

Harvest isn't at peak just yet

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now in full swing.

Harvest won't reach its peak here for another few days, Helweg said, adding that it could be longer if it rains. However, she said, custom cutters already have called the office wanting to know when harvest will start and the condition of the wheat.

When harvest does break into a sprint, Helweg said, her phone will be ringing off the hook for nearly 12 hours a day. She said anyone who wants harvest information can call. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. — sometimes later or earlier depending

on the activity.

In past years, Helweg said, crews have come from all over Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, South and North Dakota and Canada, some with workers from New Zealand, South Africa or other foreign countries. She said there may not be as many crews here this year, as farmers have told her there is less wheat to cut.

On the drive here, Helweg said, she noticed that not as many acres of wheat had been planted this year.

"Everything used to be covered in wheat," she said. "A lot of farmers are planting other crops now."



Helweg

Pool brings positive comments

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gotten to schedule the work in advance.

City officials felt it was best to have the work done on a cool, cloudy day rather than when the pool would be busy. The work was completed that day, and Pickman and Wolak apologized for any inconvenience to the public.

Wolak said he has received many positive comments on the water park, saying that "the kids enjoy the slides," the park is "something to be proud of," and that "everyone is glad to have the pool — it's a nice one."

Lawson said customers seem to like the park very much and that people have traveled in from surrounding ar-

eas to check it out because they heard it was nice.

"With any facility, there will be negative comments," she said, adding that the main complaint she's heard has been about the height requirement for the slides, a regulation pool employees have to follow in order to have insurance coverage.

"For as nice as the park is," Lawson said, "I don't think our prices are out of line."

She noted that the high attendance indicates that people feel the park is worth what it costs.

Pickman said the complaints about prices have calmed down considerably.

Prices are \$1 for children five and

One thing is for sure: harvest will come later this year than last year, when hot, dry weather caused the wheat to mature quickly and cut yields.

"I was almost home by the Fourth of July last year," Helweg said, noting that she probably won't be back in Florida until mid-month this year.

"This is more normal," she said, adding that wheat harvest in Sherman County typically starts around July 1.

Helweg said the state Division of Employment and Training will open 24 harvest offices across Kansas this year in the Wheat Harvest Program, which has been serving farmers and custom cutters for 36 years.

For information, call the harvest office at (785) 899-5346.

under, \$2 for children aged 6-12 years, and \$3 for ages 13 and up.

He said the price for this year was determined by the city commission and is final for this season. The commission will then decide whether there will be an adjustment for next year, he said, but attendance indicates that the current prices are not too high.

Pickman said that while he was at a Goodland restaurant, he talked to a family from out of state who had gone to the park the day before. They said they were impressed and thought the prices were more than fair.

"It is the best facility we have ever seen," he quoted them as saying. "We don't understand why you are giving it away."

Fort Riley may close gates to city

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (AP) — Stunned by the Army's plan to close off a busy city street where it enters Fort Riley.

Angry business owners and public officials asked Monday for reconsideration.

Col. Philip Pope, garrison commander, sought to reassure about 25 people who gathered at the Chamber of Commerce office that the plan —

expected to take effect later this summer — was "not carved in stone."

Fort Riley and other Army bases traditionally open to the public were told by the Defense Department earlier this year to begin restricting access.

The Navy, Air Force and Marines have long had gated entrances.

By late summer, according to a news

release issued Friday by Pope, from Fort Riley, four entrances to the sprawling post will become gated "access control points," where visitors will have to stop and get passes to enter.

But Junction City's Grant Avenue, lined by dozens of businesses that cater to military personnel, will be closed altogether where it reaches Fort Riley.

New path



Father Daryl Olmstead shoveled dirt Friday afternoon from the spot where a new sidewalk for the rectory at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 13th and Sherman will go. Since May, he and church members have removed an old sidewalk, grass, dirt and two dead trees along 13th and put in a new sidewalk by the curb. Olmstead said they are aiming for Wednesday to pour concrete for this sidewalk.

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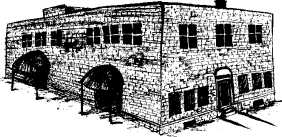
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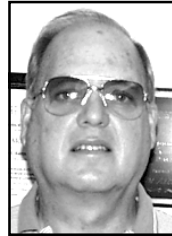
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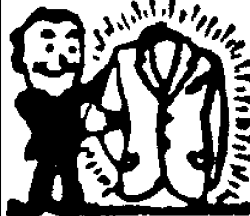
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