

**weather report**

**66°**

at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 6:22 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 6:50 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:20 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 58 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southwest 13 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.14 inches and falling
- Record High 95° (1934)
- Record Low 13° (1952)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 65°  
Low 39°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 40s, winds south 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 70s, low near 40, winds northwest 10-20 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: partly sunny, high upper 60s, low mid 40s. Thursday: mostly clear, high near 70. Friday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s, low upper 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$4.45 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.38
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.61 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.38
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.36 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.84 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.76
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.65 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$18

(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.

**Bush trying to open ports**

WASHINGTON — Hours after talks broke down between West Coast dock workers and shipping lines, President Bush took a first step today toward reopening ports closed by a labor dispute. Bush formed a board of inquiry to determine the impact of a dispute draining up to \$2 billion a day from the U.S. economy.

The board will make a quick assessment of the economic damage and determine whether the two sides are negotiating in good faith. Its formation was required under the law before the president can order an 80-day cooling-off period that would force longshoremen back to work. Bush has not decided whether to take that step, said spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Bush signed an executive order stating "continuation of this lock-out will imperil the national health and safety."

## Child shot near school in Maryland

By Derrill Holly

Associated Press Writer

BOWIE, Md. — A 13-year-old boy was shot and critically wounded as his aunt dropped him off at school today, bringing fresh terror to the Washington area where a sniper killed six people last week.

Anxious parents streamed in to retrieve their children from the school, and police in neighboring Montgomery County hunting for the serial sniper rushed to the scene. Officials stressed that no link to the Montgomery shootings had been established.

"Whether they're connected or not, the fear has ratcheted up quite a bit," Montgomery County

Executive Doug Duncan said.

Sharon Healy had just sent her 12-year-old son, Brandon, to school on his bicycle when she heard of the shooting shortly after 8 a.m. outside Benjamin Tasker Middle School. She said she ran there and pulled him out of class.

"You think you're safe, but you're only as safe as your next step," Healy said.

Said her son: "I was scared."

The victim sustained a single gunshot wound to the chest. He was undergoing surgery and was listed in critical but stable condition, Jacqueline D. Bowers, a spokeswoman for Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. The victims in last week's shootings also were felled by a single shot.

The shooting happened well before classes were scheduled to begin, so there were not a lot of witnesses, Prince George's County Police Chief Gerald Wilson said. A gunshot was heard, and the boy slumped over and told his aunt he thought he had been shot, Wilson said.

His aunt took him to a small hospital in this suburb northeast of Washington, and then he was transferred by helicopter to Children's Hospital.

"The child is suffering from extensive blood loss," said Mark Brady of the county fire department.

Police cars surrounded the school and officers put up crime scene tape and searched the campus.

Othar Haskins, 13, standing outside the school

with his mother, said he was a friend of the wounded boy.

"He's funny, he's always around friends," Othar said. "He helps you out when you need it. He's a good friend." Othar cried and put his head on his mother's shoulder as he spoke.

On Wednesday and Thursday, five people were shot to death by a sniper in a 16-hour span in Montgomery County. A sixth victim was killed Thursday in Washington, D.C. On Friday, a woman was shot and wounded in Virginia.

"All of our victims have been innocent and defenseless, but now we're stepping over the

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## U.S. heroes join parade

Courtney Sheldon (above) dressed up as the character "Hot lips" on the television show "Mash" for the Octoberfest parade in Kanorado on Saturday. The parade's theme was "American Heroes - past and present." Michael Silva (below) was George Washington and Esperanza Silva played Calamity Jane. The celebration featured a chili cook-off, street games and a free concert. Look for more pictures and information this week. Photos by Rachel Hixson The Goodland Daily News



## Bangkok student shares passion with U.S. girls

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Nopwaku Pholpho might be from another part of the world, but the 17-year-old has a passion many American girls share — shopping.

Pholpho, who goes by the nickname "Nim," says she loves being an exchange student in Goodland. She likes seeing people she knows when she goes to the store, and she even likes the weather here. There are a few things she misses, though.

"There aren't as many stores here," she said, "and I'm not really used to American food yet."

Pholpho is from Bangkok, Thailand, the home of about six million people and thousands upon thousands of shops. She said she wanted to gain new

experiences, spend a little time away from her home and learn about a new culture, so she's spending her senior year at Goodland High School.

She lives with Arthur and Cindy Hurst and their two high school age children. Pholpho said she likes her host family, but it is going to take her awhile to get used to the family meals.

Most American food isn't as spicy as Thai food, she said, and some American staples, such as milk and cheese products, just aren't eaten widely in her native country.

Cindy Hurst said she's tried to fix some meals Pholpho would like. She



Pholpho

tried pasta, but it wasn't to her liking. Hurst said she thought she'd hit on a sure thing with some Mexican meals, but the spices weren't what Pholpho is used to.

Pholpho won't starve, though, because she knew of at least one American meal she enjoyed before she came over here — hamburgers and fries.

When she went to her neighborhood mall in Bangkok, she said, she always stopped in at a McDonald's.

A year spent in America should help her when she joins the job force, Pholpho said.

English is the second most spoken language in Thailand, she said, after

Thai, and speaking it fluently will help her get a good job.

She speaks it well now, the result of 10 years of classes, but an unfamiliar phrase can still trip her up, she said.

"Learning it in class is much different than speaking it every day," Pholpho said. "There is much slang I do not understand, which is sometimes embarrassing."

She says she sometimes has trouble understanding her teachers because they speak faster than she is used to. The vocabulary in her biology class is beyond any English she learned at home, she said, and she is upset she is having trouble in her psychology class, because she wants to eventually become

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## Candidates clash over taxes

By John Hanna

AP Political Writer

COLBY (AP) — Gubernatorial candidates brought agriculture-friendly messages to a debate in farm country but clashed when Republican Tim Shallenburger suggested Democrat Kathleen Sebelius isn't sincere about wanting the state to do more with less money.

Shallenburger, the state treasurer, and Sebelius, the insurance commissioner, outlined several proposals each Sunday night for helping the state's rural economy. Shallenburger advocated more low-interest loans for farmers, while Sebelius said the Department of Agriculture needs to be more aggressive in promoting farm products.

Also participating were Libertarian Dennis Hawver, an Ozawkie attorney, and Reform Party nominee Ted Pettibone, a St. Marys businessman. About 350 people attended the event at Colby Community College's Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center.

Shallenburger waited until his closing statement to make his sharpest attack on Sebelius, perceived in political circles as the leader.

The GOP nominee has pledged repeatedly not to increase taxes to help solve the state's financial problems. Sebelius has stopped short of making such a pledge, saying that the discussion should start with a top-to-bottom review of government to find efficiencies.

Shallenburger said the appetite for increased government spending remains intense, despite budget woes. Last week, a legislative report projected a \$103 million budget deficit on June 30, absent cuts in addition to the \$41 million Gov. Bill Graves already has imposed on the state's current, \$4.4 billion budget.

"We're not going to solve the problem if we say we're going to cut spending but we don't pledge not to raise taxes," Shallenburger said.

Later, in her closing remarks, Sebelius said: "No one is talking about a tax increase. We need to do more with less."

The debate opened the campaign's final month, with another, similar event scheduled for Tuesday in the Kansas

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## County to consider request for money

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday will hear an update on the Goodland Regional Medical Center's computer update program and a request for \$100,000 to help pay for the project.

Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly and Andy Laue, chief financial officer, will present the request for county money, and discuss the status of the computer upgrade program.

The hospital has received \$225,000 in tax credits to help pay for the computer program, and is seeking \$100,000 from the county to help get the first phase of the project underway. The total computer upgrade project is expected to cost about \$1 million.

Bruce Gleason, emergency medical technician, will meet with the commissioners to discuss and present a request for funding of emergency medical services classes.

Sheriff Doug Whitson has requested an executive session for personnel matters to discuss an employee's six-month evaluation.

Lloyd and Rebecca Koel and Roger Snethen are to meet with the commissioners to discuss the race track and the electrical costs and water usage.

The commissioners will also consider a bill from the Sherman County Community Foundation for \$962, which is the county's portion of the start-up funding to get the foundation established.

The school district approved paying their portion in September, and the county commissioners said they would support the program if the other groups approved. The city hasn't officially approved yet.

The commissioners meet at 8 a.m. in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse at 813 Broadway Ave.

## City meeting

When the Goodland City Commission meets at 5 p.m. today it plans to:

- Discuss a community foundation.
- Award a bid for restoring the Carnegie Arts Center.
- Proclaim this weekend "Helping People with Mental Retardation Days."
- Discuss amending the zoning code for home-based daycares.
- Put together an employee compensation plan for next year.
- Learn about a program to assist low-income homes.
- Privately discuss a personal matter with a non-elected employee.