

Go Cowboys! Beat the Eagles!

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weather report

40°

at noon

Today

- Sunset, 4:42 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:19 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:41 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 55 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast 18-25 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.88 inches and falling
- Record High 79° (1999)
- Record Low 10° (1967)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 43°
- Low 25°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy and breezy, low mid 20s, winds south 15-25 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny and breezy, high lower 50s, low mid 20s, winds northwest 20-30 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly sunny, high upper 50s, low lower 30s. Thursday: mostly clear and breezy, high upper 50s. Friday: partly cloudy and breezy, low lower 60s, low lower 30s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.47 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.43
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.61 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.32
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.28 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.27 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.11
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$12.40 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.

Earthquake rattles Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A violent earthquake slammed a remote area of Alaska's interior, shutting down the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, opening 6-foot-wide cracks in highways and making lakes slosh as far away as Louisiana. The magnitude 7.9 quake was one of the strongest ever recorded in the United States.

Only one injury was reported; a woman suffered a broken arm.

The quake, centered on the Denali Fault 90 miles south of Fairbanks, struck Sunday at 1:13 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (3:13 p.m. MST).

Sebelius, Shallenburger face the voters

By Carl Manning

Associated Press Writer

Democrat Kathleen Sebelius outpaced Republican Tim Shallenburger in daily newspaper endorsements, but both gubernatorial campaigns have been criticized for a lackluster campaign by the state's editorial boards.

In the final weekend before Tuesday's general election, Sebelius still held a lead in most polls, but Shallenburger was closing the gap.

Unlike the campaign, there was little name-calling in the editorials, and some newspapers, including The Newton Kansan, noted both were qualified.

"The question boils down not to qualifications, but to quality of leadership," the Kansan said in backing Sebelius.

Dealing with the state's sagging economy was the chief topic during the campaign. Sebelius promised a "top-to-bottom" audit of state government; Shallenburger vowed not to increase taxes.

Apparently, the no-new-taxes pledge rang hollow among some editors.

"Some will say Shallenburger is



Sebelius



Shallenburger

more serious. We say he is more foolish. To tie government's hands with political gimmicks is irresponsible," The Hays Daily News said in endorsing Sebelius.

The Topeka Capital-Journal said Shallenburger had "painted himself into a no-tax-hike corner. Given the continuing revenue slump, Sebelius has her feet planted in reality, not ideology" the paper said in its endorsement of the Democrat.

The Manhattan Mercury also endorsed Sebelius, although it said she was wrong to "wiggle around" the tax issue. But it said Sebelius recognizes that a promise not to raise taxes "can-

All Sherman County votes at the VFW Hall

Polls open Tuesday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

not be kept without hurting more Kansans than it helps."

Even The Morning Sun in Pittsburg, which endorsed Shallenburger, said he "may do well to re-examine his pledge to not increase taxes. Although his vow sounds great and makes for good campaign slogans, it may prove unrealistic."

But some newspapers liked what Shallenburger has been saying, including the Southwest Daily Times in Liberal.

"What he has offered is to make the necessary trims at the state level without increasing taxes. By doing so, Kansas can remain competitive with surrounding states for economic opportunities and a favorable business climate," the Times said.

Also endorsing Shallenburger was

The Wichita Eagle, which said he "was the most forthright about his budget plans" and "seems best able to work with the Legislature to make difficult budget cuts and avoid tax increases."

The idea of a Democratic governor and a Republican-controlled Legislature didn't appeal to the Lawrence Journal-World, which also backed Shallenburger.

It said "having a governor from one party and a Legislature controlled by the other, with each jousting for political advantage isn't a pleasant prospect ..."

Some editorials complained about a lackluster campaign and the candidates' efforts to talk in generalities.

"Kansans who had hoped for an issues-oriented debate in the 2002

governor's debate have every reason to feel disappointed," said The Hutchinson News, which endorsed Sebelius.

"Kathleen Sebelius has outlined, however sketchy, a more practical approach to governing Kansas," it said.

The Salina Journal endorsed Sebelius but said neither "has done much to inspire Kansans during this campaign season."

"Shallenburger makes promises he can't keep, while ... Sebelius offers little more than generalizations. Both are spoon-feeding voters what they want to hear," the Journal said.

Factors other than the state revenues came into play, such as negative campaigning.

In endorsing Sebelius, The Parsons Sun said Shallenburger and his followers "have thrown every dirty thing they can at their formidable opponent, with little of it sticking."

The Lyons Daily News endorsed Shallenburger, focusing on his support of the Second Amendment. It said with Sebelius as governor "the anti-gun forces will gain a foothold they have never before held in Kansas."

Kline tours state to rally support for election

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Phill Kline, the Republican candidate for attorney general, is traveling the state hoping to rally some last-minute support before Tuesday's general election and made a short visit to Goodland on Thursday.

Kline flew around Western Kansas with his staff members on Thursday, making other stops in Colby, Garden City and Liberal. He landed at Goodland's airport about 1 p.m. and flew out about 2:20 p.m. on his way to Colby.

He said a supporter in Wichita let him borrow an airplane on Thursday, but he would be earthbound in a car on Friday. Kline said his campaign tour will run up until the day of the election, when he will face Democrat Chris Biggs, the Geary County attorney.

The candidate talked with radio and

newspaper reporters here. He said in some cities he's had enough time to visit supporters and businesses, too.

The 42-year-old said he's the most qualified candidate for the job because he has experience in writing laws, handling civil and criminal court cases, dealing with the state Legislature and running a small business.

Kline, who has a law degree from the University of Kansas, said he served in the state House for eight years, before running in 2000 against incumbent Democrat Dennis Moore for the 3rd Congressional District seat. He said it was a close race, but Moore came out on top.

Kline, who lives in Shawnee, said he and his wife Deborah own a radio network called SWT Communications.



Kline

The couple has a daughter named Hillary.

During his law career, the candidate said he has represented clients in complex civil litigation cases, including the State of California in a case dealing with prison expansion projects. Kline said those experiences prove he can effectively represent Kansas in its battles with

Colorado and Nebraska over water in the Republican and Arkansas rivers.

"I have a breadth of experience," he said. "Chris doesn't have any experience in those areas."

Kline said if he is elected his priorities will be to legally protect farmers and ranchers and follow through with the state's lawsuits against Colorado and Nebraska over water usage.

Kline and Biggs have taken turns

bringing forward reasons why the other one shouldn't be elected.

Kline says Biggs has abused his power as Geary County attorney by using his influence to get a reduced sentence for a convicted sex offender. He points to another case in 1999 where a judge removed Biggs' office for failing to turn over evidence. Democrats have said Kline is misrepresenting both cases.

Biggs has pointed to the fact Kline has let his law license lapse several times over the past 15 years and has no prosecution experience. Kline said he does have prosecution experience.

Biggs has asked why Kline hasn't released an FBI background check on him when he was being considered for U.S. attorney general for Kansas.

Kline said he doesn't have the background information to release, adding he decided to run for state attorney general instead because after 9-11 people

told him it would at least six months before he would be appointed.

If President Bush had any doubts whether he would be a good choice for attorney general, Kline said, he wouldn't be endorsing him in a commercial.

Kline said Bush appears in only about 12 political commercials this election and his is one of them.

"If the FBI found anything," he said. "I wouldn't be sitting here."

He said he has also received endorsements from U.S. Sens. Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback, law enforcement agencies across the state and the sheriff in the county Biggs' represents.

Kline said he thinks the more people he meets face-to-face the more votes he'll get.

"Kansans can look you eyeball-to-eyeball," he said, "and size you up pretty well."

County sets second waste collection date

Crystal Linsner met with the Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday to report on the county's first-ever household hazardous waste collection.

Linsner manages the new program. The site on Cherry accepted paint, cleaning products and other hazardous materials many people have in their homes.

Linsner said the bill for material hauled to Hays for disposal was \$3,510. As this was the first collection, the county is able to draw on some grant money to cover \$2,500 of the cost.

Linsner said she is continuing to get calls and receive materials since the collection in September. She spoke to the Goodland Kiwanis Club about the

program and said she was surprised at how many questions she received.

The next collection will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16. Linsner said she expects to receive quite a bit of material based on the calls, and said that the people in Hays have offered to give her some special barrels to store it in. She said Curt Way, county public works manager, said his crew would arrange to pick up the barrels during a trip to Hays.

She said computer monitors that had been collected have been transported to Garden City, and that a question has come up about the disposal of old home

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Board approves lease with Good Samaritan Center

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County commissioners approved a new five-year lease for the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center at their meeting Thursday.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby had reviewed the lease and recommended that the commissioners approve it as presented. She told them that the only thing that appeared to have changed was some of the page format to allow the signature page to be separate.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld moved to approve the lease, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Rasure and it passed unanimously with Commis-

sioner Mitch Tiede also in favor.

The commissioners approved a resolution designating Penny Nemecek as the grant writer for the county. Nemecek asked for the resolution to be sure that she has the authorization to submit grants on behalf of the county.

The commissioners approved a renewal of a mutual aid agreement with Wallace County. The agreement says that each county will provide emergency assistance to the other county in time of need, and that it will be done without any charges or liability on the asking county. Rasure made the motion, seconded by Frankenfeld and it passed 3-0.

Speedy beats his best time of season



Speedy Aguilar makes an uphill turn at the Class 4A cross country championship in Wamego on Saturday, where he finished 21st. Story and photo on Page 8.

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