she had been able to spend more time in each country, but she would most like to see Sweden again, which she says is the home of her ancestors.

Cole says that although she knows a little of a couple of foreign languages, she generally had no problem getting around on her travels.

"Probably 80 percent of the people speak English," she said, adding that

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