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weather report

60°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:40 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:21 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:39 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 22 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest 15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.24 inches and steady
- Record High 84° (1980)
- Record Low 10° (1959)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 50°
- Low 29°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low lower 30s, winds west 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny and warmer, high lower 70s, low 30-35, winds southwest 15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: partly sunny, high upper 60s, low mid 30s. Saturday: partly cloudy, low lower 60s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high near 50, low lower 30s. Monday: mostly clear, high mid 40s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.36 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.35
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.58 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.27
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.25 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.32 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.16
 - 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.

Iraq resolution goes to council

UNITED NATIONS — The United States took a final revision of its Iraq resolution to the Security Council today in hopes of winning approval after eight weeks of tumultuous negotiations with wary allies concerned it could trigger a new war against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The draft has changed significantly since it was first introduced last month, but U.S. officials said the bottom line remains the same: tough new weapons inspections coupled with a threat of "serious consequences" if Iraq fails to comply.

While the revised draft offers major concessions to critics, it still frees the Bush administration to take military action against Iraq without a second resolution.

The new U.S. draft gives Saddam "a final opportunity" to comply with U.N. inspectors.

Shallenburger wins race in county

By Tom Betz

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As ballots were counted, Kathleen Sebelius opened a 100-vote lead early in Sherman County, but as results came in from townships like Logan, Smoky, Voltaire and Grant, Tim Shallenburger closed the gap and won the county by six votes, 989-983.

It was a different story statewide as Sebelius was declared the winner with 53 percent of the votes (434,432) with 99 percent counted. Shallenburger had 45 percent (370,326), Ted Pettibone 1 percent (8,754) and Dennis Hawver 1 percent (7,911).

The tightest race was for state attorney general, where Republican Phill

Kline has a narrow lead of under 3,000 votes with 99 percent counted. Kline has 405,323 for 50 percent and Democrat Chris Biggs has 402,056 for 50 percent.

In Sherman County, Kline received 1,279 votes to 685 for Biggs.

Senator Pat Roberts received 83 percent (630,310) of the vote statewide to easily defeat his opponents Steven A. Rosile, Libertarian, who had 9 percent (69,306) and George Cook, who had 8 percent (63,795).

Roberts received 1,803 votes in Sherman County, while Rosile had 78 and Cook received 65 votes.

Republican Ron Thornburgh won reelection for secretary of state with 66

percent (520,025), and handily won Sherman County with 1,539 votes to 387 for Democrat David Haley and 40 for Charles St. George.

Lynn Jenkins, Republican, won the state treasurer race with 56 percent (449,895) over Democrat Sally Finney who had 44 percent (348,046). Jenkins had 1,213 votes in Sherman County to 761 for Finney.

In the race to replace Sebelius as insurance commissioner, Republican Sandy Praeger was the winner with 57 percent (450,581) over Democrat Jim Garner with 43 percent (339,189). Praeger won Sherman County with

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All voting at one location turned out to be good idea

By Tom Betz

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For the first time ever, all Sherman County precincts were located at the same place for the election, and based on reactions from the voters and election workers it was very well received.

"I had a number of people tell me they liked the arrangement," said

County Clerk Janet Rumpel as the votes were being counted.

Several of the election workers, including those from Kanorado, said they enjoyed the day, and were pleased with the single election location.

"I think it went very well," Rumpel

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County may pick up trash

By Tom Betz

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With lots of questions still remaining unanswered, the Goodland City Commission agreed unanimously to continue discussions with Sherman County about the county taking over trash service at their meeting Monday.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the Economic Development Council members approached him and Mayor Tom Rohr about taking a fresh look at the trash collection system.

"They brought us together to look at several items that were brought up," Pickman said. "Working with this group was very positive and upbeat. I want to commend them for their interest."

He said the county has agreed to pursue the discussion, but wants to have more time. The city had hoped to have a decision by the first of the year, but it may take the first quarter to finalize any agreement.

As for U.S. Waste Industries, which the city has been negotiating with, the company has not presented a final proposal. Pickman said he told them the county had indicated interest in discussing the system, and they said they continued to be interested unless the county and city reach an agreement.

Commissioner Dean Blume said that since the city had voted to negotiate with the group out of Colorado it might not be appropriate for the commission to be talking with the county.

Pickman said the commission has a lot of leeway in what or who they negotiate with.

"I just want to make sure we cross all the t's and dot the i's," Blume said.

"I like it," said Commissioner Rick Billinger. "I think it is a step in the right direction for the first time."

City roundup

At their meeting Monday, the Goodland City Commission:

- Agreed to continue discussions with Sherman County about the county taking over the city trash collection. (Story to left)
- Approved a grant request to replace the brick intersections at 11th and 12th and Main with the cost to the city of \$172,562. (Story to come)
- Heard the city land east of the airport will be posted for "No Hunting" this week with the start of pheasant season Saturday. (Story to come)

Rohr assured the commission members there was not a concrete proposal from the county, but a list of 17 discussion points as a starting point.

"We are trying to keep the taxpayers from having a higher cost," he said. "I think it is very good."

"I like it because it will keep the money local," Billinger said.

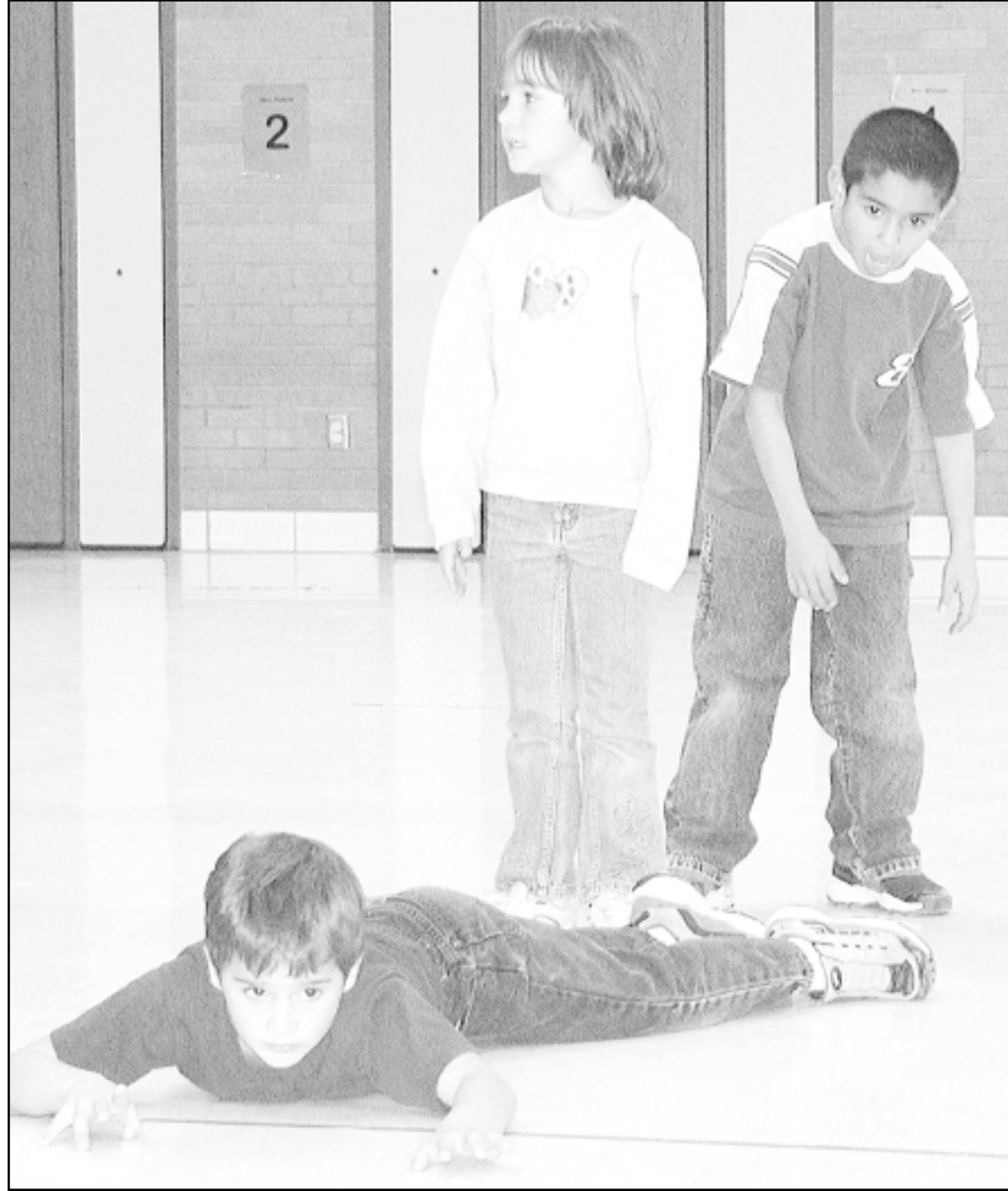
"I have a question about point number two where it says we will provide storage for the trucks for up to a year," Commissioner Curtis Hurd said. "I wonder who will pay the utilities and insurance?"

"There are a lot of blank spots to be filled out," Blume said. "What about uncollected bills, will the county pay this back for their portion?"

"We will only pay the county what we actually collect," said Mary Volk,

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Shaping up in class



Steven Johnson dropped to the floor and Bracelyn Redlin and Juan Sandoval seemed worn out after doing 20 jumping jacks in gym class today. The students are in Janet Davis' first grade class at West Elementary School. Gym teacher Sandy Burr usually has the students do calisthenics to warm up at the beginning of class. Doing the exercises at the end of gym did not seem to be popular with the students.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Sebelius courted Republicans for win

By John Hanna

AP Political Writer

TOPEKA — In a reliably Republican state, Democrat Kathleen Sebelius won the governor's race after painting GOP nominee Tim Shallenburger as too conservative for voters concerned about education.

Sebelius actively courted Republicans who worried that the state would reduce aid to public schools, helped by a "Republicans for Sebelius" group and a separate "Save Our Schools" effort, both involving former GOP legislative leaders.

She successfully overcame Shallenburger's efforts to portray her as too liberal, particularly on crime issues. She raised a record \$4 million, almost twice as much as Shallenburger, running television advertisements from late July through Election Day.

With 99 percent of the precincts reporting Tuesday's vote, Sebelius had 53 percent to Shallenburger's 45 percent. Reform Party nominee Ted Pettibone and Libertarian Dennis Hawver split the remaining 2 percent.

The victory gave Sebelius the job of tackling a projected \$255 million defi-

cit in the state's current budget and a shortfall that could grow to \$1 billion during the next fiscal year. She said during her campaign that she wouldn't increase taxes or cut education funding.

Many Kansas voters saw education as their top concern. John Coleman, a retired construction worker from Topeka, said he's worried about schools because of his grandchildren.

"Now, you have to have an education, just about, to go to the bathroom," Coleman said. "There's so much more computer stuff."

Sebelius made much of an August statement from Shallenburger that schools could withstand up to a 3 percent cut in state aid if the alternative were raising taxes, which he wouldn't do. Shallenburger later said Sebelius took his comment out of context.

Some voters remained skeptical a new governor could avoid a tax increase.

"They tell you what you want to hear," said Larry Mason, of Topeka, who works for the E-Kan Fire Equipment Co. and voted for Shallenburger.

But others wanted the next chief executive to keep taxes in check and make

government more efficient.

Sebelius pledged a top-to-bottom review of state agencies, while Shallenburger said he could cut 7 percent or 8 percent of all spending outside aid to public schools.

"Balance the budget," said Jean Robinson, a customer service officer at the Commerce Bank in downtown Topeka, who declined to say who got her vote. "Quit spending money on stuff that's not necessary."

Sebelius acknowledged the state's financial problems won't be solved quickly.

"It's going to take discipline and resolve and patience," she said. "That's always what it takes to make a fresh start."

Shallenburger won Johnson County, a Kansas City suburb and a Republican stronghold, but Sebelius did well elsewhere, even in some rural counties normally strong for the GOP.

"We're sorry, sorry we let you down tonight, but we felt the cause was just," Shallenburger told cheering supporters. Sebelius, 54, became the second woman elected governor, after Democrat John Finney in 1990.

Attorney general race outcome still up in air

By Carl Manning

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Although Republican Phill Kline holds a slim lead over Democrat Chris Biggs in the attorney general's race, it may be a few days before the final outcome is known.

With final, unofficial results tallied from Tuesday's voting, Kline had 3,489 more votes than Biggs, out of more than 809,000 cast. Kline's margin was only 0.4 percent.

The doubt about the outcome occurs because of up to 10,000 provisional ballots, which won't be counted until Friday by county election officials. In such a tight race, those ballots could determine the outcome.

A provisional ballot is cast when poll workers aren't sure someone is

eligible to vote. Those ballots are set aside and counted later.

Kline capitalized on his grass roots support, carrying 78 of the 105 counties, including many of the smaller, rural counties. Biggs' biggest numbers were in Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte counties.

The tight outcome marked the end of months of the two candidates trading accusations over experience and ideology.

Kline had a better financed campaign, raising more than \$35,000 during the July 26-Oct. 24 campaign finance reporting period. Biggs raised about \$138,000 during that time. Kline had more than \$80,000 in his campaign fund when the period ended, compared to less than \$7,700 for Biggs.