

**weather
report**

54°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:58 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:08 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds south 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.22 inches and falling
- Record High 89° (1938)
- Record Low 16° (1966)

Last 24 Hours*

High 70°
Low 32°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low mid 30s, winds south 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny, high mid 60s, low lower 30s, winds north 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly sunny, high 60-65, low mid 30s. Friday: partly cloudy, high near 70. Saturday: partly cloudy, high mid 60s, low upper 30s. Sunday: mostly clear, high near 70, low lower 30s. Monday: clear, high 65-70, low lower 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets**

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.50 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.39
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.60 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.26
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.34 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.87 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.63
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.80 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.

ImClone head pleads guilty

NEW YORK — ImClone Systems founder Sam Waksal pleaded guilty today to bank fraud and conspiracy in an insider trading scandal that threatens Martha Stewart and her home decorating empire. In an unusual move, prosecutors also said they are investigating a previously undisclosed sale of \$30 million in ImClone stock by a Waksal associate that may result in new insider trading charges. Waksal's guilty plea in U.S. District Court was the second in the investigation of insider trading on ImClone stock. An assistant to Stewart's stock broker pleaded guilty this month to a misdemeanor charge and agreed to testify against people charged in the case. Waksal did not implicate Stewart, and his plea was not part of an agreement to cooperate with prosecutors.

School sells gym to business owners

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

After opening and briefly reviewing two offers on the Edson gym, the Goodland School Board decided on Monday to sell it for \$20,000 to two Goodland business owners, who were the highest bidders.

The board voted to accept the \$20,000 offer from Jay Herl, owner of Herl Chevrolet-Buick, and Chuck Wilkens, owner of Wilkens Truck and Trailer. The other \$10,000 bid was from TNT Auction, which had previously submitted a \$15,000 offer. TNT is owned by Tom Harrison, branch broker at Homeland Real Estate in Goodland, and Tom Simpson, who works in Colby.

School roundup

At a meeting Monday, the Goodland School Board:

- Voted to sell the Edson gym to two Goodland business owners for \$20,000. Story to left.
- Accepted a resignation from Dick Liess, district athletic director and high school vice principal. Story to come.
- Approved buying electronic organizers for all seventh graders and teachers

at Grant Junior High. Story to come.

- Approved giving band students \$5,000 to help pay for transportation to the Alamo Bowl in Texas in December. Story to come.
- Decided to meet with members of the Northwest Kansas Technical College board on Saturday, Oct. 26, to talk about swapping a 99-year lease for land. Story to come.

Dick Short, board president, at first voted against the sale, but then changed his vote at the end of the meeting, making it unanimous.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said after the meeting that the district received the high bid about an hour after the noon deadline on Sept. 30, but still considered it because it was submitted that same day. The board opened the sealed bids during the meeting.

The bid from Herl and Wilkens said they would lease the gym, which is about 10 miles east of Goodland, back to the school district for junior high sports practices. The board gave Selby permission to negotiate how much the district will pay to use the gym.

The board agreed it would like to be able to use the gym for at least five years and Selby said the district would probably pay between \$1,000 and \$1,200 a year to rent the facility for about 32 days. The district paid about \$5,500 last year for heat and light in the gym.

Members stipulated that if Selby can't negotiate a rent price he considers fair, the district will not sell the gym.

Selling the gym has been a long process for the board, which has taken bids on the facility twice — the first time rejecting TNT's high bid of \$15,000.

To make some extra money in the face of budget problems, the board decided to sell the gym at the start of the year. They opened three bids in March, but rejected all of them, including the one from TNT, with a few members saying they felt the gym was worth more.

Ron Schilling, Jane Philbrick and Ben Duell voted to sell the gym to TNT.

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People can cast votes this week

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, but Sherman County citizens can start voting on Wednesday.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said registered voters can cast ballots at the clerk's office from Wednesday until noon Monday, Nov. 4, during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m. The clerk's office is in the county courthouse on Eighth and Broadway.

Along with walk-in advance voters, people can send in a ballot through the mail. Some folks, if they are disabled or can't leave their home, get a home ballot every election, while others have to apply for one each time. Shirley Dupsky, in the county clerk's office, said 78 have already applied this year.

Some people mail in ballots if they are going to be away from home on election day, she said, and Goodland college students away from home often get them.

Dupsky said you don't really need a reason to get a mail-in ballot, but it would save the clerk's office time and money if people who want to vote early would walk in.

Rumpel said the deadline to register to vote is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21. The books will close then, she said, and won't open until Nov. 6, after the election.

This year on election day, all voting in Sherman County will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building at 824 Main Avenue.

There are no races in Sherman County.

Chuck Thomas of Edson is running unopposed for the District No. 1 county commission spot, and Perry Lohr and Shirley Anderson are on the ballot to be township clerks.

At the state level, Republican Jim Morrison of Colby is unopposed in his reelection bid for the 121st District state representative. After beating incumbent Sonny Rundell of Syracuse in the Republican primary, Connie Morris of St. Francis is the only name on the bal-

lot for the State Board of Education's fifth district, but Rundell is running a write-in campaign.

All other state offices up for election have at least two candidates on the ballot. At the federal level, Sen. Pat Roberts, a Republican, is running for reelection against Libertarian Steven Rosile and George Cook, a Reform Party member.

The following names will appear on the ballot:

Federal Offices

Senate — Roberts, Republican; Rosile, Libertarian; Cook, Reform.

State Offices

Governor — Tim Shallenburger/David Lindstrom, Republican; Kathleen Sebelius/John Moore, Democrat; Dennis Hawver/Joel Heller, Libertarian; Ted Pettibone/Mike Wilson, Reform.

Secretary of State — Ron Thornburgh, Republican; David Haley, Democrat; Charles St. George, Reform.

Attorney General — Phil Kline, Republican; Chris Biggs, Democrat.

State Treasurer — Lynn Jenkins, Republican; Sally Finney, Democrat.

Commissioner of Insurance — Sandy Praeger, Republican; Jim Garner, Democrat.

State Representative, 121st District — Jim Morrison, Republican.

State Board of Education, Fifth District — Connie Morris, Republican.

County Offices

County Commissioner, First District — Chuck Thomas, Republican.

Logan Township Clerk — Perry Lohr, Republican.

McPherson Township Clerk — Shirley Anderson, Republican.

Supreme Court Justices — Should Kay McFarland stay in office?

Court of Appeals — Should eight judges, David S. Knudson, Lee A. Johnson, Carol A. Beier, Robert J. Lewis Jr., Henry W. Green, Jerry G. Elliot, Gary W. Rulon, and Robert L. Gernon, stay in office?

FBI analyst victim of hidden sniper

By Matthew Barakat

Associated Press Writer

FAIRFAX, Va. — An FBI analyst who studied terror threats is the latest victim of the Washington-area sniper, and investigators said today they were confident that detailed witness accounts from the scene will lead them to the person who has now killed nine people.

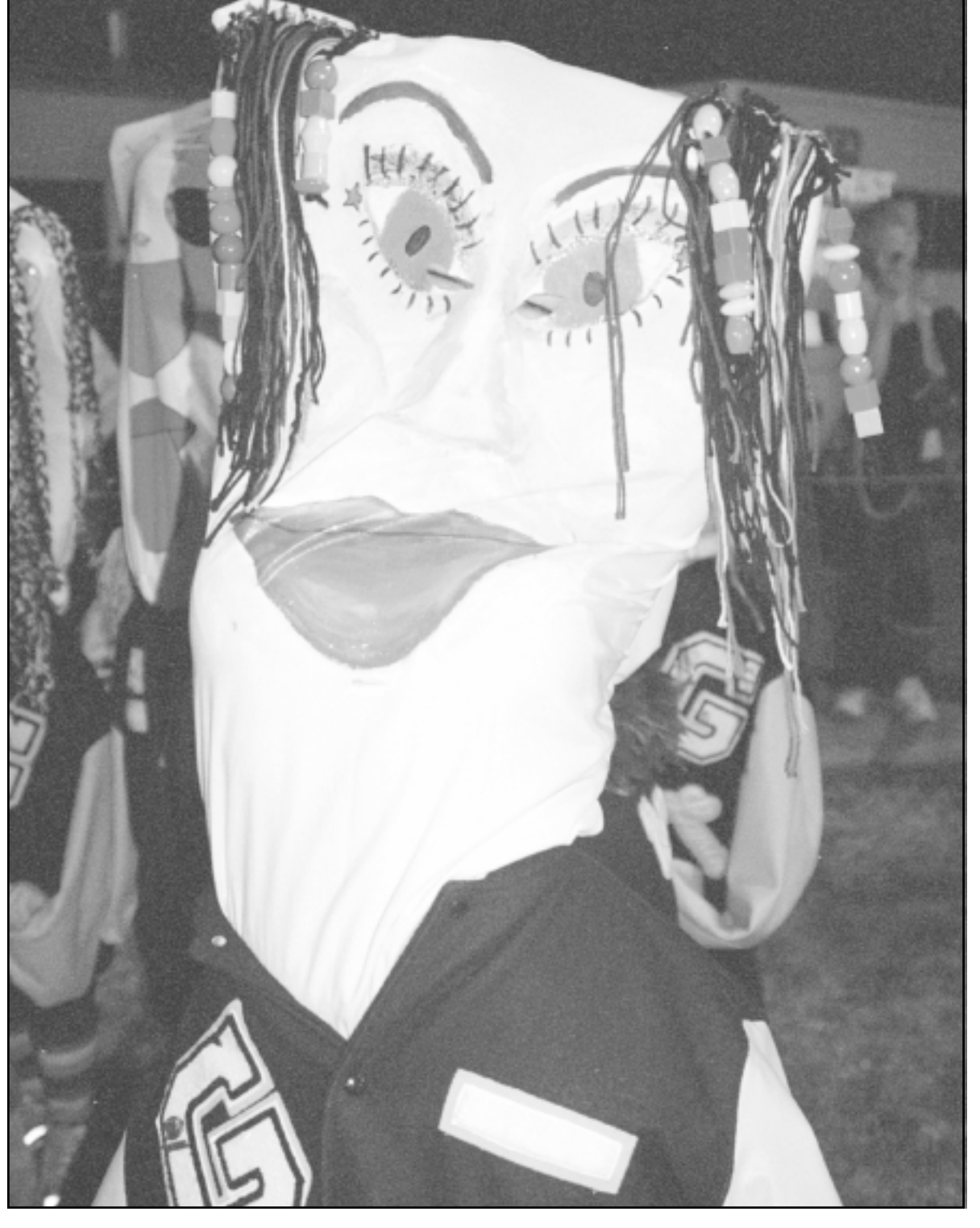
A senior law enforcement source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were no indications the sniper targeted Linda Franklin because of her job. Sources said she worked for the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center which assesses threats against major structures and cyber networks. Franklin, 47, of Arlington was shot in the head Monday night as she and her husband loaded packages into their car

outside a Home Depot at the Seven Corners Shopping Center.

Fairfax County Police Chief Tom Manger suggested that witnesses gave investigators more details than on any of the other shootings. For the first time, witnesses were able to give information about license plates on vehicles seen leaving the scene, he said.

"There was some additional information that we were able to get from last night's case, and I am confident that that information is going to lead us to an arrest in the case," Manger said at a morning briefing. Manger declined to discuss which state the license plates were from or answer questions about whether police had a description of the shooter. He said only that several people contacted po-

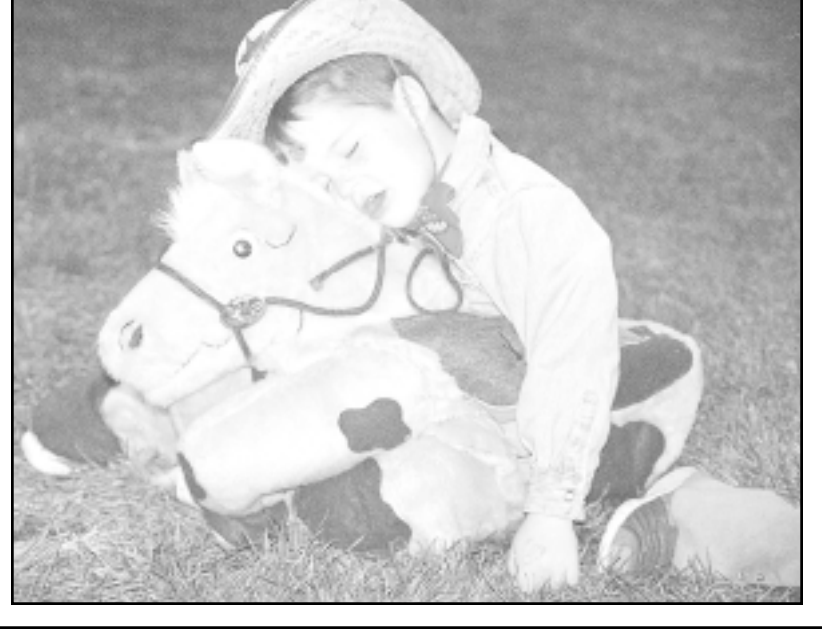
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Jumpin' at half-time

A "Jumpin' Junior" (above) gathered with fellow club members near the Cowboy Stadium football field on Friday night to prepare for a show during half-time of the homecoming football game. The Jumpin' Juniors, who are high school juniors dressed in decorated pillow cases, danced to music. Hazen Deeds (below) rested up before playing the Cowboy in the half-time show.

Photos by Rachel Hixson
The Goodland Daily News



Sebelius defends record on crime

WICHITA (AP) — Democrat Kathleen Sebelius defended her record on crime at a forum Monday featuring the state's two leading candidates for governor.

Her Republican opponent, Tim Shallenburger, meanwhile, said he stood by a television commercial that portrays Sebelius as soft on crime.

Sebelius, who served in the House before she became insurance commissioner, used her closing statement at the forum in Wichita to explain her reasons for voting against the state's sexual predator law and a measure to increase penalties for possessing or selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a school. Sebelius said she voted against the

drug-free school zone legislation because she thought that stiffer penalties should be imposed on anyone selling drugs to children regardless of where the sales occur. She also said she favored longer prison sentences for sexual offenders over locking them up indefinitely in treatment programs after they finished their sentences.

"We have a law right now that isn't nearly tough enough," Sebelius said during the forum sponsored by the Kansas League of Municipalities. "It puts way too much (authority) in the hands of mental health professionals and not nearly enough in the hands of criminal justice professionals."

After the forum, Shallenburger, the state treasurer, defended the commercial.

"It is pretty well known that Tim Shallenburger was tough on crime and Kathleen Sebelius was soft on crime," he said, referring to the years that both he and Sebelius served in the Legislature. "I was a conservative, she was a liberal."

The ad was the subject of a news conference Monday in Topeka. More than 20 representatives of public safety agencies and veterans groups said the ad took a handful of Sebelius' legislative votes from the late 1980s and early 1990s out of context. Shallenburger and Sebelius have pledged to protect schools from cuts