

## What's Dave up to now?



Dave Branda, owner of the Sherman Theater on Main Street, got the marquee ready for a coat of paint Friday morning.  
Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## Free soda refills awe visitors

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try. Except for Burger, the others had visited foreign countries before. Martin had been to Europe, Van Zyl to Switzerland, and Olivier to Maldives Islands.

Some of the things in America that the men remarked about were driving on the right-hand side of the road and getting free soda refills.

The crew started cutting wheat in Vernon, Texas, around May 20. They have worked their way up through Oklahoma into Colorado. In Kansas, they cut wheat at Garden City and Manter.

They all came from farms and have operated farm equipment except Van Zyl. On the road, the four share a trailer. The men said South Africans study three languages in school, including

English, which is an official language; their own Afrikaans, which sounds much like Dutch, and a native tribal language from their area, which they are not very fluent in.

Olivier said in front of the boss, the guys speak in English so he can understand what they are saying.

"It's good manners," he said. Wilson has four other men from South Africa on his crew, but they were cutting wheat at Boise City.

In addition to the South Africans, others with the crew include Wilson's son, Kyle, 11; his brother and nephew, Earl and Todd Wilson; his father, Allen Wilson; and a friend and partner, Bob Gruebbel, all from Oklahoma.

Wilson's wife, Becky, and two younger daughters, Lacey and Trina, don't travel with the harvest crew. They join the crew about once a month to see the family and bring mail for the men.

Becky does their banking and takes care of other business for the men.

"She's like our mother," they all said.

South Africa has nine provinces, the men said. Olivier and Van Zyl are from the Northwest province. They live in the same town, Leeudoringstad, which means "lionthorn city" in English, but didn't meet each other until the day before flying to America.

Martin and Burger live about 50 miles from each other and they went to school together. They live in the Northern province. Burger is from Tzaneen and Martin is from Hoedspruit, which he said means "hat creek."

Burger developed a case of shingles shortly after arriving in America, a virus which the doctor who treated him said was brought on by nerves.

Van Zyl admitted that sometimes he gets homesick when he is alone, but the others said they didn't.

The men will be in the United States until the end of November, as they will begin cutting fall crops after the wheat is cut.

## State meets revenue goal

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Bill Graves had good news to report Thursday about the state budget.

He announced that revenues have matched estimates for the current fiscal year — with a few days' worth of collections left. He also said Kansas has received \$20 million in federal nursing home funds.

The \$20 million, which the state received earlier this week, is the first installment of extra Medicaid payments that Kansas anticipates.

Kansas hopes to receive \$120 million in extra federal funds during the 2001 fiscal year, which begins Saturday, and nearly \$100 million a year after that.

The state plans to use the bulk of the money to finance a program to help elderly citizens pay for prescription drugs, starting in 2001. Other funds would go toward services for the elderly.

During a Statehouse news conference, Graves said the state received the first payment even though its request for the funds hasn't been approved by the Health Care Financing Administration. Last week, the agency demanded more information about the state's request. The federal agency is considering making its regulations more restrictive. It is concerned about the number of states applying for extra money, and it fears some is not being spent appropriately.

The governor said revenues already have matched estimates, and he plans to announce the final figures Wednesday. Graves said they will represent a "dramatic turnaround" from fiscal 1999, when revenues were \$73.4 million less than projected.

"I'm breathing a little easier already," Graves said.

## Opiates can come in many forms

Opiates, what are they? They are sometimes referred to as narcotics, a group of drugs which are used medically to relieve pain, but also have a high potential for abuse.

Some opiates come from a resin taken from the seed pod of the Asian poppy. This group of drugs includes opium, morphine, heroin and codeine. Other opiates, such as meperidine (Demerol), are synthesized or manufactured.

Opium appears as dark brown chunks or as a powder and is usually smoked or eaten. Heroin can be a white or brownish powder which is usually dissolved in water then injected.

Most street preparations of heroin are diluted, or "cut," with other substances such as sugar or quinine. Other opiates come in a variety of forms including capsules, tablets, syrups, solutions, and suppositories.

Heroin ("junk," "smack") accounts for 90 percent of the opiate abuse in the United States. Sometimes opiates with legal medical uses also are abused. They include morphine, meperidine, paregoric (which contains opium), and cough syrups that contain codeine.

Opiates tend to relax the user. When opiates are injected, the user feels an immediate "rush." Other initial and unpleasant effects include restlessness, nausea and vomiting.

The user may go "on the nod," going back and forth from feeling alert to drowsy. With very large doses, the user cannot be awakened, pupils become smaller, and the skin becomes cold, moist and bluish in color. Breathing slows down and death may occur.

Dependence is likely, especially if a person uses a lot of the drug or even uses it occasionally over a long period of time.

When a person becomes dependent, finding and using the drug often becomes the main focus in life. As more and more of the drug is used over time, larger amounts are needed to get the same effects. This is called tolerance.

The physical changes depend on the specific opiate used, its source, the dose and the way it is used.

Most of the dangers are caused by using too much of a drug, the use of the unsterile needles, contamination of the drug itself or combining the drug with other substances.

Over time, opiate users may develop infections of the heart lining and valves, skin abscesses and congested lungs. Infections from unsterile needles, solutions and syringes can



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cause illnesses such as liver disease, tetanus and serum hepatitis.

When an opiate-dependent person stops taking the drug, withdrawal usually begins within 4 to 6 hours after the last dose. Withdrawal symptoms include uneasiness, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, chills, sweating, nausea and runny nose and eyes.

The intensity of these symptoms depends on how much was taken, how often and for how long. Withdrawal symptoms for most opiates are stronger approximately 24 to 72 hours after they begin and subside within 7 to 10 days. Sometimes symptoms such as sleeplessness and drug craving can last for months.

Researchers estimate that nearly half of the women who are dependent on opiates suffer anemia, heart disease, diabetes, pneumonia or hepatitis during pregnancy and childbirth.

They have more spontaneous abortions, breech deliveries, cesarean sections, premature births and stillbirths. Infants born to these women often have withdrawal symptoms which may last several weeks or months. Many of these babies die.

The four basic approaches to drug abuse treatment are detoxification (supervised withdrawal from drug dependence, either with or without medication) in a hospital or as an outpatient, therapeutic communities where patients live in a highly structured drug-free environment and are encouraged to help themselves, outpatient drug-free programs which emphasize various forms of counseling as the main treatment and methadone maintenance which uses methadone, a substitute for heroine, on a daily basis to help people lead productive lives while still in treatment.

Methadone, a synthetic or manufactured drug, does not produce the same "high" as illegal drugs such as heroin, but does prevent withdrawal and the craving to use other opiates. It often is a successful treatment for opiate dependence because it breaks the cycle of dependence on illegal drugs such as heroin. When patients are receiving methadone in treatment, they are not inclined to seek and buy illegal drugs on the street, activities which are often associated with crime. Patients in methadone maintenance programs also receive counseling, vocational training and education to help them reach the ultimate goal of a drug-free normal life.

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