

Set your clocks back Sunday

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Cheyenne County has already experienced its first snowfall, and cooler weather has reminded people that winter is just around the corner. While it is not the official start of winter yet, the days will seem much shorter as the time change will bring longer, colder, darker evenings.

That means clock confusion is once again ticking away! Everyone will soon be getting an extra hour of sleep and an earlier sunset with daylight savings time ending this weekend.

For most Americans the clocks will "fall back" an hour on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 a.m. The extra hour of sleep is celebrated by most, but the hassle of time change has sparked debate over the years.

Many people wonder how and when daylight savings time started. Apparently, the first person to suggest the concept was Benjamin Franklin. While serving as a United States ambassador in Paris, he wrote of being awakened at 6 a.m. and realizing, to his surprise, that the sun rose far earlier than he was used to. Imagine the resources that might be saved if he and oth-

ers rose before noon and burned less midnight oil, Franklin jokingly wrote to the newspaper.

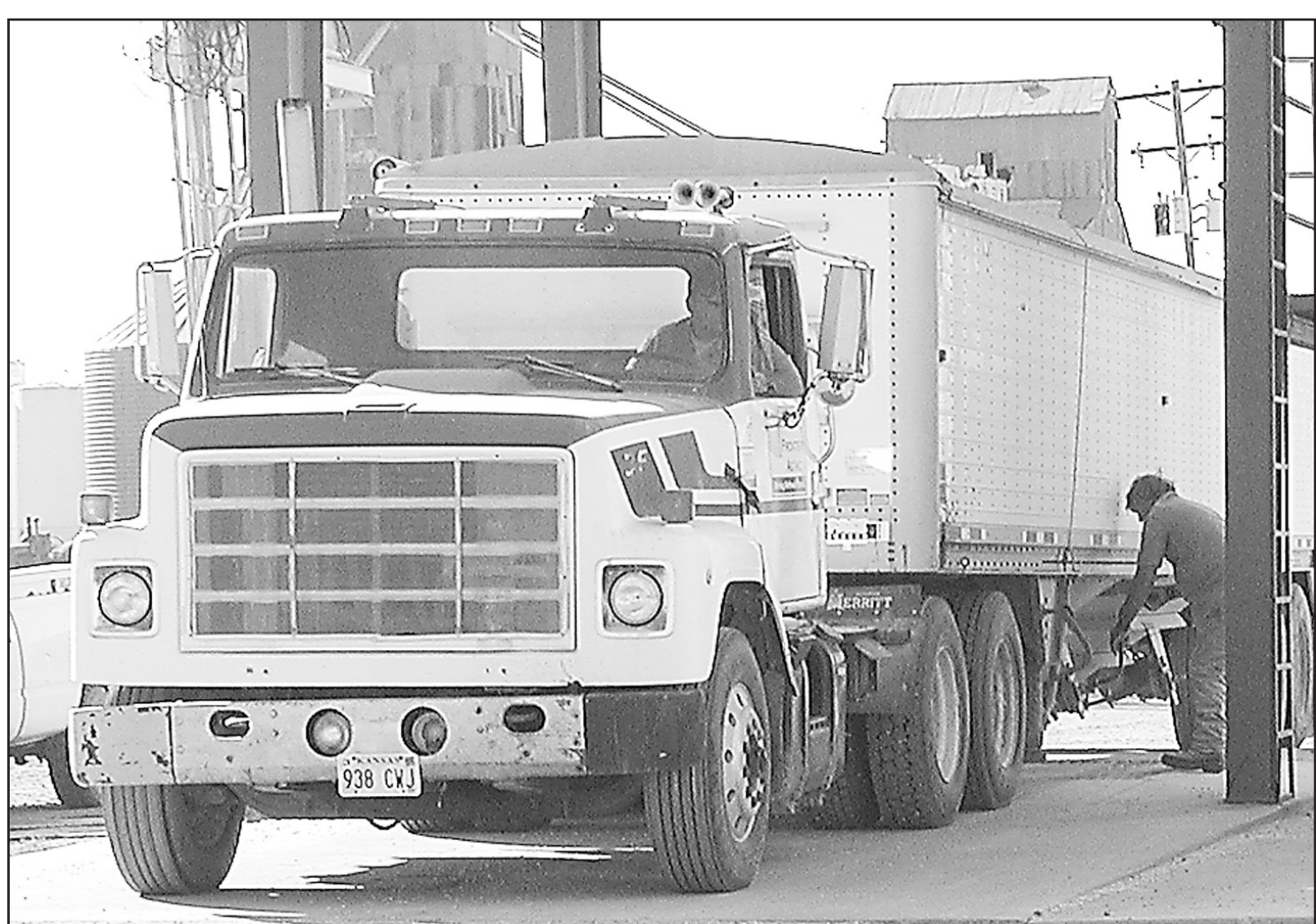
It was World War I that brought the potential savings clearly into focus on a grand scale. Germany was first to adopt the time changes, to reduce artificial lighting and save coal for the war effort. Others soon followed suit.

In the United States, federal law that standardized the yearly start and end of daylight savings time was set in 1918 for the states that chose to observe it.

The only time it was mandatory for the whole country was during World War II, as a way to save war-time resources. Since the end of World War II, the daylight savings time has always been optional for states.

While the debate continues over whether the time change actually results in energy savings or not, most states continue to observe daylight savings time. Arizona and Hawaii are the only two that will not be setting their clocks back this weekend.

Here in Kansas, remember to set your clocks back Saturday night before going to bed... Otherwise you might miss out on that extra hour of sleep!



FALL HARVEST is underway. Some farmers are done harvesting while others have just begun. At the Frontier Ag elevator, employees are moving grain to make more room. Above, Darwin DaPron is unloading the truck.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

Many vendors attend craft show

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Bird City had one of the best Craft Shows with many vendors on Saturday. However, it was one with fewer attendees.

Barb Gerdes, coordinator, said it was stretching it to say there were about 125 attendees. Twenty-two vendors' set up booths, and each one had homemade items with the exception of Tana Dale with her Avon. In spite of the low attendance, the vendors reported that they were pleased with their sales.

Vendors came in on Friday evening to set up. Barb Gerdes, who has been the coordinator for the craft fair for ten years announced that she is retiring. She said she believes Bird City has had one of the best shows with the help of the vendors, and that is a huge factor in her being sad about retiring.

She said that she has a competent person to take over coordinating the show, (she will release more information at a later date). She plans to continue attending the show as a vendor, and is looking forward to next year in joining everyone as a friend and fellow vendor.

Tina and Tia Sager's food service was busy with tortilla soup, chili soup, and pecan pie. Tina also announced that she will be retiring after this year. She will continue to be a vendor to keep in touch with her crafty friends.

The Kid's Korner, headed by Leah Rambat, with Amanda Cheney and Nicole Glass, entertained 11 crafters while their parents shopped.

Mrs. Gerdes had her usual crochet and machine-embroidery items. Her newest attraction was a jacket made from a heavy sweatshirt with quilted ruffles. Her daughter, Stephanie Stephens from Denver, was on hand to help out. Barb's granddaughter, Kalie Anderson, and her friend, Lance Pruitt, came from Cheyenne with their handmade pottery.

Lilly Ruth Edmonston was back with her cloth books, embroidered tea towels, pillows and potholders. Marilyn Frisbie had a display of paintings. The biggest hit was the photo card replicas of her art work.

Sara Wilson had her BackRoad designs of wooden block picture frames, coasters and decorations, as well as Premier jewelry. Kathy Hertel with Kathy's Krafts, had hand towels, baby blankets, burp pads, dish clothes and towels. Barbara Cooper had lots of homemade breads and goodies.

Jessica Rall, with Chaotic Crafts from Colby, displayed her crochet snowflake earrings, hats, and bracelets. Zeth Thompson had custom designed T-shirts made by using freezer paper and a 50-percent water-bleach mix.



SHERYLL BEHM is one of the long time crafters selling her handmade bead jewelry with her own creations.

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REHEARSING FOR 'HELLO DOLLY' were Shawn Pochop and Diana Garcia. The play will be performed Friday and Saturday at the high school.

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Students perform Friday and Saturday

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After weeks of practice, "Hello Dolly," is ready for production at the Cheylin High School. The production will take place on Friday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 6 p.m. for the dinner theater production. The production is under the direction of Rose and Dennis Hengen.

Dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday for the school children. Check with the school on availability of purchasing tickets for the dinner theater production. Friday tickets can be purchased at the door.

"Hello Dolly!" revolves around Mrs. Dolly Levi's (Shayla Hubbard) efforts to marry Horace Vandergelder (Ty Carmichael), the well-known half-a-millionaire, and send his money circulating among the people like rainwater, where 116 performances were performed.

Levi taught her. Along the way she also succeeds in matching up the young and beautiful widow Ilene Molloy (Allie Frisbie) with Vandergelder's head clerk, Cornelius Hackl (Connor Hazuka); Cornelius' assistant, Barnaby Tucker (Eddie Frisbie) with Mrs. Molloy's assistant, Minnie Fay (Ellie Pochop); and the struggling artist, Ambrose Kemper (Shawn Pochop) with Mr. Vandergelder's weeping niece, Ermengarde (Mary Anne Orten). Jacob Brubaker plays the part of Ernestina.

"Hello Dolly" played in the St. James Theatre, starring Carol Channing as the title role, for 2,844 performances. At that time, it was the longest-running musical. Carol Channing revived the musical in 1995 at the Lunt-Fontane Theatre on Broadway, where 116 performances were performed.



LILY RUTH EDMONDSON was one of the crafters at the show on Saturday.