

## weather report

**52°**  
at noon



### Today

- Sunset, 5:54 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 7:08 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 42 degrees
- Humidity 68 percent
- Sky Mostly sunny
- Winds Northwest at 8
- Barometer 30.01 inches and falling
- Record High 88° (1959)
- Record Low 18° (1997)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 31°  
Low 22°  
Precipitation —

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low lower 30s, light wind at 5. Tomorrow: Cloudy, cool, high upper 40s, 40 percent chance of rain, wind S 10-15; nighttime low lower 30s.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Cloudy, high upper 40s, 40 percent chance of rain, low lower 30s. Monday: Cloudy slight chance of rain, high upper 40s. Tuesday: Cloudy, slight chance of rain turning to snow that night, High lower 40s, low lower 30s.

(National Weather Service)  
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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

- Wheat — \$4.41 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.34
  - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
  - Corn — \$2.65 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.33
  - Loan deficiency payment — 00¢
  - Milo — \$2.32 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$5.03 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.95
  - Loan deficiency payment — 0.00¢
  - Millet — \$13 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$11.75 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$0.00
  - Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$18 (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.

## Rebels threaten to kill hostages

MOSCOW — Chechen rebels threatened to begin killing their 600 hostages at dawn Saturday. The threat today came shortly after Russia's top security official guaranteed the insurgents' lives if they freed all their captives.

Daria Morganova, a spokeswoman for the theater where the hostages are being held, told The Associated Press the threat was reported by a hostage actor.

It was not clear if the threat to begin killing the hostages was linked to the Russian offer of safe passage for the rebels.

About an hour earlier, the head of the Federal Security Service, Nikolai Patrushev, said the approximately 50 rebels' lives would be guaranteed for the freedom of all hostages.

It was Russia's first known offer to the rebels since they took the hostages.



Governor candidate Tim Shallenburger (front, left) and other Republican candidates pulled into Goodland on Thursday morning in a bus they call the "Sunflower Special." The candidates are touring the state looking for support in the Nov. 5 general election.  
Photos by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News

# 'Victory Tour' rolls into town

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Tim Shallenburger, Republican candidate for governor, says it's impossible to get a good reflection of the state from Topeka, so he and other Republican candidates boarded a bus Wednesday and headed west.

The "Sunflower Special" stopped in Goodland on Thursday morning, and the candidates talked to voters and ate lunch at Crazy R's Restaurant on Main.

The four-day bus tour, dubbed the "Victory 2002 Tour," will end in Overland Park on Saturday. Candidates also made stops in Colby, St. Francis, Atwood, Oberlin, Norton and Phillipsburg on Thursday.

In a boost to Shallenburger's campaign, retired Sen. Bob Dole joined the group in Russell on Wednesday, declaring that he and the candidate want the same things. Many more liberal Republicans have been reluctant to endorse the conservative Shallenburger after years of infighting in the party.

The 30 to 50 people who stopped by Crazy R's during the hour-long visit were able to meet the Republicans running for other statewide offices and talk with two state legislators who represent this area.

The candidates riding with Shallenburger include David Lindstrom, lieutenant governor; Connie Morris of St. Francis, state



Tim Shallenburger (left), Republican candidate for governor, talked with Jeff Deeds and a woman on Thursday during a visit to Goodland.

Board of Education; Sen. Sandy Praeger, Lawrence, commissioner of insurance; and Sen. Lynn Jenkins, Topeka, state treasurer.

Rep. Jim Morrison, from Colby, and

Sen. Stan Clark, Oakley, came to the meeting, but were not on the bus. Morrison is running unopposed for his seat in the House of Representatives, and there are no Senate elections this year.

Shallenburger said Phill Kline, attorney general candidate; Ron Thornburgh, seeking re-election as secretary of state; U.S. Reps. Jim Ryun and Jerry Moran; and U.S. Sens. Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts are expected to join parts of the tour.

With the Nov. 5 election less than two weeks away, campaigns have shifted into high gear. Kathleen Sebelius, the Democratic candidate for governor, has not stopped in Goodland yet, but was in Colby earlier this month for a debate with Shallenburger.

Several Goodland school officials showed up at Crazy R's to meet Shallenburger, who has promised not to cut money for education.

Superintendent Marvin Selby was there with school board members Ben Duell and Ron Schilling, who are co-chairmen for Shallenburger's campaign in Sherman County. Ken Clouse, Northwest Kansas Technical

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## School meeting

At its meeting Monday, the Goodland School Board will:

- Discuss a lease agreement on the Edson gym, which the board voted to sell to two Goodland business owners at its previous meeting. The sale was contingent on the district receiving a fair price to rent the gym for sports practices.
- Approve a new district technology plan.
- Hear a report from Central El-

ementary Principal Sharon Gregory, the district's school improvement specialist, on state assessment tests.

• Hear reports from Superintendent Marvin Selby and member Mike Campbell, district representative on the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center board in Oakley.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the administration office on Main Avenue.

## School, college board to exchange land, lease

The boards that run the Goodland School District and the Northwest Kansas Technical College will meet on Saturday night to talk about swapping six acres of land for a 99-year lease on the college's administration building.

The school board decided at its meeting last week to go to the college board's monthly meeting on Saturday to discuss the swap, which has been in the works for more than a year. The college board meets on the weekend because members come from districts across northwest Kansas.

The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. in the college's student union.

The plan would be for the college to give the district a vacant lot east of the high school's track and north of the college's dorms in exchange for the 99-year lease.

The district has owned the college's main building, which was built at the same time as Max Jones Fieldhouse, since it opened in 1964.

The district has leased the building to the college for three years at a time ever since.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the district doesn't have any definite plans for the land, but will be glad to know it's there.

## Who will prosecute suspected snipers?

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Authorities in three states and the District of Columbia conferred today about who should prosecute two suspects arrested in the deadly sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area for 21 days.

Law enforcement officials in Alabama moved aggressively, saying today they believe sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad was the gunman who fatally shot a woman during a robbery last month in the state's capital city. They announced they would seek the death penalty in that case. The governors of Virginia and Maryland said the cases there also could lead to the death penalty.

"We want to send a very strong message to not only this community and

this state but the country that this is not the kind of conduct, this is not what we expect of civilized society," Montgomery, Ala., Police Chief John Wilson said. "We're going to make an example of somebody."

Testing on a high-powered rifle found in the suspects' car showed it was the weapon used in at least 11 attacks, authorities said. The car had been modified so a sniper could lie on his stomach and shoot through a hole in the trunk, undetected, they said.

Muhammad, 41, was ordered held without bail on a federal weapons violation Thursday, hours after he and 17-year-old John Lee Malvo were captured at a Maryland rest stop where they

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## Reporter missing this week

### Father disappears, leaving family here

A Goodland man has been missing since Monday morning, when he left his office to pick up film at Wal-Mart and disappeared, leaving behind his wife and two young children.

For almost a year, Doug Stephens, 23, has been a reporter and sports editor at *The Goodland Daily News*, but about 8 a.m. Monday he went out the door and has not been seen since.

He said he was going to pickup film at Wal-Mart, but the film was never picked up and his car has not been spotted around town.

His wife, Amanda, 222 E. 10th, called the Goodland Police Department and reported him missing on Tuesday.

His parents live in Texas and Arizona and have been notified, but they say there has not been any contact.

When Stephens left, his wife said, he took all of the family money and their only car. Amanda said even her supply of diapers was in the trunk.

She is taking care of the children, Sunnie, 2, and Wayne, 10 months. She said this morning she has not heard anything from either the police or any of her husband's family.

Police Chief Ray Smee said there is no evidence of foul play and no laws have been broken. He said the only thing authorities can do is put the "missing person" information into the national computer.

If Stephens is located, he said, all they would be able to do is tell his family he is alive and well.

The rest of *The Goodland Daily News* staff will handle sports until a replacement has been found, and ads have been placed in Colorado and Kansas seeking a new reporter.

## Hospital to discuss new law

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board will talk about information releases under a new federal law at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Hospital administrators decided Oct. 1 not to release the names of patients to *The Goodland Daily News*, citing the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act as the reason even though the regulations do not go into effect until next spring.

Editor Tom Betz developed a release form for patients to sign allowing their names to be released, but Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly and Brenda McCants, director of patient relations and marketing at the hospital, chose to put the release question on hold.

In other business, the board will:

- Hear a September 2002 financial review and 2003 budget report.
- Hear a nursing administration report.
- Vote on credentialing recommendations.
- Discuss medical staff bylaws.
- Discuss the quality review program.
- Set the next meeting date.

## Don't forget switch

Everyone will get an extra hour of sleep this weekend, as the country falls back to standard time at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

Of course, you'll have to remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night to catch the extra hour.

Otherwise, you'll probably notice

when you show up to church or work an hour early.

The switch means the sun will rise earlier for a time, but days will continue to grow shorter and sunrises later as winter approaches.

Daylight time will return on the first Sunday in April.

