

weather
report

65°

at noon



Today

•Sunset, 5:52 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 5:58 a.m.

•Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

Midday Conditions

•Soil Temperature 41 degrees

•Humidity 46 percent

•Sky sunny

•Winds south 20 m.p.h.

•Barometer 30.18 inches

and falling

•Record High 81° (1935)

•Record Low -3° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*

High 73°

Low 31°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly sunny and warm, high near 80, low lower 40s, winds southwest 5-10 m.p.h. Saturday: partly sunny, high upper 70s, low lower 40s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: cloudy with slight chance of rain during the evening, high lower 70s. Monday: cloudy with chance of rain and thunderstorms during the day and slight chance of snow or rain during night, high upper 50s, low near 40. Tuesday: partly cloudy with slight chance of snow or rain.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.16 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.15

New crop — \$2.91 bushel

Corn — \$2.40 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.21

Milo — \$2.22 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.18

Millet — \$10 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.25 cwt.

New crop oil — \$10.10

NuSun — \$10.25 cwt.

New crop NuSun — \$11.10

Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.

Confection new crop — \$17/\$10

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

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Piano recital
to be Sunday

Nick Parker played a piece by Chopin this week with instruction from Dr. Jung-hwa Lee, assistant professor of piano at Fort Hays State. The son of Lauren and Geralyn Parker and a senior piano major, he will give a recital at Sunday at the Goodland United Methodist Church. See Page 3.

Car chase ends with arrests



A Kansas state trooper led a Texas youth to his cruiser after a chase Thursday west of Goodland. Three 17-year-olds were in custody and the driver faces charges. A trooper picked up the car, a 1995 white Pontiac TransAm with a black bra, on I-70 eastbound near Ruleton, doing more than 90 miles an hour. The driver made what Lt. Kevin Winston called "a bad decision," leaving the freeway at Caruso and attempting to flee on Old U.S. 24 toward Goodland. Speeds reached 125 miles an hour. Near the Frontier Equity Co-op, the driver changed his mind and pulled over. Troopers took all three youths into town in handcuffs, but Winston said he thought only the driver would be charged. After pulling over, the three caused no more trouble.

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Time for a change?

By Tom Betz

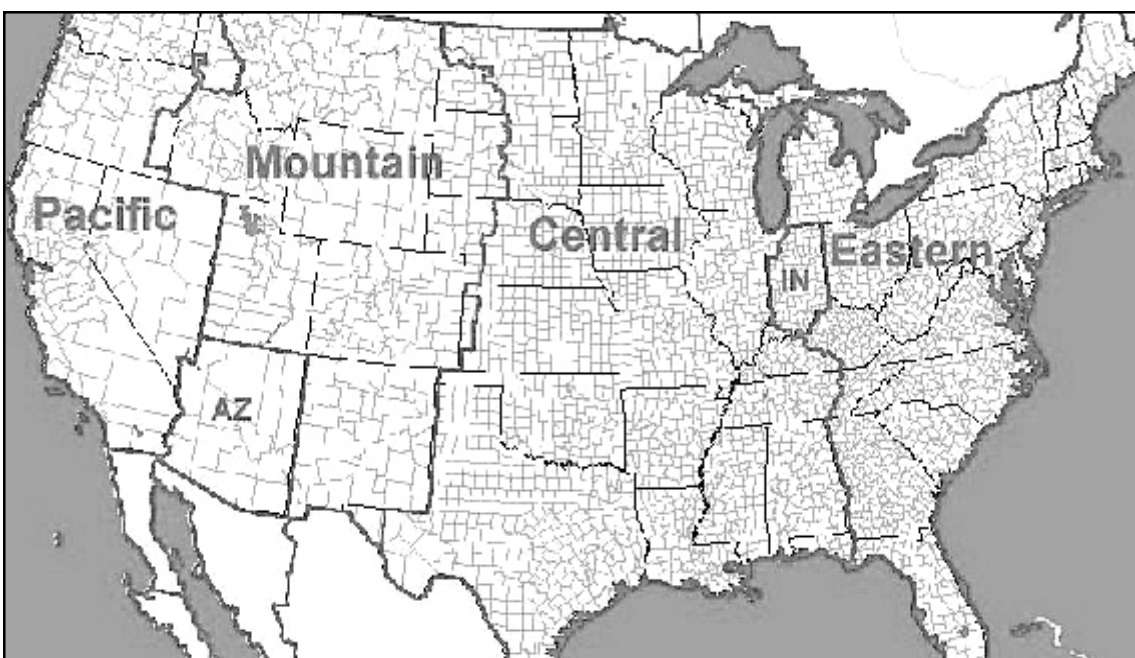
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The people of Sherman County are being asked to consider changing from Mountain Time to Central Time, and many are upset because there is no provision for a public vote on this issue.

The Goodland Star-News believes giving the people of Sherman County a chance to express their opinion is important, and will sponsor a straw poll vote on Tuesday, April 1, at the Sherman County courthouse. The special vote will be on the question "Should Sherman County change to Central Time."

Since it is not an official election, anyone who lives in Sherman County and is at least 18 will be able to vote. The voting will be on the same day as the city commission and the school board elections, which will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. The time zone vote will be in the hall of the courthouse because state law requires this type of vote to be in a separate location which must be at least 250 feet away from the general election site.

The general election polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the



Time zones as they exist in the United States as of 2002.

time zone vote will be open during the same hours. The time zone vote is being conducted by the staff of The Goodland Star-News.

This is not the first time the time-zone change has been considered in Sherman County, but County Clerk Janet Rumpel has looked at official election records going back to 1950

and has not found any official vote.

"There was a straw poll taken sometime in the 1960s," she said, "but there has not been an official election on this issue. Under state law, there is no authority for the county to put such a question on an election ballot."

Nationally, the most recent time

zone change was Wayne County, Ky., which moved from Central Time to Eastern Time in October 2000.

Three counties in North Dakota have petitioned to move from Mountain to Central Time, and one of the counties is awaiting a final decision from the U.S. Department of

Transportation.

The last change in Kansas was in 1990, when the western part of Kearny County moved from Mountain to Central time. Before that, the time zone line was east of Lakin. Now it is on the Hamilton-Kearny County line.

That change left just four counties in the state on Mountain time: Hamilton, Greeley, Wallace and Sherman.

The federal Department of Transportation was given the authority to decide time zone questions in 1966, when Daylight Saving Time was established on a national level. It had been with the old Interstate Commerce Commission, which regulated railroads, bus and truck lines until it was abolished.

In recent changes, Congress has modified the beginning date of daylight time, and renamed the three westernmost time zones. Technically there are nine time zones within the United States and the western most possessions. On the east Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are in Atlantic Standard Time.

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Lender buys New Trail truck stop at sale



Only bidder pays \$987,000

By Darrell Pattillo

The Goodland Star-News

More than two dozen people were at the Sherman County courthouse Wednesday morning to watch Sheriff Doug Whitson sell the New Trail Truck Stop at auction.

The vacant business went for \$987,000, to FMAC Loan Receivables, which holds the mortgage.

That was the only bid, which has been unused since July 2001, when New Wave Corp of California, which had the New Trail Truck Stop and Apple Trail Restaurant, shut down with no warning.

Attorney Ron Vignery, representing FMAC, said the lender, which is

based in Delaware with headquarters in New York, was disappointed that there were no other bids.

"Like most banks," he said, "they aren't interested in running a truck stop. They want to sell the property and make their money back."

FMAC won a default judgment in excess of three million dollars. The amount bid for the property represents the actual investment FMAC had in the property.

"They want to sell it as soon as possible," Vignery said. "Aside from that, I'm not aware of any other plans at the moment."