

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-northeast. Friday: Sunny, with a high near 92. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. East-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Monday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Wednesday: High, 93; Low 64. Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches. Month: 2.73 inches. Year: 10.29 inches. Normal: 9.94 inches (K-State Experiment Station). Sunrise and Sunset Friday 6:17 a.m. 9:14 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory). Colby Water Use Wednesday 1,706,000 gal. (Colby Public Works).

Surplus cuts prices for harvest

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Closer to home, Bruce Ferguson, manager of the Frontier Equity Co-op elevator in Brewster, says he will have plenty of storage with 1.6 million bushels ready to receive new wheat. To add to the good news, wheat was up 13 cents on Monday, Ferguson said, adding that they have no place to sell wheat that is under 12 percent protein.

Eric Sperber at Cornerstone Ag in Colby said he anticipates having enough space to handle this year's harvest.

"Last year we loaded out two trains with 800,000 bushels, and

we still have that capability," he said.

He added that the market appears to be lower than average because of protein content. Two years ago when the wheat price was in the \$12 range, stock on hand was low, and protein was running as high as 13 to 15 percent, and there were lots of buyers in the market, and stocks were low, he said.

He said that to get the right mix of protein, millers are using more spring wheat, which typically has higher protein content, instead of hard red winter wheat. This has decreased the milling market for red wheat in the U.S.

"The consumptive demand for

low protein wheat is not as big as for high protein grain," he added. "Low-protein wheat is used in crackers and flat bread, and we've found an additional market in Egypt and the Black Sea area, if we can overcome the freight spread."

He noted that because the last two years have been good years for production and good weather, the national inventory of wheat has doubled over what it was two years ago, and when supplies are up, the demand is down.

The cash price for wheat on Monday at the High Plains Co-Op in Colby was \$3.43 a bushel, compared to \$5.63 a year ago.

Ohio van rolls over on eastbound I-70

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saut, 49, were taken to Citizens Medical Center. A second passenger, James Corsaut, 18, was not injured but rode to the hospital in the ambulance. Sheriff Rod Taylor said the injuries were minor. William and James Corsaut were wearing their seat belts, the patrol reported, but Kozy Corsaut was not.

The accident took place on a

grade about five miles southeast of Colby where I-70 passes over a set of railroad tracks. The van suffered some damage to the roof while the trailer was partly ripped from its frame.

The sheriff, a deputy and several Colby Police officers closed off the right lane while state troopers investigated the wreck. A truck from Butch's Body Shop righted the van and camper and towed them to town.

Storms delay harvest in central and eastern parts of Kansas

By Amy Bickel

The Hutchinson News

HUTCHINSON — The view from Norman Roth's pickup showed an area saturated with rain.

More than 6.7 inches fell at his farm from Saturday evening to noon Sunday, he said as he drove down the back roads of northwestern Reno County Sunday, pointing out where ponds had formed in newly planted fields containing corn, milo and soybeans.

Standing water covered some rural roadways. And wheat fields, nearly ripened enough for the combine, won't be cut until at least the end of the week.

He and his son, 12-year-old Colton, spent the morning moving 51 head of cattle through water

from the rising Peace Creek after finding the herd stranded on a pasture knoll.

From the seat of his pickup, he gazed into the distance then leaned over to his son.

"Look Colton, look at that big thunderhead," Roth said, noting the possibility of more rain Sunday evening. A 90 percent chance for the evening, in fact, he added.

Roth said he was just a few days away from getting his combine into the field, adding that he'd be lucky to be harvesting late in the week with as much standing water as there is in his fields. Two weeks of hot, dry weather would be good, he said, acknowledging that farmers can't order up the weather.

He isn't discouraged, though: "We are close enough to western Kansas that we know it can get

Menlo wants to help replace old storm siren

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landfill so far this year, noting that it would pay for the raise for the rest of this year and all of next year without affecting the budget.

He said that one employee had been three months longer than the other two, and they all could use every piece of equipment and all had like responsibilities.

Commissioner Sowers said he still favored doing salaries one time a year. Chairman Ken Christiansen said he favored the way Sherman County operated, giving the department so much to spend

on salaries and leaving the distribution to the department heads.

Commissioner Steele said he could see Jumper's point, and would like to give it further consideration, but didn't want to micromanage any department. The commissioners agreed to table a decision until next meeting.

Later in the day, Jumper said he was withdrawing his request in favor of being "a part of the solution instead of a part of the problem." He said he agreed with Sowers that it would be best to talk about salaries only once a year.

dry." Across much of south-central and southwest Kansas, chances of rain continue through Tuesday. Forecasters also predict a chance of rain Friday.

It has put a damper on the start of the state's winter wheat harvest.

Cutting started in Barber County a week ago, but harvest was halted for a few days after scattered rains early in the week. Not much, if any, cutting occurred Sunday in the state, thanks to the storms that left several inches of rain.

Some parts of far western Kansas received up to thirty-hundredths of an inch of rain, said Matt Gerard, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Dodge City. Others got a lot more.

One location north of Hanston reported 5.11 inches of rain, he said. Greensburg received 4.76 and Dodge City nearly 3 inches. Oberlin reported 3.5 inches.

Meanwhile, south-central Kansas received amounts ranging from 1 to 6.75 inches in a 12-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Sunday, with the highest totals falling around

the Stafford/Reno county line.

Rains forced eight people to evacuate around Peabody, said Paul Howerton, a meteorologist with the Wichita office of the National Weather Service. He estimated between 1 and 2 inches could fall by this morning in the south-central area, with more rain south and east.

He said some parts of the state could battle water throughout the week as creeks begin to rise. Water levels of several area streams were near bankfull Sunday evening.

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