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weather report

85°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 75 degrees

• Humidity 49 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds east 18-23 mph

• Barometer 30.08 inches

and steady

• Record High 107° (1954)

• Record Low 49° (1999)

Last 24 Hours*

High 97°

Low 64°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 30 percent

chance of thunderstorms, low 65-70,

southeast wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow:

Partly cloudy, 20 percent

chance of thunderstorms, high 95-

100, low 65-70, south wind 10-20

mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday:

chance of thunderstorms, high 90s,

low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.67 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.40

Loan deficiency payment — 5¢

Corn — \$2.01 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.84

Loan deficiency payment — 15¢

Milo — \$3.23 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.57 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.43

Loan deficiency payment — 49¢

Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.15 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.96

Confection current — no bid

Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco

Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century

Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Lawmaker to allow search

MODESTO, Calif. — Rep. Gary Condit has offered to let investigators search his apartment, review his phone records, interview his staff and even take a sample of his DNA to help find a missing Washington intern, his lawyer said.

Attorney Abbe Lowell stopped short of saying Condit would take the lie detector test requested Monday by the mother of Chandra Levy, the missing intern from Modesto last seen April 30.

Condit denied having an affair with Levy, a former U.S. Bureau of Prisons intern. But over the weekend, a source speaking on condition of anonymity said Condit told investigators for the first time that he had a romantic relationship with Levy, 24.

Susan Levy said she wants Condit to submit to a polygraph exam to find her daughter.



Workers cleared dirt on Friday while working on the Cherry Street project north of Business U.S. 24. The job, which will create a new road and entrance to Goodland, is expected to be completed in October. Photos by Lester Bolen/The Goodland Daily News

Cherry Street project moves ahead

By Sharon Corcoran

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Work on Cherry Street will soon force street closings and detours, inconveniencing drivers trying to get from Business U.S. 24 to downtown Goodland.

City Manager Ron Pickman said work is progressing on Cherry between 19th Street and U.S. 24. In the first phase of the project, a new section will be added to the street to connect the highway to downtown Goodland and to add a pond west of the street to catch storm water drainage, he said.

In the next phase, Venture Corp., a construction company from Great Bend, will put in curbs and gutters and repave Cherry between 18th and 19th Streets.

The final phase of the project will be removal of the old road, the east leg of the old highway junction wye, and re-opening the street, he said.

Pickman said there are no detours yet. The city is working with the contractors to have appropriate notice so they can put up signs in advance of the

street closings. Part of U.S. 24 was closed over the weekend, but is re-opened now.

He said he couldn't anticipate the rate of progress, but the contract allows for only 90 days for completion of the work on Cherry.

In a separate project, Pioneer Park will be built next to the new section of Cherry Street next year, said Pickman. Plans for the park include a second pond for enjoyment he said.

The plans for the park need to be approved by the state Department of Transportation, said Pickman. Then the state will seek and approve a contract for the work, he said.

The state has given \$210,000 for Pioneer Park, said Pickman, and the city has \$90,000. An additional \$300,000, being raised by volunteers now, is needed from private donations in order to complete the project, he said.

"We are hoping to start next spring and finish the park by mid-summer," he said, "but I don't know if that will happen."



Signs blocked off a part of Business U. S. 24 in Goodland on Friday. The highway was closed over the weekend as part of the Cherry Street project and was re-opened Monday.

Wheat harvest comes to quick end across county

By Sharon Corcoran

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Goodland's Harvest Information Office has closed, most custom crews have moved on north and wheat harvest has nearly ended in Sherman County, with most farmers finishing by the weekend.

Doris Craft said she and her husband Jesse had yields of 30-45 bushels per acre. They had about 2,000 acres of wheat, some in Wallace County and some northeast of Edson in Sherman County.

She said the weather was good during harvest, but a freeze in May caused more damage to the wheat than they had suspected.

Dorothy Armstrong and her husband Hugh, who has about 300 acres of wheat three miles north of Goodland, said they had a pretty good crop with yields of 30-35 bushels per acre. They finished cutting Thursday, she said.

Mrs. Ralph Duell said their harvest was fine. She said their main concern was heavy traffic on County Road 21 by their farm, but they had no problems. She said they finished Wednesday, which was earlier than usual.

Tom Stewart, operations manager at Mueller Grain Co., said they have taken in well over half a million bushels of wheat this year. He doesn't, however, foresee any need for ground storage. Most everyone had plenty of space available before harvest, he said.

He said harvest is 95 percent done. Most farmers finished over the weekend, but there are a couple of guys who are down to their last field.

Brad Cowan, manager of Frontier Equity Exchange, said the hot winds before harvest re-



Sherman County farmer Fred Hall drove a combine through his family's wheat southwest of Goodland last Tuesday. Hall and his family planned to finish harvesting that night, and harvest is about wrapped up in the county. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

duced some of the test weights. Normal test weights are 60 pounds per bushel he said, but the average test weight this year was 58.5. Other than that, harvest was about average this year, he said.

Tony Criswell, branch manager at Frontier Equity in Ruleton, said harvest is 98-99 percent done in his area. He said there are just a few farmers finishing up low ground areas they couldn't get to because of moisture. He said the average yields were 30 bushels per acre.

Collingwood Grain Manager Nate Reid in Brewster said harvest is 95 percent done there. He said that harvest lasted two weeks, an average length. As dry as it was, though, it should have been done in eight to nine days, he said.

Reid said farmers had expected yields of 30-40 bushels per acre but were pleasantly surprised with yields of 40-50 bushels per acre in his area. "Yields were a little better than expected," said Stewart, "but not as good as hoped for."

Dryer sets fire in store

Employee is treated for smoke inhalation

BREWSTER — A fire in a new clothes dryer at the Stuckey's Restaurant south of Brewster sent one young employee to the hospital Monday afternoon, but did little damage.

The fire started in a recently purchased clothes dryer. Manager Tish Merritt said she stopped by the store and could smell smoke.

"I thought the boys had burned some food, so I didn't say anything at first," she said.

Shortly after that, employees Jess Long and Trent Dixon discovered the clothing in the dryer was on fire.

While Merritt dialed 911, the boys attempted to put the fire out, along with co-worker Sean Swanson. Long was taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby by ambulance for treatment of smoke inhalation. Hospital spokesman Michael Boyles said he was sent home after seeing a doctor.

Thomas County dispatchers received the 911 call from the store about 12:30 p.m. and dispatched the Brewster Fire Department. A Thomas County ambulance, stationed in Brewster, also responded.

When firefighters arrived, though, most of the fire was out.

Bomber decision not delayed

WICHITA (AP) — The Pentagon plans no reprieve for its decision to reduce the nation's B-1 bomber fleet, an aide to U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts said today, contradicting what he said was a misunderstanding by lawmakers who met with Pentagon officials Monday.

Roberts, Sen. Sam Brownback and Rep. Todd Tiahrt had said the decision to reduce the nation's B-1 bomber would be delayed at least 16 months.

"I think it was just a misunderstanding on fiscal as opposed to calendar year, but it's a fairly major distinction," said Roberts' chief of staff, Leroy Towns.

Towns said the lawmakers mistak-

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Heat, little rain take toll on crops

WICHITA (AP) — Heat and scant rain are taking a toll on crops and pastures, Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service said Monday.

The dry weather allowed wheat harvest to finish, with 99 percent of the crop officially now in the bin. That compares to the average of 85 percent for this time of year.

But heat is causing spring crops to decline. According to the agency's crop report:

- Corn was rated as 2 percent very poor and 5 percent poor, with 27 percent in fair condition. Another 55 percent of the crop is in good condition and 11 percent in excellent condition. About 3 percent of the corn crop has matured enough to reach the dough stage.

- Soybean condition was ranked as 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 52 percent good and 12 percent excellent. About 30 percent of the soybean crop is now blooming.

- Sorghum condition rated as 1 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 54 percent good and 6 percent excellent. Leaf aphids were seen last week in some milo fields.

- Sunflowers were rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 67 percent good and 9 percent excellent. About 16 percent of the crop was blooming.