

## weather report

**58°**  
at noon



### Today

- Sunset, 5:56 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:52 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:57 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds southeast 23 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.37 inches and falling

- Record High 85° (1921)
- Record Low 1° (1923)

### Last 24 Hours\*

- High 77°
- Low 36°
- Precipitation none

### N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: cloudy with 100 percent chance of rain, high near 50, low 35-40, winds east 10-20 m.p.h. Wednesday: cloudy with 80 percent chance of rain or snow, high near 40, low upper 20s.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly cloudy with chance of light snow in the morning, high mid 40s. Friday: partly cloudy, high upper 40s, low lower 20s. Saturday: partly cloudy, high lower 50s, low upper 20s.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$3.13 bushel  
New crop — \$2.83 bushel  
Corn — \$2.36 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.19  
Milo — \$2.13 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.22 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.19  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$10 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.  
New Crop — \$10.10 cwt  
NuSun — \$10.25 cwt  
NuSun new crop — \$11.10  
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$15  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News



## 42 kids head for district

The Goodland Wrestling Club qualified 42 wrestlers for the district tournament in Great Bend Saturday, March 22, after this weekend's sub-district tournament in Colby. Fifty-five wrestlers from Goodland wrestled at the packed Colby Community Building. See Page 12 for full story and more photos.

# County switched zones in 1965

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

The question of what time zone Sherman County should be in created quite a bit of controversy in the spring of 1965.

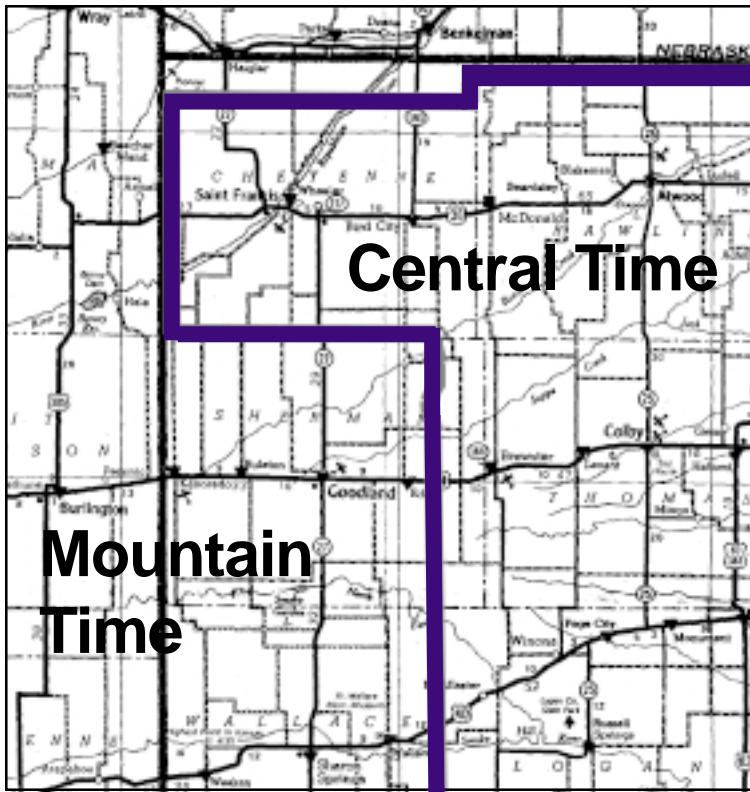
When the time zones were established in 1918, the western boundary of the Central Time Zone was over 100 miles east of Goodland, and it did not seem to be much of a problem, but by 1956 that line had moved west of the Sherman County line.

An old Conoco road map of Kansas shows the time zone boundary running down the back road from Bird City to east of Edson and then south to the county line. At the time a small portion of Cheyenne County was in Mountain Time while the rest of the county was in Central Time. The information shows that the Brewster School District might have been the dividing line for the Central time zone when the map was distributed.

In April 1965, the Sherman County commissioners invited the Goodland City Council and the governing boards of Kanorado and Ruleton to come to a meeting at the courthouse to discuss the time issue.

At the regular commission meeting, a show of hands was taken of the audience and the vast majority present reportedly were prepared to change to Mountain Daylight Time on the 25th of April.

Chairman Harlan House said the county commissioners had been informed that Wallace County, also on Mountain Standard Time, intended to change to Daylight Saving Time. Goodland Mayor elect Clayton



Portion of Conoco highway map from 1956 showing time zones.

Burton suggested calling a public meeting, inviting council members from Goodland, Kanorado and Edson, school board members and others.

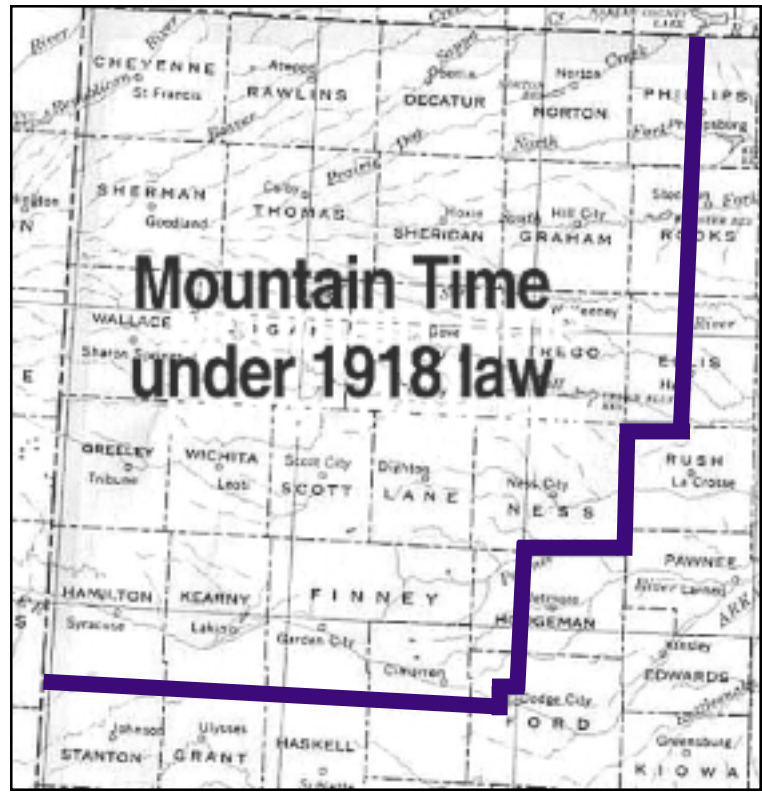
The meeting was held in the courtroom and anyone interested in changing the time in the county — or not — was urged to attend.

Gerald Franklin, then the superintendent of schools, said before the meeting that in the event the change was made to daylight time, the schools would probably start at 9 a.m. rather than 8 a.m., and let out at 4 p.m. rather than 3 p.m. He emphasized however, that nothing had been decided by the school boards.

Daylight Saving Time was to start at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 25, and continued until the last Sunday in October.

A surprise resolution came out of the public meeting on April 20, 1965, changing the Sherman County courthouse and the county highway department operations to Central Standard Time as of April 25.

The county commissioners recommended the Goodland City Council and all businessmen and citizens likewise switch to Central



Kansas time zones as drawn by the 1918 federal law.

Standard Time.

The city council met in special session on April 21, and adopted a similar resolution with a request that businesses and citizens cooperate by changing to Central Standard Time.

About 50 people attended the public meeting called by the county commissioners to discuss the proposal to switch to Mountain Daylight Savings Time to conform with Colorado, which was going on daylight savings time on a two-year trial.

House was chairman at the public

meeting. When he called for a show of hands of those who wished to adopt Mountain Daylight Savings Time, only one or two responded. When House called for a show of hands for Central Standard Time, though, it was to all appearances unanimous.

The biggest problem in changing time was what it would do to school schedules. With the county changing to Central Standard Time, Franklin said the Goodland schools would continue to operate 8 a.m. to

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# Early voting open for school, city elections

Today is the opening of advance voting for the Goodland School Board and Goodland and Kanorado city elections at the Sherman County clerk's office.

Voting will be open from now until Monday, March 31, with the general election day to be Tuesday, April 1.

Clerk Janet Rumpel said the advance voting will be open during regular business hours for registered voters who want to vote early for any reason.

On election day, registered voters can cast their ballots at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m. on election day.

The school board election is to fill four seats and there are eight candidates. Voters in the elec-

tion may vote for four or fewer candidates for the at-large posts. The top four will be elected.

Finishing on top in the primary was Jane Philbrick, an incumbent board member, a farm wife and part-time employee at Mann's Jewelry. Other incumbent board members seeking re-election are Eric Gray, a city water department employee; Ben Duell, a Ruleton farmer; and Kathy Russell, county probation officer.

Challengers are Danny Whalen, owner of Dairy Queen; Gary L. Smith, veterinarian at Prairieland Animal Clinic; Martin Melia, owner of KLOE, KWGB and KKCI radio; and Fritz Doke, a service technician for S&T Telephone.

A school board candidate forum will be held

Sunday at the high school auditorium, but the time has not been announced.

There are five candidates vying for the three seats on the Goodland City Commission with incumbents Tom Rohr, a real estate agent; Curtis Hurd, a retired businessman; and Rick Billinger, of Nationwide Homes. John Garcia, owner of Garcia's Furniture and Appliance, and David Daniels, a rental property owner, are the challengers.

Hazel Estes, current Kanorado mayor, an insurance agent, is being opposed by Gerald Webber, a part-time postal contract driver.

Only one person, Chad Hanevik, filed for Kanorado City Council, although two positions are open.

Voters may call the clerk's office at 899-

4800 to request an advance ballot by mail.

To receive a ballot by mail, the voter is required to sign a form and return it to the clerk's office as soon as possible. The ballot can be mailed out, but must be returned by 7 p.m. on election day. Ballots will not be mailed out after Friday, March 28, Rumpel said.

On election day, a separate straw poll on the time zone question, "Should Sherman County change to Central time?" will be conducted in the hall of the Sherman County courthouse. The vote is being sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News*, for any resident of Sherman County over 18. There is no advance voting on this issue, but the poll will be open on April 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the same as the general election polls.

# Farm loan officer to retire on Friday after 36 years

By Darrel Pattillo

*The Goodland Star-News*

When Gordon Colip started his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sherman County was in the Central time zone.

Thirty six years later, he's ready to see what free time is all about as he retires from the Farm Service Agency.

Colip started with the Farmers Home Administration in 1966.

"When I began employment with the government," he recalled, "Lyndon B. Johnson was president of the United States, and F. Jackson George was the FHA state director. Now, after eight presidents and eight

state directors, and at least six agency name changes, I've decided to do some different things."

Colip recalls having to take a six-hour Civil Service exam to get the job.

"Sometime later, I was informed my initial employment would be as a student trainee in the Norton office of the FHA," he said. Colip graduated from Kansas State University in 1968 and received his first assignment.

"I was notified I would be going to Meade if my employment was to continue and if I wanted to continue



Gordon Colip

to draw a paycheck from FHA," Colip said.

In August 1972, Colip and his family moved to Goodland, where he has been in the position he is retiring from since.

In 1986, Colip received the KLOE Friend to Agriculture Award.

A year later, he received the FHA Administrator's Distinguished Service Award in Washington.

The department named Colip the Kansas County Supervisor of the Year in 1993.

In 1994, the Farmer's Home Ad-

ministration (FmHA) revised, at Colip's suggestion, its national motto "Lender of First Opportunity."

Last year, Colip was named the Sherman County Agri-Business Person of the Year.

"During my USDA career," Colip said, "I have had the good fortune of loan making and servicing in 34 counties in Western Kansas. I'm convinced I have been allowed to work with some of the best farmers and ranchers, agri-business people, and agricultural lenders in the world.

"In addition, I have worked with many excellent USDA fellow em-

ployees," he said.

"The services I have rendered would not have possible without my family support. Karen, my wife, has been with me through good times and bad.

"Our children, Tammy De-LaRosa and my son-in-law Harvey, and our grandchildren Dallas, Stephani, and Jacob, and Jeremy Colip and his wife Cindy, my favorite daughter-in-law, have all been a joy and the reason for working."

The Farm Service Agency is holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Come by the office at 210 W. 10th Street in Goodland and say good-bye to Gordon.

# Former resident featured in Alaskan newspaper piece

By Sharon Corcoran

*The Goodland Star-News*

A former Goodland resident worked as a nurse during World War II before becoming a "war bride," dealt with food rationing in England and shopping for six months at a time in Alaska, and later voted in Alaska's first state election.

Her husband's job transfers took her to isolated ends of the forty-ninth state, and in one place, she treated a gunshot victim until a doctor could be flown in.

She has lived in Alaska for 50 years, and her life story was featured in Alaska's biggest newspaper earlier this year.

Winnie Nowak, wife of the late John Nowak, a former meteorologist the National Weather Service in



John Nowak



Winnie Nowak

Goodland, was featured in the section *We Alaskans* in *The Anchorage Daily News* of Jan. 26.

She is the sister-in-law of Ruby Anderson and Lewis Nowak of Goodland, Freddy Nowak of Sharon Springs, Evelyn Langdon of Winona and Josephine Kampmann of Casa Grande, Ariz. Nowak was interviewed by Sharon Bushell for

the article, telling about being a nurse in England during World War II, where she met her husband, and moving to Goodland and then to Alaska.

Nowak was born in a village called Donington, 100 miles north of London. She started nurse's training in Stamford in 1938, a year before World War II broke out.

When the war began, Nowak said, she worked at a hospital that was taken over by the government. The hospital had to be ready for casualties at all times, she said.

When the evacuation of Dunkirk took place in June 1940, she said, hundreds of boys were brought to the hospital. They were sick, dirty and demoralized, and many were in shock.

Shortly after becoming a registered nurse, Nowak said, she began working in a town called Kings Lynn, where she met John Nowak. He had been drafted into the American Army in 1942 and was serving in the 8th Air Force.

Winnie said she met John when the British gave the Americans a Fourth of July dance in 1944 and married him the following June. When the war ended, she said, he came home to Goodland in August of 1945, and she came over the following March as a British war bride, transported by the American Red Cross.

Nowak said the hot, dry climate in Goodland was quite an adjustment after growing up in England, but the food made up for it. After

being on rations in England and only able to get two ounces of sugar per week, Nowak said, the amount and variety of food was fascinating and almost overwhelming.

Nowak said she received a hearty welcome in Goodland, where she was the first British war bride in this part of the state.

John Nowak was working for the weather bureau, she said, and was transferred to Cordova, Ala., in 1953. For the three years in Cordova, she said, it was a challenge to learn to shop for six months at a time. Everything came by boat from Seattle, she said, and went into a big walk-in freezer and storage bins.

Nowak said she enjoyed working

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