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National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 11. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 27. North wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 9. Northwest wind around 10 mph. Friday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 34. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 14. Saturday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 40.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Sunday: Scattered flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a high near

29 Sunday Night: Scattered flurries. Cloudy, with a low around 17.

Monday: Cloudy, with a high near 24

Monday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 17.

Tuesday: Cloudy, with a high near 33.

Monday: High, 60; Low 21 Tuesday: High, 56; Low 22 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches Tuesday 0.00 inches Month: 0.00 inches 25.60 inches Year: 20.34 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:47 a.m. 5:21 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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Harvest delayed by moisture levels

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seen anything like it since – until now."

Deibert said he believes most of the milo is already cut, and his part of the harvest season is probably three-fourths done. He said there is probably at least a third to half of the dry land corn still in the field in Thomas County, and at least a third of the irrigated corn.

"The elevators can't handle the volume of wet corn, so we're really looking forward to some cold weather," he said. "We've had a lot of challenges this year, but we've met them and just keep going. Some days are good and some aren't so good. This year has been what my wife calls 'the harvest year by the Dec. 10.

from hell." Drew Barnes, who farms north-

west of Colby, said out of 28 fields of fall crop, he has seven left, and estimates he's about 70 percent done. He said he will probably take the grain from one more field to the elevator. The moisture is at 18 percent, he said, and if the test would drop another 1 1/2 points, it could go to farm storage using blowers to keep the grain from spoiling.

'We really need for the ground to freeze in order to do that," he added.

Barnes, who does all his own harvesting with one combine, said he finished harvest last year on Dec. 5, and expects to be done this

scar tissue, so he's actually in very

Diana said Willie loves to play

catch with anyone who will play

with him. She said it makes no dif-

ference how hard you throw the

ball, because he'll catch it, and he

climbed over and wrestled with

for a lot of years, but you can bet

when Braden is old enough to take

up a real gun and go to the fields

to hunt, although Willie may not

Willie is graying around the

good health."

just never gets tired.

Farmers look forward to cold

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The five-year average is 97 percent for harvested corn, 92 percent for milo, and 93 percent for soybeans.

Then it snowed. Some areas in Thomas County measured six inches on Nov. 22, Washington County in north central Kansas topped the chart at 12 inches. It took farmers more than a week to get back into the fields and cut more corn and milo.

Wheat has benefited from all the fall moisture and will go into the winter in good shape where there is adequate growth, the state service said

Brian Olson, crop specialist at the Kansas State University Research Center here, said as long

as there is no dramatic drop in temperatures, the wheat will gradually acclimate to the cold. He said the crop is mostly behind the usual expected growth this year, and that is some cause for concern.

The smaller wheat plants will grow until it freezes hard, he said, and farmers need as much growth as possible before it goes dormant. If it goes into the winter without covering the ground, and we have high winds, it will have the potential to blow.

The forecast for this week includes lows near 10 for the next three nights, with wind chills around zero degrees.

Troops react to new Afghanistan plan

From "PLAN," Page 1

echoed by a number of Afghan officials who believed the timeline was too short. Asked about the 18-month timeframe, Spano asked: "What does it really mean?"

Capt. Mark Reel from Norfolk, Va., a civil affairs officer, said more troops mean nothing unless they can give local Afghans a sense of perceived security.

"They have to believe they are more secure. You get thousands of troops on some of these bases here, but what are they really doing? The troops just have to get out there."

The reason the surge worked new deployments to Afghanistan, in Iraq, he said, is because troops were able to get into the field and make Iraqis feel safer.

"The additional forces will allow us to partner with even more ries what Obama's plans might units of the Afghan army and police and deliver even more relationships with those local influential leaders who may be sitting on the fence," said Col. David Haight, commander of Task Force Spartan, which has about 4,000 troops in Wardak and Logar prov-

In the United States, battleweary troops and their families

inces.

but many said they support the surge as long as it helps to end the 8-year-old conflict.

Theresa McCleod said she wormean for her husband, a soldier in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum. She said he's already done a long combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, leaving her to care for their three children.

"First he was supposed to be pulling everyone out, and now all the sudden he's throwing everybody back into Afghanistan and it's like nobody can really make braced for a wrenching round of up their minds," McCleod said.



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Young hunter finds age-old friend ship

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The surgery to remove the growth was successful, and the veterinarian encouraged the family to consider chemo, saying that since the dog was so strong otherwise, his chances of being healthy again would be very good.

"It was amazing," said Kirsten. muzzle now, his eyes aren't as "He didn't ever get sick from it. clear as a new puppy's, his coat is a Before the surgery, when Willie little rough, and he's been mauled, ate, many times the food would come back up because of old scar tissue in his stomach. The IV chemo treatments meant the recovering Willie needed to take steroids to ward off any nausea,

be able to navigate the fields, he'll and the steroids took care of the always be there in Braden's heart. **High Plains Lions Club Pancake Feed** Saturday, December 5, 2009 \$4.00 Donation \sim 7am - 2 pm Colby Community Building Bring your glasses & hearing aids to be recycled.



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