

**weather report**

**48°**

at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 4:41 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:20 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:40 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 32 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest 24-34 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.99 inches and steady
- Record High 79° (1921)
- Record Low 8° (1967)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	46°
Low	20°
Precipitation	trace

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: clear, low upper 20s, winds northwest 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny and warmer, high 60-65, low 30s, winds northwest 10-20 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Thursday: sunny, high mid 60s, low mid 30s. Friday: mostly clear becoming most cloudy, high mid 60s. Saturday: partly cloudy with slight chance of rain, high mid 50s, low mid 30s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**



**Noon**

- Wheat — \$4.45 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.41
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.59 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.28
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.26 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.36 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.16
- 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.

**Senate control hangs on vote**

WASHINGTON — Halfway through a presidential term buffeted by terrorism and divided control of Congress, Americans voted today in elections that offered both parties tantalizing possibilities for the balance of power.

Voters came out under snowy skies in Wisconsin, light-jacket weather in Texas and North Carolina rain to redraw the battle lines of a Congress sharply divided, to elect 36 governors, reshape legislatures and settle hundreds of local ballot questions.

Suspense was especially thick over the fate of the Senate. At the American Legion hall in Rolla, Mo., Democratic Sen. Jean Carnahan cast her ballot and invoked the comeback spirit of a native son in her tough race against Republican Jim Talent.

"I have a Harry Truman feeling about things," she said.

## Voters pick leaders as campaign ends

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Both Democrat Kathleen Sebelius and Republican Tim Shallenburger have sworn that they won't increase taxes or cut aid to public schools. Both also promised to make government more efficient.

Voters were to decide Tuesday which one they trust to handle the state's financial problems, ending an expensive and contentious gubernatorial contest, with Shallenburger closer in media-sponsored polls that at any point all year.

Sebelius, the insurance commissioner, raised more than \$4 million for her campaign, while Shallenburger, the state treasurer, received about \$2 million in contributions. A majority of the money went into television advertising, with attack spots running through the final weekend before the election.

Both candidates faced criticism from legislators for not being specific — or realistic — in their plans for resolving the state's financial problems. Those lawmakers questioned whether it will be possible to avoid a tax increase and protect school funding without making deep cuts elsewhere.

Sebelius tried to overcome the GOP's political advantage by wooing Republicans concerned about money for public schools. Shallenburger tried to paint her as a liberal, pointing to votes she made on crime issues as a state representative.

In the last definitive media poll, published Friday in the *Lawrence Journal-World*, Sebelius appeared to have the advantage, 49 percent to 42 percent, but it was one of the slimmest leads she's had all year. The margin of sampling error for the survey of 625 likely voters was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh

predicted an average voter turnout, without about 820,000 Kansans, or 51 percent of the 1.6 million registered, casting ballots in the governor's race. The National Weather Service forecast a cool day, with rain possible in the east.

Voters also were to pick a new attorney general, choosing between Republican Phill Kline, a former Kansas House member, and Democrat Chris Biggs, the Geary County attorney, in a race that centered on qualifications.

The most watched congressional race was in the 3rd District, where Republican challenger Adam Taff was in a close race with incumbent Democrat Dennis Moore. Moore seemed a likely winner weeks ago, but last week, the Republicans' national House campaign committee began airing spots for Taff when a poll showed the two candidates about even.

All 125 Kansas House seats were to be filled, and incumbents Sonny Rundell and Val DeFever were written-in candidates for the state Board of Education after losing Republican primaries.

History would have given the edge to Shallenburger, as the GOP candidate. The state has 743,000 registered Republicans, compared to 441,000 Democrats, and no Democrat had won an open governor's race since 1936. But Sebelius spent almost \$2.5 million on broadcast advertising.

Kline was perceived as the leader in the attorney general's race, while Republican Sandy Praeger faced Democrat Jim Garner in the insurance commissioner's contest and Republican Lynn Jenkins battled Democrat Sally Finney for state treasurer. Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh, a Republican, sought his third term against Democrat David Haley.



Leora Jones handed a ballot to Lavaughn Glasco this morning at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Voting officials said having all voters in one location was working well and was enjoyable, as they got to see and talk to so many people. Betty Barkley is at right. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

## County, city may work together on trash

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Facing the loss of its biggest customer and source of income to pay for its new landfill, Sherman County is considering a takeover of the city's trash service.

Members of the county's new economic development group pushed both the city and county to get together on the issue, since the city has been talking about selling the service to a Colorado Springs firm that would have hauled the trash out of town. The county would have been stuck with an expensive but little used landfill. Both city and

county commissions took up the issue Monday.

The decision by the city to negotiate with an outside trash collection service left the county wondering how they were going to be able to pay for the landfill, which depends on the tipping fees and the county landfill fee for its budget.

Members of the new Sherman County Economic Development Council felt the city and the county ought to take another look at the overall trash question with an eye toward what is the best for the citizens of the entire county.

Quiet discussions were held with Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure and

Goodland Mayor Tom Rohr to see if there was any way to open a discussion in this area. The major point of the discussion was that the county might take over the trash collection system itself, rather than the city contracting to a private firm.

These discussions created a list of 17 discussion points which were presented to both commissions on Monday. The county commissioners held a special meeting at 4 p.m. to discuss the points, while the city had them on its regular agenda at 5 p.m.

Rasure opened the county discussion by saying he had been contacted by Dave Daniels, Royal

Reid and John Garcia, board members of the development council, and asked if the county was willing to discuss the trash system. He said after discussion, they met with Mayor Rohr and City Manager Ron Pickman.

"I was pleased with the positive approach of the Economic Development Council members, who said their objective was to have the boards take a fresh look at the landfill issues, and try to determine what is the best for all Sherman County citizens," Rasure said. "They brought up a lot of

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## Commissioners ban hunting on trash site

Sherman County commissioners approved posting No Hunting signs on the county property east of the transfer station this week before the opening of the pheasant season on Saturday.

Wildlife Conservation Officer Mike Hopper met with the commissioners during a special meeting Monday afternoon to request the posting.

"We have had some problems in the past with hunting," Hopper said, "but without the signs we are unable to do anything."

He said the area around the county land has been posted as "No Hunting without written permission," and the sheriff and wildlife people have lists showing who can hunt in the area.

He said the city was also being asked to consider posting its property around the airport for safety reasons and to protect the area.

Hopper said the wildlife department will provide the signs for the county.

The commissioners approved a motion to post the property with signs saying "no hunting" and not granting any permission.

The motion was made by Commissioner Mitch Tiede, seconded by Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld and passed unanimously with the vote of Commissioner Kevin Rasure.

Public works director Curt Way said the signs would be posted before the end of the week.

## State faces another deficit as income estimate drops

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Officials and economists expect to give legislators and the next governor more pessimistic budget numbers after months of hearing bad news about state finances.

A group of 16 economists, legislative researchers, Department of Revenue officials and members of Gov. Bill Graves' budget staff planned to meet at 1:30 p.m. today to discuss Kansas' economy and its effects on tax collections.

The Consensus Estimating Group is supposed to revise the revenue forecast for the state's current fiscal year, which began July 1, and issue the first official

forecast for the state's 2004 fiscal year.

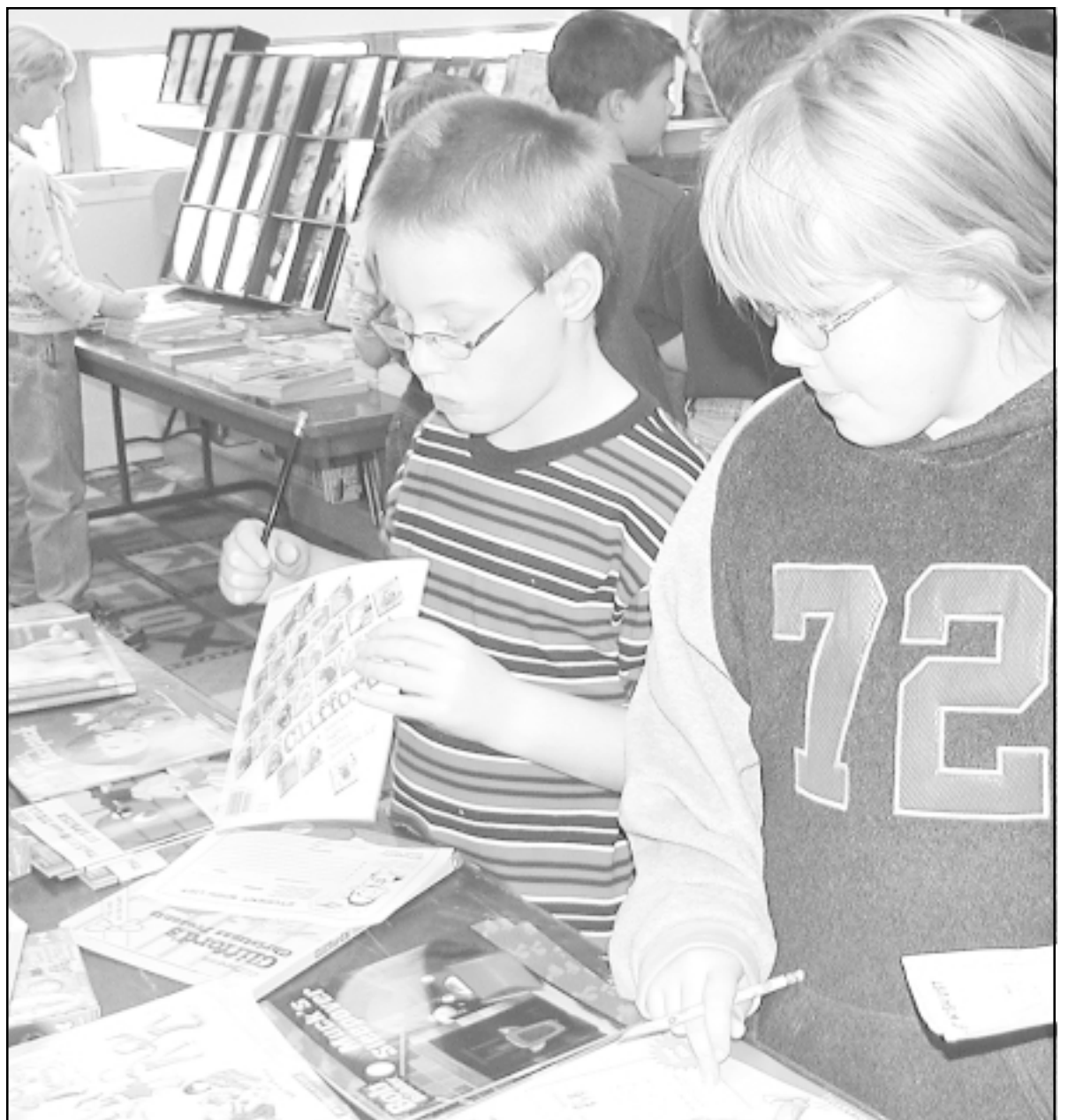
The current forecast, made in March, says the state will collect \$4.5 billion in revenues in its general fund during the current fiscal year. However, officials and economists don't expect that to hold.

"The question is how far down it will come," said State Budget Director Duane Goossen, a member of the group. "It's definitely going to come down."

Graves already imposed \$41 million in cuts in the current state budget, dropping it to about \$4.42 billion. If the state doesn't take in enough revenue, it will

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### Hey, this looks good...



Ryan Smith and Cassie Battistoni, third graders at Central Elementary School, shopped at the school library's book fair this morning and made "wish lists" of books they wanted to buy. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News