

weather report

90°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:33 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 81 degrees
- Humidity 34 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds south 22-29
- Barometer 30.08 inches and falling
- Record High 106° (1925)
- Record Low 52° (1990)

Last 24 Hours*

High 91°
Low 58°
Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low mid 60s, wind south 15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high upper 90s, wind south 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday: Mostly sunny, highs upper 90s to 102, lows mid 60s. Saturday: Slight chance of thundershowers during day, partly cloudy, high lower 90s, low mid 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.24 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.10
- Loan deficiency payment — 00¢
- Corn — \$2.08 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.97
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢
- Milo — \$1.74 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$5.04 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.11
- Loan deficiency payment — 00¢
- Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$11.65 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.06
- Nu Sun — \$11.80
- Confection current — inquire
- Pinto beans — \$27

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, 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.

Pearl killer gets death sentence

HYDERABAD, Pakistan — The British-born Islamic militant accused of masterminding the kidnap-slaying of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was convicted today and sentenced to death by hanging. Three accomplices were sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. Pakistani authorities braced for a violent reaction by Islamic extremists, already angry over President Pervez Musharraf's support for the United States in the war against terrorism. The day passed without any reports of demonstrations, but there was still the threat of violence. "We'll see who will die first, me or the authorities who have arranged the death sentence for me," the defendant, Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, said in a statement read to reporters by his lawyers.

One week left for registration

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County voters who want to cast a ballot in the Aug. 6 primary election have a week left to register.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the voter registration deadline will be at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 22. To vote in the primary, she said, people must declare a party affiliation, either Democrat or Republican. Only those who register as Republicans are allowed to vote for Republican candidates, for instance.

That's an important distinction, because Rumpel said there are no Democrat races this year, while there will be several Republican contests for state and federal offices. In Sherman County, she said, there will only be one true race, and few people will get to vote in that one.

Rumpel said Republicans Carol Gattshall and Judith Coon are both seeking a party county committee position in Voltaire township.

There was a race for Chuck Frankenfeld's seat on the Sherman County Commission, she said, until Royal Reid announced earlier this month he is dropping out for personal reasons.

Reid's name will remain on the ballot, Rumpel said, and will also go on the November general election ballot if Reid happens to beat Chuck Thomas in

the primary.

Thomas, a farmer who lives southeast of Edson, said he filed because he wants to give farmers a voice on the commission. Frankenfeld can't seek the position again because he is moving out of District No. 1.

If Reid wins the seat but won't take it, Rumpel said, people who hold county committee positions in that district will choose a replacement. If that happens, she said, she will get specific instructions from the secretary of state's office.

Rumpel said a dispute over the state's new congressional districts has moved back election deadlines and is forcing her office to rush to get ballots printed.

Attorney General Carla Stovall filed a lawsuit claiming the Legislature wronged voters when it split Junction City and Fort Riley in its redrawn congressional district map. A three-judge panel rejected the lawsuit earlier this month, but deadlines still had to be moved.

Rumpel said advanced voting would have started on Wednesday, but has been moved to July 24. She said the lawsuit delayed printing of ballots by about two weeks.

Still, she said, she thinks the election will go smoothly.

"Our printers are working fast and furious to get them done," she said.

American Taliban makes surprise deal

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — John Walker Lindh, the American captured in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban, pleaded guilty today to two charges in a surprise deal with prosecutors that spared him from life in prison.

The government hailed the plea as an important victory and said Lindh would cooperate with U.S. intelligence and investigators in anti-terrorism efforts in exchange for his 20-year sentence.

The deal, which caught even the trial judge off guard, was announced on the first day of what was supposed to be a weeklong series of hearings at which defense lawyers hoped to get state-

ments Lindh made to investigators thrown out of his trial.

"I plead guilty. I plead guilty, sir," Lindh told the judge as he entered the plea to two charges alleging he supplied help to the Taliban and carried explosives.

Under terms of his deal with prosecutors, Lindh, 21, would serve two consecutive 10-year prison sentences. The 10 charges in the original indictment carried at least three maximum life sentences.

"The court finds your plea of guilty to be knowing and voluntary," U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III said.

Burn ban may continue

With forecasts for the week that include little chance of rain and temperatures in the 100s, Sherman County commissioners are expected to extend the countywide burn ban for another week when they meet Tuesday.

Under state law, the commissioners must review the burn ban every seven days to determine if it should be removed or extended.

The commissioners will meet with board members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council at 8 a.m. to consider a revised resolution establishing the council under the county's umbrella. Under the resolu-

tion, the council will be appointed by the commissioners, and all money will be handled through the county voucher system.

Dennis Bentzinger is scheduled to meet with the commissioners at 8:30 a.m. to talk about annual fire extinguisher inspections.

The new grant writer, Penny Nemechek, will meet with the commissioners at 9 a.m. to discuss what she has found as possible grants available to the county.

The commissioners meet on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse.

Board hires facilitator to help develop business in this area

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The six-county Enterprise Facilitation Consortium which includes Sherman County has hired a facilitator, and plans to hold board training at the Northwest Kansas Technical College the last week of July.

Sam A. Lane, who has been working with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in Garden City, has been selected as the enterprise facilitator, and will begin his work with the training on Monday, July 29.

Lane, chosen from 71 applicants, was the unanimous choice of the hiring committee after two rounds of interviews with top candidates.

He was introduced to the board at the meeting Monday in Tribune, where the group met to approve the bylaws and discuss the week-long training session.

The six counties of the consortium are Sherman, Greeley, Wichita, Scott,

Lane and Kearny. Each is to have two members attend the week-long training session. From Sherman County, the two who are planning to attend the training are Schyler Goodwin and Walter Linthacum.

At Monday's meeting, Lane met several Sherman County representatives, including Commissioners Chuck Frankenfeld and Kevin Rasure, Darin Neufeld of EBH Engineering, Merlin Stasser of Western State Bank and Janet Rumpel, county clerk. Frankenfeld and Rasure had been in on the selection and first round of interviews while Rumpel was in on the final round.

For the past 10 years, Lane has worked on the management team of the Southwest Kansas office of Social and Rehabilitation Services, most recently as a troubleshooter sent in to mediate problem situations.

In his 20 years in the private sector, Lane managed and owned several busi-



Raquel Tomsic, 5, blew bubbles during the Calvary Gospel Church's "Jammin' in the Jungle" barbecue lunch Sunday afternoon. The event started the church's vacation Bible school this week, which has an Amazon rain forest theme. Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Kids take Amazon trip

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Kids from Calvary Gospel Church will go on an Amazon rain forest expedition this week without ever leaving Goodland.

Children will ride down rivers in canoes, play with snakes and monkeys and hang out in a jungle hut, all inside the church at Fourth and College. Leaders say they hope the expedition will lead the youngsters to a better understanding of God.

It's all part of the church's vacation Bible school, which this year is called "Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition With the One True God."

The week-long program started on Sunday afternoon with the "Jammin' in the Jungle" barbecue lunch. Dozens of kids showed up to eat barbecue and watermelon, cool off in a small pool and play games on the church's lawn.

Marjie Schnabel, project director, said the lunch was organized to kick-off the Bible school, which will be held from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Schnabel said it took church leaders about four hours on Saturday to decorate the inside of the church in a rain forest theme.

Wearing straw hats decorated with



Other children waited in line while Keith Ray, 11, took his turn sliding across the church lawn Sunday during the vacation Bible school barbecue.

animal prints, the children will "canoe" to different rooms, she said, where they will do activities relating to God and religion.

In one room decorated with butterfly kites, stuffed snakes and paper vines, the youngsters will hear Bible stories. A blue paper river runs through another room, where the

kids will learn about missions. Other rooms were called the "Snack Reserve" and the "Craft Lagoon."

While slurping a piece of watermelon, Brittney Medrano, 11, said she was excited about the expedition. "It's something fun to come and do in the summer," she said. "What I like the most is the watermelon."



Sam Lane, (center) talked to President Junior Strecker of Scott City (right) and Treasurer Sharla Krenz of Leoti. Lane has been hired as the enterprise facilitator for the six-county consortium that includes Sherman County. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News