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weather report

70°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 75 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds variable and 4 mph
- Barometer 29.93 inches and falling
- Record High 93° (1955)
- Record Low 38° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High 80°
Low 54°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 55-60, winds south 5-15. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, high 70s, low 50-55, winds southwest 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: chance of rain, high middle 70s to upper 80s, low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.34 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.25
Loan deficiency payment — 20¢
Corn — \$1.87 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.81
Loan deficiency payment — 18¢
Milo — \$2.77 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.41
Loan deficiency payment — 48¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.50 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.89
Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco 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.

Europe frets about missiles

BRUSSELS — The United States has put on the hard sell for more than a year now, but the European allies remain far from convinced that Washington's proposed new national missile defense system is wise or necessary. Russia and China don't like it, either. What's more, it's not certain the thing will even work.

President Clinton, who meets with European Union leaders Wednesday before traveling to Moscow for his first face-to-face talks with President Vladimir Putin of Russia, is to decide this year whether to build the system.

The greatest worry in Europe is that the missile defense system would end the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, deal a blow to efforts to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons and relaunch the arms race at a time when most of the world wants rid of nukes.

Wheat 'average' but dry

Rain would help save crop from heat if it comes in time

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Wheat farmers are keeping a close eye on the weather, and hope that cool, cloudy days are more numerous than the record breaking heat over the next couple of weeks as their crop ripens for harvest.

The crop is OK so far, but probably not a bin-buster, experts say.

"The wheat crops look fairly good in Northwest Kansas," said Roger Stockton, area agronomist for the Kansas State University Extension Research office in Colby. "However, with the dry winter we have had, we are looking at pretty average yields.

"That could be hurt more if it gets hot between now and harvest, because the heat would pull moisture out and shrivel the grain or make it very light weight."

While Stockton says the crop could use a good rain in the next week he says, it would not be so much for the improvement of the yield as to help keep the crop from drying out and protect it from hot weather.

"The crop is coming into the milk stage, and four to five days of hot weather could cause a 10-15 percent reduction in yields," Stockton said.

"I was in Oklahoma over the weekend, and there were several places where they were beginning to harvest and it was about 10 days to two weeks ahead of normal. I wouldn't predict when the harvest in Goodland will begin, but I certainly think it will be ahead of normal by about 10 days.

"We had a very dry winter, and that has contributed to the lightness of the yields, but at least we haven't had the big hail storms."

Around the area, Stockton thinks the amount of wheat harvested will be down a bit in Western Kansas, but he



Wheat fields in Sherman County are beginning to mature, with a hint of gold showing through the green leaves of this field near Edson.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

say an increase in what was being harvested in Oklahoma which will about balance the total out for the two states.

"We are getting quite a few calls about other crops," he said, "but wheat

is still the dominate crop in the area, and many farmers don't see a real advantage in changing."

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Government to test two popular diets

By Philip Brasher

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The feds want to settle the war of the diets.

Scientists with the Agriculture Department are going to test two of the nation's most popular diets — low-carbohydrate and low-fat — to see whether they work and how safe they are.

Millions of Americans have tried one of the diets or several variations of them, including the wildly popular, high-protein, low-carbohydrate regimen developed by cardiologist Robert Atkins that lets people eat omelets, bacon and bun-less burgers. A rival diet promoted by Dean Ornish, an outspoken critic of Atkins, is very low in fat.

"Right now we have millions of dollars being spent on these diets and ev-

eryone is throwing rocks at each other over what is the best diet," said Cyndi Thompson, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association and a nutrition expert at the University of Arizona. "If obesity is the No. 1 (health) issue, then we need to put our money there and figure out what works."

USDA researchers plan to put two groups of people on prototype diets that are similar to those Atkins and Ornish are promoting and measure how much weight they lose and what effects the plans have on their health. Some medical experts say the Atkins diet could damage the kidneys or bones, a claim he disputes. Critics of Ornish's program say it isn't appealing.

A panel of scientists will develop a

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Goodland man badly hurt as pickup rolls near Sainty

A Goodland man was thrown from his truck in a two-vehicle accident near St. Francis on Sunday and had to be flown by air ambulance to Denver.

Damon Finley, 23, was driving a '84 Ford pickup west on U.S. 36, east of St. Francis, when his truck drifted into the eastbound lane, police said. Ergie Lockhart, 65, Gans, Okla., was heading east.

Finley's truck struck a tow dolly that was being pulled by Lockhart. Finley's pickup overturned in the south ditch and when it rolled, he was ejected.

Finley was taken by ambulance to the Cheyenne County Hospital and then flown to Swedish Hospital in Denver. He was in the multi-trauma unit there on

Wednesday, but no report on his condition was available.

Mr. Lockhart was not injured.

Finley's parents are Dennie and Sharon Finley of Goodland. He was working for Smith Sand and Gravel on the K-27 construction project.

His sister, Jeanne Topliff, said he has a slight brain injury and is under 24-hour care. He is alert and talking, she said, but is having breathing problems. By this weekend, he hopes to move to Craig Rehabilitation Hospital for an extended stay.

She said he has no fractures or internal injuries and seems to be doing very well considering the severity of the accident. He is expected to recover fully.

Movie crew looks at area as a location

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Two members of a California film crew stayed in Goodland overnight and looked around the area Friday as a possible location to film a family animal adventure movie in July.

The crew was on its way from Ohio to Colorado, after looking at a possible movie site there, and decided to spend the night at the Buffalo Inn in Goodland.

Tom Moyer, writer and producer for a weekly 30-minute television series called "Critter Gitters," was looking at brochures in the restaurant while eating breakfast the next morning, when Karl Hildreth, hotel manager, struck up a conversation with him. Hildreth said he asked if he made brochures because he was interested in some, but found out that Moyer was a film producer and was scouting out a location.

The series is a live action animal adventure which features a group of neighborhood kids, two helpful veterinarians, an eccentric professor and a variety of local "characters." Each week, the children become involved with different animals, either by rescuing them from some problem or rescuing each other from animals. The crew is in the process of making the first "Critter Gitters" movie, "The Florida Manatee Mission."

When Hildreth found out they were making a kid's movie about animals, he told them Goodland had a lot of animals. Hildreth told them there was more to Goodland than what they could see here. He said he would show them and drove them around in his pickup.

Later, Hildreth called his father at the hotel and told him to turn on the barbecue grill because Moyer had bought some buffalo steaks at a ranch northeast of town and they returned to eat lunch. Moyer said he was impressed with



Sid Yost, Ranger Rick Kelly on the television series, "Critter Gitters," with Angel, a chimp who also plays on the show.

what was available in Goodland and said he liked it because it had emu, buffalo, airplanes, and the first helicopter.

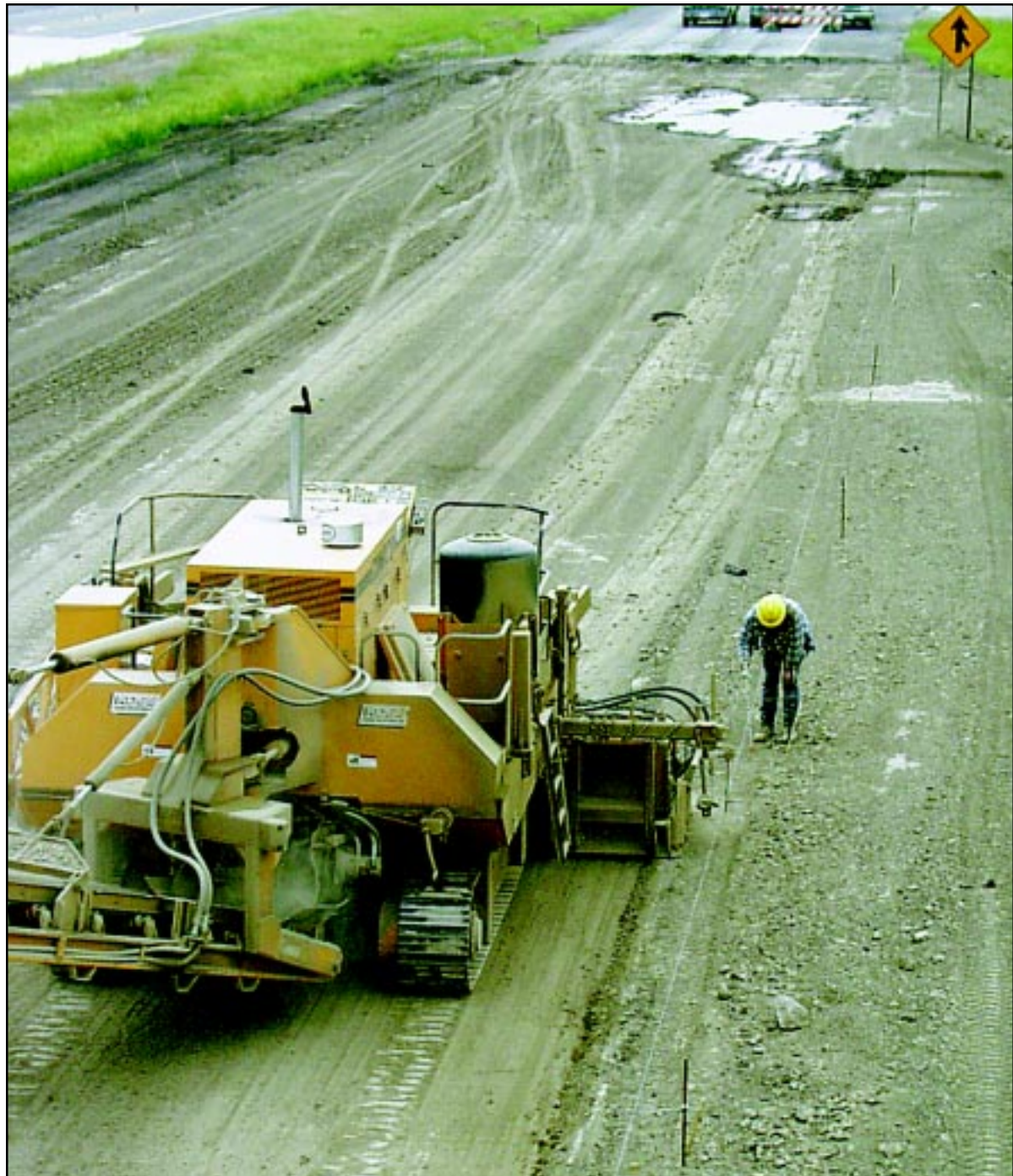
He said Sid Yost, who plays Ranger Rick Kelly on the television show, planned to be in town either today or Thursday to look around. Moyer said a final decision will be made after Yost looks at the Goodland area.

The filming would be done July 15-17, said Moyer. The movie will be released later this year in video stores around the country.

The show is filmed at the Critter Gitter studio and on location in Santa Barbara, Calif., as well as locations in the United States and around the world. Last year, the television show did filming in California, Costa Rica, Switzerland, Florida, Oregon, and Idaho.

The show "Critter Gitters" can be seen on the UPN network at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays on KTVD, Channel 20, out of Denver. It apparently is not available in Goodland.

Checking the depth



Smoothing the base for new I-70 paving near Edson, a Koss Construction operator got off and checked the depth of the guides as the machine slowly headed east. The section is the east end of the six-mile stretch of the eastbound lanes under construction this summer.

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