

weather report

56°

at noon

Today

•Sunset, 6:03 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 5:41 a.m.

•Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

•Soil Temperature 45 degrees
•Humidity 38 percent
•Sky partly cloudy
•Winds northeast 14-20 m.p.h.
•Barometer 29.94 inches and rising

•Record High 84° (1998)

•Record Low -6° (1965)

Last 24 Hours*

High 75°

Low 38°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly cloudy, high upper 50s, low near 30, winds west 5-10 m.p.h. Wednesday: mostly cloudy, high mid 60s, low upper 30s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: cloudy with chance of rain or snow, windy, high mid 50s. Friday: partly cloudy and breezy with chance of snow or rain in the morning, high mid 40s, low lower 30s. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high upper 50s, low mid 20s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.03 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.04

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.35 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.17

Milo — \$2.12 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.25 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.21

Millet — \$8 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.60 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$10.10 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.30 cwt.

NuSun new crop — \$10.80

Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.

New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.

Pinto beans — withdrawn

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

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Springing up after showers

Spring “officially” arrived Friday afternoon with the vernal equinox, the point in the earth’s orbit where day and night are the same length. One of the first signs of spring is the arrival of the jonquils, which can be seen dotting lawns across the city. See Photos Page 3.

Eight vie for school board seats

By Darrel Pattillo

The Goodland Star-News

All eight Goodland School Board candidates agree, everything must be done to maintain the current level of education, with budget cuts by the state a near certainty.

The Goodland Star-News asked all eight the same two questions: 1. What is the number one priority facing the school district if the budget is cut; and 2. Why are you a good candidate for election?

Kathy Russell, 47, a current school board member, married, two children. Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Washburn University.

“With our enrollment declining drastically, and with a superintendent who is very budget minded, and a school that doesn’t want to raise taxes, we’re going to have to tighten down the hatches. We’re going to have to get down to the nuts and bolts of education.”

“As a probation officer for 26 years, I deal with kids every day, and I deal with schools every day. I believe in quality education for all kids. I support academics, but I also support athletics and other activities. Also, I’ve been part of the board’s negotiating team, and we’ve had success with the teachers, and I want to see that continue.”

Danny Whalen, 39, business



Doke



Duell



Gray



Melia



Philbrick



Russell



Smith



Whalen

owner, married, two children, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Marymount College.

“Schools should be run as efficiently as possible. That should be our top priority. It should be treated like a business. Education and our children are a top priority.”

“I have a positive business attitude. I’ve served on several boards, and I can contribute to the needs of parents, teachers, and the children.”

Jane Philbrick, 46, school board member, married, two children, master’s from Western Washington

University.

“We have to provide the best education possible, and we have to figure out how to do that. We have to think about declining enrollments, and we have to find a way to keep the buildings open and the staff in place. We need to do all of this with the least amount of harm to the students, staff, and community.”

“At this point, experience counts. I’ll have eight years on the board in July. I’ve always run because I care about the children.”

Fritz Doke, 41, S & T Commu-

nications, married, two children, graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College, and Colby Community College.

“The biggest thing I see is how to allot the money we do have. Everyone is in a crisis. We’re just going to have to tighten our belts and make do with what we have.”

“I’m a good candidate because I have two sons still in school. I’ve always been involved in their education. I will be an asset to the school board.”

Eric Gray, 44, school board member, nursing student, married, four children, Bachelor of Science in animal science Kansas State University.

“Everything is going to get tighter overall for education, and we’re going to have to see what needs to be cut.”

“I’m a lifelong resident of Goodland with four children in the school system. I can look at issues objectively, and make good decisions.”

Gary Smith, 43, veterinarian, married, four children, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University.

“We’re going to have to tighten up without letting the education system suffer. See what options are available. But we can’t let the education part down.”

“Next year my fourth child starts

school. As a veterinarian, I deal with the public, with their views and opinions. For the last six years, I’ve been involved in many of the kids’ activities.”

Ben Duell, 71, local farmer, school board member, married, fifteen children, Master’s in school administration.

“I don’t think we should be dependent on the state for our money. If we tighten up, we can weather a lot of adversity. I do know, we need to pay our classroom teachers, and pay them well. And, we’ve got some extra overhead where we can do some trimming.”

“Because I’ve had 21 years of teaching and coaching, and I put fifteen kids through the school system. I have a pretty good idea of how it works.”

Marty Melia, 48, radio station owner, married, four children, attended Fort Hays State University.

“Our priority is to try to keep things at least the same, if not improving, academics, and keeping jobs intact. We’ll have to take a good look at all the possibilities.”

“I’ve had four kids go through school here. I’ve worked closely with the school district, and I know a lot about what goes on. I’m a member of many boards, and I have experience in dealing with budgets. I just want to serve and support the system.”

Farm/city banquet Saturday

The annual Sherman County Farm/City banquet will be 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Safari Steakhouse, hosted this year by the Goodland business community.

Jo Simmons, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, said reservations will be accepted through today by calling 899-7130 or 890-5950. Tickets are \$15 per person.

“The annual celebration is intended for everyone to take a moment and show those in our county how much we appreciate and rely on each other,” Simmons said.

Dick Liess of Western State Bank will be master of ceremonies.

Boy Scout Troop 142 will present the flags and Sabrina Twombly will sing the national anthem. Alyssa Mason, a Goodland High School student, will give her Freedom of America speech.

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Goat breeders demonstrate meat opportunities



Deb Mangelsdorf, a veterinarian, showed the audience at a conference on goat meat production how to check the health of their herd. She checked the goat’s teeth (above). Guests at the conference looked through brochures and notebooks of information on goat production (above right).

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News



Time changed back and forth after federal law of 1966

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners and the Goodland City Council moved their employees and offices to Central Standard Time in 1965, and virtually all of the county followed suit, along with Wallace and Greeley counties to the south.

This action meant that half the year the county was in Central Time and the other half of the year it was in Mountain Daylight Time, but the citizens did not have to change their clocks. Eventually, a new federal law brought the county back to Mountain Time and Daylight Saving Time, but before that happened, the county had two years of uncertainty.

The county continued on year-around time into 1966, but not everyone was happy. Some sued to have the city and county actions overturned in court. At the same time, Congress was moving closer to passing a national time act in the wake of the first “energy crisis” of the Nixon years, putting the whole country on Daylight Saving Time. This law passed in October 1966, to go into effect on April 30, 1967.

Part of the new federal law turned the determination of time zone boundaries over to the U.S. Department of Transportation, reaffirming

Advance voting opens on time change

Advance balloting will be open today through Monday at *The Goodland Star-News*, which is sponsoring a straw vote on the question “Should Sherman County become part of the Central Time Zone.”

The poll itself will be held next Tuesday in the lobby of the Sherman County courthouse at the same time as school and city elections.

A movement to ask the U.S. Department of Transportation to make the change started last month, and

there are several petitions circulating.

The Star-News staff decided a straw poll would be a good way to give all citizens over 18 a voice in the process. There is no provision in state or federal law for a formal election, but the straw poll would give county commissioners and others an indication of your feelings.

If you care about the time issue one way or another, be sure to vote at the courthouse on Tuesday.

the original time zone boundaries approved in 1918.

One section allowed states to opt out of Daylight Saving Time, and the House State Affairs Committee took the first step on Feb. 9, 1967, by approving a bill to have the whole state observe Central Standard Time year-round. Gov. Robert B. Docking had said he would not be disappointed if the bill died in committee, but it was sent to the House floor on a 10-6 vote.

The Kansas House did not approve the bill, but on a 71-44 standing vote elected to abide by the Federal Standard Time Act. That required Kansas to go on Daylight Saving Time at the end of April.

In Sherman County, there was much discussion about what affect the new law would have. The Sher-

man County District Court received a case in 1966 asking that the actions of the city and county in changing to Central Standard Time be found illegal on the basis that this was beyond their power.

The court held a hearing on the issue and ruled the city council and county commissioners had not violated any laws and that they had the power to change the time for the city and county offices and their employees, and that if the rest of the businesses and citizens followed the city and county lead, it was legal.

A citizen group appealed the ruling to the Kansas Supreme Court.

In February 1967, Bill Rhoads, chairman of the Sherman County Commission, told *The Goodland Daily News*, “A possibility of going back to Mountain Standard Time in

Sherman County exists. All this depends on a ruling Attorney General Bob Londerholm will make.”

By the middle of March 1967, things were as muddy as they could be and *Daily News* Editor Tom Dreiling spent a lot of his time trying to find out what was going to happen to the time in Sherman County on April 30.

26 counties will revert to Mountain Time

At the end of March, things got more confused when U.S. Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas wrote to House Speaker John Conard, R-Greensburg, and said that all or part of the 26 counties in western Kansas would revert to Mountain Time when the new federal law went into effect on April 30.

Conard told House Republicans

to check with their constituents to determine what time zone they wanted to be in.

The new federal law used the 1918 Interstate Commerce Commission Time Act as a reference, and all or part of 26 counties were under mountain time under the act. By March 1967, only Hamilton County and half of Kearny County remained on Mountain Time.

Conard said Greeley, Wallace and “some of the other western Kansas counties” may want to go on Mountain Time when the state goes on Daylight Saving Time on April 30.

The 1918 time act had all of Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Graham, Sheridan, Thomas, Sherman, Wallace, Logan, Gove, Trego, Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Hamilton, Kearny and Finney counties in Mountain Time, plus part of Phillips, Rooks, Ellis, Hodgeman, Ford and Gray.

As the first of April arrived, the time questions had not been resolved, and Editor Dreiling talked to the chairman of the county commissioners.

“Kansas Attorney General Bob Londerholm issued an opinion late Friday saying that parts or all of the 26 counties in the western part of the