



The new playground equipment at Elmwood Park is almost assembled. But, to get it done, a few more holes have to be drilled. Ed Lively (above) manned the drill yes-

terday, while Richard McKenna, Steve Reedy and Mike Cliff (right) cleared dirt from the hole.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

New playground will be ready soon

By VERONICA MONIER
The new playground equipment at Elmwood Park is well on its way to being finished.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the equipment is about three-fourths assembled and if the weather holds out, should be all put together by the end of the week.

It will be a couple of weeks before children can play on it though, he said. After it's put together, mulch needs to be laid and a retaining wall built.

Mr. Lawson said the city has been looking at the project for three-years after a group of parents came to the city to see what could be done about getting new equipment.

The parents asked if money could be put aside, what they could do to help and how to look for grants to help pay the bills.

Late last year the city decided it would buy the equipment and the

Lions Club said it would help.

Mr. Lawson said the new playground equipment, which includes a large piece and a smaller piece, cost \$69,000.

The city is lease purchasing it, paying close to \$9,500 a year, a little less than the \$10,000 budgeted.

It will take the city nine years to pay the equipment off, he said.

The Lions Club put \$7,995 towards the smaller piece and also helped to put it together.

The equipment will be in a 150-square-foot area and can be added onto in the future, he said, if people leave memorials or donate money for more equipment.

Old playground equipment has been removed and disposed of because it didn't meet safety standards anymore or it was taken to the Maple Park in Westridge, he said.

When all finished, the new equipment will include slides, a swinging bridge and games.

Wheat crops may suffer from freezing temperatures

As I write this Friday afternoon, freezing temperatures into the low 20s are predicted for the area.

If we get temperatures that low, wheat likely will suffer. Injury to jointing wheat can be expected when air temperature dips to 24 degrees for a couple of hours.

As wheat continues to grow and move into the boot stage, it loses cold tolerance. Freeze injury can then be observed in the boot stage when temperatures reach 28 degrees for a couple of hours. Most wheat across the area is somewhere between jointing and boot, so injury will vary.

Another damage factor relates to the stand of the crop. If the crop has a thick canopy, it will be able to hold in heat radiating from the soil, providing some protection. However, if there is a lot of wind, it will carry the heat away.

Freeze injury at the jointing or boot stage can be moderate to severe. Symptoms can include split stalks that weaken the plant as it continues to grow, which may cause the wheat to lay over easily in a windstorm.

Other injury may be more severe, and the growing point died. The growing point is green in a healthy wheat plant. Freeze damage will cause it to turn brown. Farmers can check for this by splitting a stalk and checking the color.

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Also, the wheat will not continue to grow or newly emerging leaves will be brown instead of green. To view injury symptoms and more details on freeze-damaged wheat, see the publication "Spring Wheat Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat."

Most of the corn planted is still in the ground, with the soil providing an insulating barrier, and unemerged corn should be fine. Leaves will be frozen on any emerged corn. If temperatures increase, dead leaf material will fall away from the plant and the corn will be fine. If temperatures remain cool, though, there is a chance pathogens feeding on dead leaf material could infect green leaves and continue down to the growing point of the corn below the soil surface.

All in all, a freeze could have a devastating effect on wheat, little or no damage to corn. Depending on the extent of the freeze, management options for the injured wheat will be featured in next week's article.

To find a copy of "Spring Wheat Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat," go to www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ or visit your county extension office to pick up a copy.

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Scout reservation camp will celebrate 40 years

The Dane G. Hansen Scout Reservation will celebrate 40 years of scouting service Saturday. Tours of the camp plus a luncheon and rededication program are planned.

The camp is near Kirwin Reser-

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