

weather report

83°  
at noon

Today

Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:04 a.m.

Sunset, 7:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 76 degrees

• Humidity 42 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds southeast at 12 mph

• Barometer 30.22 inches and falling

• Record High 101° (1952)

• Record Low 44° (1960)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 83°

Low 56°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, with a 20 percent of thunderstorms, low near 60, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: mostly sunny in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 85 to 90, south-east winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, low near 65, high 90 to 95.

Sunday and Monday: chance of thunderstorms, lows near 65, highs near 90.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.25 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.15

Loan deficiency payment — .30¢

Corn — \$1.64 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.69

Loan deficiency pmt. — .30¢

Milo — \$2.56 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.01 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.92

Loan deficiency payment — .97¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.90 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.62

Oil new crop — \$6.80 cwt.

Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Co Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Thousands still missing in quake

ISTANBUL — With time running out to save people still missing under mountains of rubble, rescue workers worked frantically to pull out survivors today as the death toll from western Turkey's worst-recorded earthquake neared 7,000.

French, Israeli and Austrian rescue teams joined Turkish crews and civilians searching the rubble in efforts to save the thousands of people trapped beneath the wreckage.

At least 6,866 people were killed and 33,022 injured, the government announced today.

In addition, some 35,000 people could be still buried under the rubble, U.N. deputy spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva told reporters.

Amid the bleak news, there was some heartening word: a refinery blaze, set off by the quake in Izmit near the epicenter was brought under control.

# Commissioners on the road again

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Daily News*

The Sherman County commissioners headed out early the last three mornings to look at county roads which may be closed and talk to landowners about their problems with the plan.

They spent their days bouncing over ruts on the little travelled roads, dodging washouts nearly big enough to swallow a grain truck and backtracking from dead-ends. Long on dust and short on gravel, the roads on the closing list are the tag-end of the county system, often serving just one or two landowners.

Tuesday, the commissioners, accompanied by County Clerk Janet Rumpel and driven by Public Works Director Curt Way, traveled the northwest quarter of the county. They viewed over 50 miles of roads which have been proposed for closing, but on which the landowners have filed objections.

At several stops, the commissioners met with groups of landowners. North of Kanorado, they met with Ted Swayne, Doris Richardson, Bob Gramzow and Herb Schritter, who were objecting to the closing of several miles of road through their properties.

Most of the roads were overgrown with weeds, and there were some severe ruts. Commissioner Gary Townsend said Roland Hoffman drove him down one such section, more of a trail that had been overgrown by weeds, that he was objecting to having closed.

Al Kleinsorge told the commissioners all he wanted left open was the 100 yards or so of County Road 65 which connected with his driveway. The county has recommended closing the two miles of Road 65 between County Roads 3 and 5.

The commissioners listened to Kleinsorge's recommendation, and his request to have the weeds moved more often, then climbed back in Sherman County No. 1, a four-wheel suburban utility vehicle, and drove down the road in question, pausing at each rutted area along the two miles.

Turning north on Road 3, they traveled about 3 1/2 miles north and after passing through the driveway of Bill Wright's place, they stopped to check out an isolated one-mile section of road which does not connect on either end with other county roads.

Driving north on the road, Way was forced to turn around and retrace the route because of a washout which big enough to swallow a small pickup.

Inspecting all the roads being ob-



Commissioners are riding the roads of Sherman County this week, getting a first-hand look at the miles and miles of roads they have suggested be closed. However, landowners are objecting to many of the closings and the commissioners are viewing those roads (above) and talking to

those effected such as Al Kleinsorge (bottom left) who lives northeast of Kanorado. He wants the road west of his home left open, but it is nearly impassable (bottom right) in several places.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## Four-year effort achieves citizenship goal

**By Janet Craft**  
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She and her husband spent four years and had to have the help of a congressman to complete the process, but on July 29, Maria Storie became an American citizen.

Born Maria Magbanua on April 14, 1967, in Pulupandan Negros Occidental, Philippines, Maria met her husband, Douglas Storie, in Feb. 1989 in Olongapo City, Phillipines, where he was temporarily stationed with the U.S. Navy.

When Storie asked Maria to marry him in June 1989 in a restaurant, she recalls, he got down on his knees to propose to her. She said that she told him, "Don't ask me, just do it."

Afterwards, he had to return to Hawaii, but while there, he applied for a fiancée visa for Maria. This allows an American citizen to petition to have their intended spouse immigrate to the United States and get married within 90 days of arrival.

Maria recalled that when she received the application, she decided to fill it out because she thought, "what did she have to lose?"

After obtaining her fiancée visa, Maria flew from the Phillipines to Hawaii on June 22, 1990, and she and Doug were married in Hawaii on June 30, 1990. The couple lived in Hawaii for a month before he was transferred to San Diego. On July 31, they flew from Hawaii to San Diego.

It was in 1995, while the Stories were living in San Diego, that Maria applied to become an American citizen. The first appointment scheduled for her with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Diego, had to be



Storie

canceled because she did not have a drivers' license yet and had no way to get to it.

Eventually, Maria got her drivers' license and went for the appointment. The woman who interviewed her told her that she would send her a notice telling her when to come back. Maria recalled that she was nervous and did not ask why she had to come back.

But she never received a notice from the immigration office. Her husband was gone on a six-month deployment, so when he returned home, they wrote a letter to inquire about the situation.

In July 1997, Doug retired from the Navy and the couple, along with their three sons, moved to Las Animas, Colo. After moving to Colorado, the Stories received a letter from immigration officials San Diego about an appointment for an interview.

The Stories said they contacted U.S. Rep. Bob Schaffer's La Junta, Colo., office to help get Maria's paperwork forwarded to the Immigration and Naturalization office in Denver. Later, they were told by Greg Bledsoe, who is the southern Colorado representative for the congressman, that the person who had handled Maria's case had left the immigration service and the paperwork had been lost.

So once again Bledsoe wrote with San Diego and eventually Maria's papers were found and forwarded to Denver. Time passed without any correspondence, so the Stories again contacted the La Junta office to see if the congressman could get things going with immigration.

During this time, Doug Storie de-

cided to take a job with the Goodland Police Department and moved on Feb. 3. Maria remained in Colorado with their three sons, so that they could finish the school year.

While Maria's husband was training at the police academy in Hutchinson, she received a letter about an appointment for an interview in Denver. But because she had the kids and now way to get to Denver, she couldn't keep that appointment.

Then Maria and the boys moved to Goodland on May 19. It was after this

that she received another letter telling her of a new appointment time.

So on July 29, she made the trip to Denver with her husband and sons. The interview was set for 8:30 a.m., but she didn't get called in for about 45 minutes to an hour later. Maria had to answer seven questions about American history and write a full sentence in English, which was "I went to school to learn English."

After the interview, she was sent to another room to have her picture taken. Then she had to wait about 30 to 45

minutes before she was called to be sworn in. Maria recalled that took about five minutes. When it was over, she was given a certificate and welcomed as a new citizen of the United States.

"I was happy and proud, that I got my citizenship," said Maria. "Congressman Schaffer was a big help."

She said there was frustration because of the delays, but it will be a lot easier for her if she goes back to the Phillipines, without any hassle with the system there.

### Worth the wait



Lines were long and carts were full as shoppers took advantage of the 50-percent-off sale at Goodland's Jubilee store this week. Dozens of people were waiting for the store to open at 7 a.m. Wednesday and again today, though the lines were shorter today. The store will close Sept. 4 unless it is sold.

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