

weather report

25°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:46 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:45 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 81 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds east 5 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.43 inches and falling
- Record High 78° (1988)
- Record Low 4° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High 26°
Low 19°
Precipitation .03

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, low lower 20s, winds south light. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy and cold, high lower 40s, low upper 20s, winds south 5-10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of snow in the morning, windy, high mid 40s, low near 30. Monday: cloudy with slight chance of snow or rain, continued cold, high near 40.

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

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.44 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.33
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.64 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.32
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.31 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.21 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.07
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.30 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.

More charges in sniper case

BATON ROUGE, La. — Two sniper suspects are now charged with a monthlong series of killings from the Gulf Coast to the suburbs of the nation's capital.

Louisiana officials said Thursday that ballistic tests had linked John Allen Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, to the Sept. 23 murder of a beauty shop worker — the second state to file murder charges after re-examining a local shooting for possible links to the Washington-area attacks.

Muhammad and Malvo were also accused of an Alabama murder two days before the Louisiana shooting.

The two suspects face multiple state and federal counts in the Alabama and Louisiana cases and in the sniper spree that left 10 people dead and three others wounded in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

All voting will be held downtown

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Notice: If you are a registered voter in Sherman County and plan to cast a ballot on Tuesday you will have to schedule a trip to downtown Goodland.

All Sherman County voters — including Kanorado and all townships — will be voting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at 824 Main.

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel said each precinct will have a table set up at the hall to allow citizens to vote in the general election.

"We are moving all the voting into one location to make it easier to comply with the new fed-

eral voting guidelines," Rumpel said.

The new federal election laws were prompted by the voting problems in the 2000 election with special attention to the problems encountered in Florida.

Rumpel said the new regulations will change the whole voting system, and that moving all the voting to one location is the first step in meeting the requirements. The actual voting process won't change, she said, and won't be more complicated.

She said the polling booths will be set up around the Veterans of Foreign Wars similar to how they have been at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall and the county courthouse lobby in past elections. When a voter enters the hall they will be

directed to the proper precinct to sign in and cast their ballot.

There is a write-in effort in the state Board of Education race for I.B. Sonny Rundell of Syracuse. He is seeking to be elected through the write-in process. Connie Morris of St. Francis is the Republican nominee for the board of education, who is seeking to replace Rundell.

In dealing with the write-in process, Rumpel said the voter will have to make their intent clear to vote for Rundell. To do this, the voter must pencil in the circle for the blank line and then write the name of Sonny Rundell on the line in the board of education race under Morris's name on the ballot. If there is not a clear intent with the name writ-

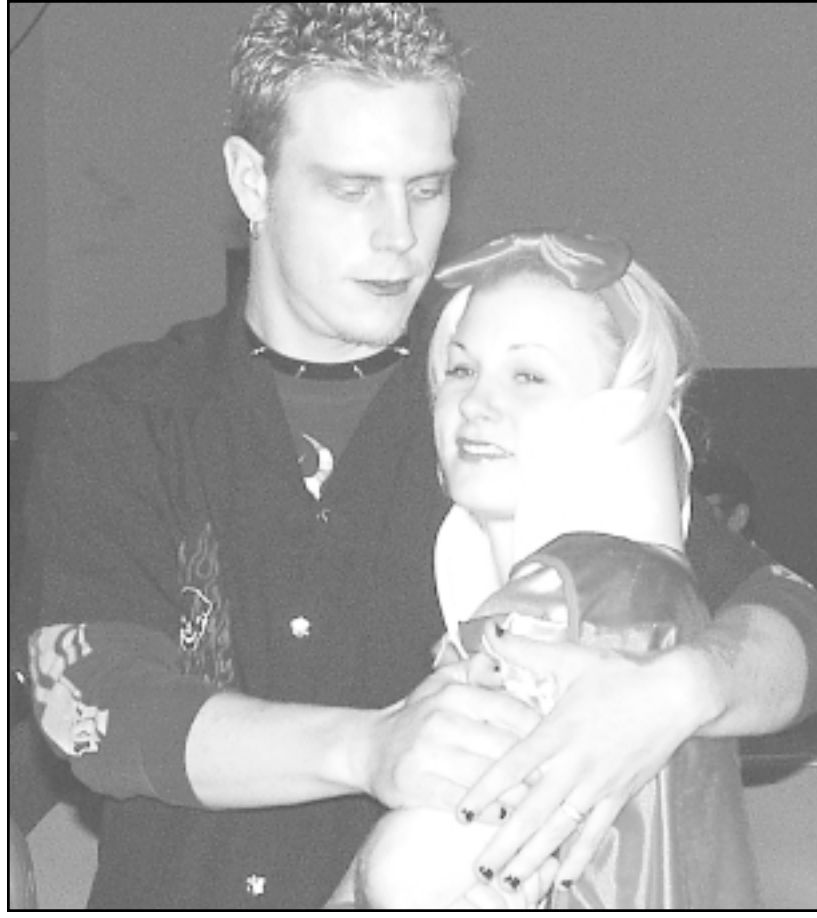
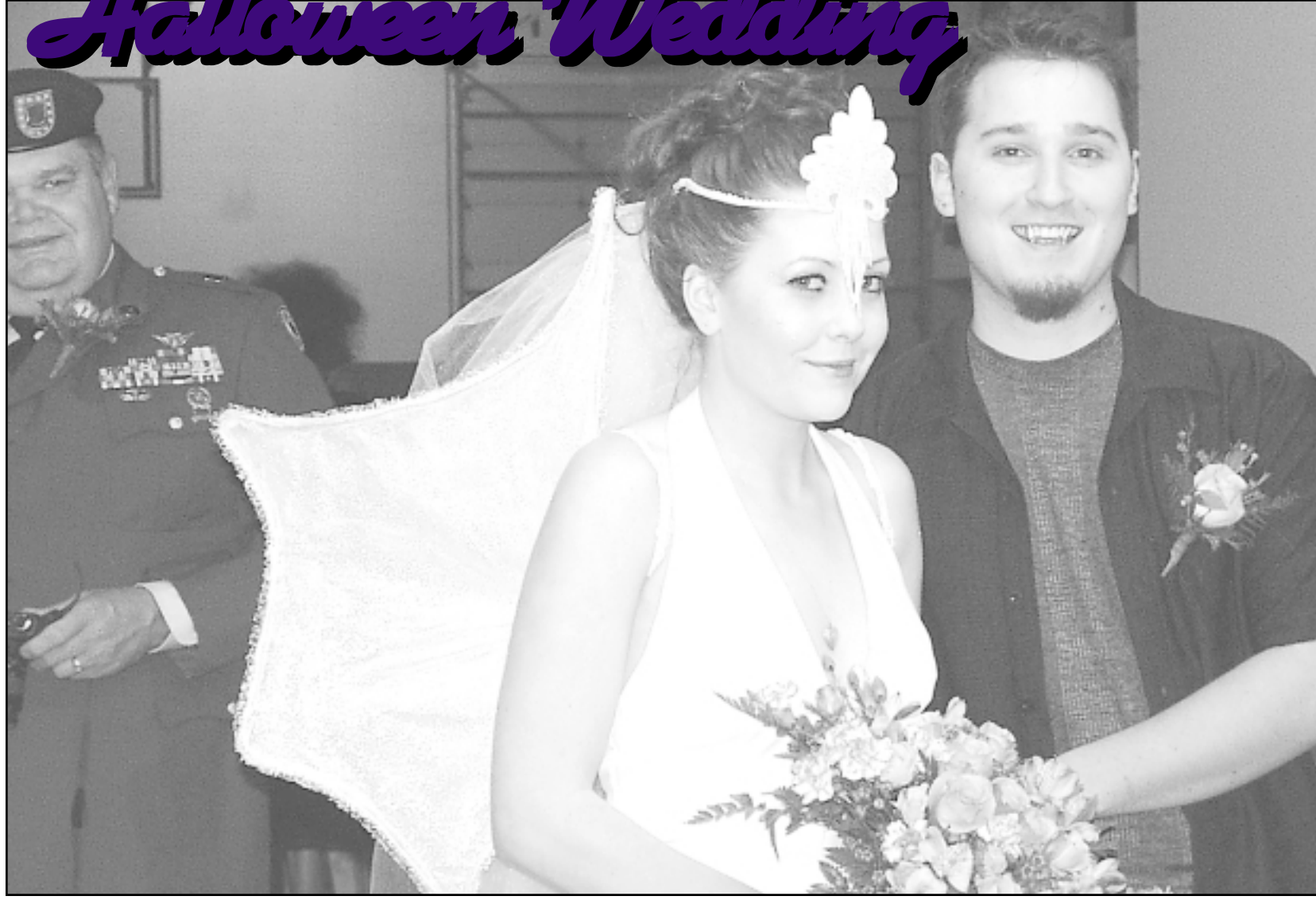
ten in and the circle penciled in the vote may not be counted.

"It will be up to the election board to review the ballots, and they will be trying to determine the voter's intent," Rumpel said.

Checking the advance voting, which is being done now at the county clerk's office, Rumpel said over 400 people have either come in to vote or have sent in mail requests.

The advance and absentee voting will continue until noon on Monday for those who come to the clerk's office. If there is a sudden sickness or disability, a ballot can be obtained until the close of polls on Tuesday by a special application form available at the clerk's office.

Halloween Wedding



The spooks come out for wedding

Billie Knitig (above, left) and Eric Corke tied the knot on Halloween night at the National Guard Armory in a ceremony no one is sure to ever forget. The bride was a fairy and the groom a vampire with silver fangs. The couple wanted to be joined at the Goodland Cemetary, but city officials turned down their request. Guests included The Grim Reaper, Hannibal Lector, Elvira, witches, wizards and a cowboy. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Arnold (far left), friends of the groom, came as Snow White and a "gothic dwarf." Richard Nixon (left, below) (really Matt Krayca) was the best man and Angel Corke, the groom's step mom, became a devil for one night.

Photos by Rachel Smith
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Governor race close, but Sebelius still in lead

LAWRENCE — Democrat Kathleen Sebelius remains ahead of Republican Tim Shallenburger in their race for governor, a new poll released today showed, but the contest was getting closer.

The telephone survey of 625 likely Kansas voters on Tuesday and Wednesday showed Sebelius with 49 percent to Shallenburger's 42 percent. Seven percent of respondents were undecided and 2 percent supported minor party candidates.

The poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research Inc. of Washington, D.C., for The Lawrence Journal World and other media outlets. It had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

A Kansas City Star poll conducted from last Wednesday through Tuesday of this week had Sebelius leading 46 percent to 37 percent. That poll, also with a margin of sampling error of plus

or minus 4 points, had a much larger number of undecided voters — 15 percent.

A poll conducted for the Harris News Service that was released Sunday showed Sebelius with a much larger lead, 53 percent to 34 percent, with 12 percent undecided.

"He's definitely gaining ground," Brad Coker, Mason-Dixon's managing director, said of Shallenburger. He said Shallenburger's gains were coming from previously undecided Republican voters, adding that it was important to note that overall support for Sebelius had remained constant.

"If her support was dropping, you could make the case that Shallenburger was on a surge," Coker said. "But her numbers don't seem to be moving."

"She has a strong base in Democrats, independents and a strong core of Republicans," he said. "She seems to have that base relatively secure. She is defi-

nately the favorite, but again, it is a Republican state."

Mark Peterson, a Washburn University political science professor, attributed Shallenburger's improvement in the polls to several factors.

He pointed to conservative Republicans making their preference known, some moderate Republicans deciding to support the conservative Shallenburger, and probable energizing of some GOP voters by high-profile visits to Kansas from national Republicans such as Vice President Dick Cheney.

"If I was in the Sebelius camp right now, I would tighten it up a notch and work harder," Peterson said. "But I don't think I would be fearful that it's a harbinger of a catastrophe."

Sebelius' spokeswoman, Nicole Corcoran-Basso, said the campaign had long expected a tight race. "We've always expected a close,

competitive race, and we've run our campaign with that firmly in mind," she said.

Shallenburger's campaign hailed the poll's results.

"It certainly puts us within a very good shot to win this thing," said spokesman Alan Cobb.

Among women, Sebelius led Shallenburger 54 percent to 37 percent, while male voters favored Shallenburger 47 percent to 44 percent.

Sebelius was supported by 27 percent of Republicans, 56 percent of independents and 79 percent of Democrats.

Shallenburger was favored by 65 percent of Republicans, 29 percent of independents and 13 percent of Democrats.

Sebelius led in three of the state's four congressional districts, with Shallenburger ahead of her in the 3rd District.

Trash may go to county

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County commissioner Kevin Rasure has asked for a special meeting at 4 p.m. on Monday to talk about the possibility of the county taking over trash collection for the city, which has been looking to get out of the trash business.

The Goodland City Commission agenda for Monday night includes a similar agenda item related to discussions with the county about the city trash collection and disposal system.

In recent weeks there have been some behind-the-scenes discussions between city and county commissioners about getting the officials together to discuss the county taking over the city collection system. During the special meeting, the county commissioners are expected to explain the conditions under which such an agreement could be reached.

When the commissioners met in closed session last Friday morning with Curt Way, public works manager, it was to discuss the county's options and possible plans for such a move.

Several community leaders have said that the citizens of the county and city would be better served if one entity was in charge of the whole trash process from collection to the disposal in the landfill. The county operates the landfill.

In addition to the landfill and collection issues, the commissioners will discuss posting "no hunting" signs on county property near the transfer station.

The commissioners will not meet on Tuesday since that is election day, but will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday to canvass the ballots.

Candidate to end the nannying

TOPEKA — Dennis Hawver doesn't care if people get high. He doesn't even care if they're stoned at work, so long as they do their jobs properly.

Hawver's platform as the Libertarian Party candidate for governor includes a promise to pardon all nonviolent drug offenders, release them from prison and reduce the size of the corrections system.

He also proposes to cut state government in half in four years, so taxes can be lowered. He also would abolish the state income tax.

As a Libertarian, Hawver said during a recent interview, he's committed to the idea of stopping "nanny government." "People should be free, he said, to live their own lives — and learn from mistakes.

"I'll just own up to all the indiscretions, which are legion," Hawver said of himself. "Anybody who knows me knows that I was stoned during most of law school."

Hawver, a 59-year-old Ozawkie attorney, argues that most Kansans would identify with his party if they knew what it stood for.