



Collingwood Grain received their last load of corn at 5:15 p.m. Monday. Elevator Manager Ed Cook said this year's harvest is about average.  
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

## Fall harvest winding down for area

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leg of the elevator earlier this month. All of the bins are full, he said, and they have even rented some bins. The new leg will be in today, Bontjes said, and will be up and running soon.

Collingwood Grain in Goodland takes in corn, soybeans and milo, Elevator Manager Ed Cook said. Soybeans have been fair, he said, with 50-70 bushel per acre yields and eight to nine percent moisture. Corn has had yields anywhere from 160-200 bushels per acre and moisture between 16 and 22 percent, he said, and milo has

had moisture between 12 and 13 percent. Cook wasn't sure what the yields have been on milo.

Everyone is saying this harvest is average, Cook said, but he wasn't there last year. The dry land milo was hurt, he said, because there was so little rain this year.

Yields are down but acres are up from last year, Dechant said, so they have taken in about the same volume of soybeans and corn as last year.

Soybeans have had yields between 20 and 65 bushels per acre, he said, and corn yields have been between 80 and 225. The moisture is good, he said,

between 10 and 12 percent for soybeans and 10 and 20 percent for corn.

Yields have been down a little from last year, Tony Criswell, branch manager at Frontier Equity in Ruleton, said, because there was not a lot of rain this year.

The harvest is about 99 percent done, he said, with just a few fields here and there being finished up.

The majority of farmers will be done harvesting this week, Stewart said.

There are a few farmers tying up loose ends, Dechant said, and harvest will probably be done by this afternoon.

## Dry weather slowing emergence of wheat

WICHITA (AP) — Dry conditions are slowing the emergence of winter wheat in parts of the state, Kansas Ag-

## Grinnell co-ag studying bean plant

GRINNELL (AP) — The Co-Ag Cooperative is considering a soybean plant at its Grinnell mill that officials say will save thousands of dollars in freight costs and create a value-added industry in northwest Kansas.

The Oakley-based cooperative is now launching a feasibility study of the \$1 million extruding plant that it says could be ready in 11 months, about the time the first soybeans of 2002 are harvested.

Co-Ag makes feed for hogs in eastern Colorado and for cattle and sheep in northwest Kansas. Soybean meal supplies the feed's protein, and about 16,000 tons of it are shipped to the Grinnell mill each year from Nebraska, at a cost of more than \$250,000.

The cooperative also buys about 640,000 bushels of soybeans grown in northwest Kansas each year and trucks them to Emporia, Wichita and Kansas City for processing.

The plant could reduce the need for freight each way, bring the processing work to Grinnell and add value by separating the soybeans' meal, hulls and oil, said Mike Bucher, feed department manager and branch manager of the Co-Ag elevator in Grinnell.

Also, by saving on freight, Co-Ag could pay local farmers a higher price for their soybean crop, encouraging them to grow enough soybeans to keep the plant running at its maximum rate, Bucher said.

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# Questions need answers

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stole one of the state Highway Patrol trooper's cars and ran over a sheriff's deputy, he was shot four times as he was reaching for an officer's gun.

Palmer's family was in Sherman County over the weekend to identify his body.

A member of the family's church, who answered the phone at Palmer's father's home in Carmel, said "he was a good kid." She said it's a hard time for the family.

"It's a very bad time and they are very preoccupied by things," she said, noting that church members are trying to help.

There was an autopsy done in Topeka, but results aren't being released. Lt. John Eichkorn of the Kansas Highway Patrol said the results may be released after the investigation is done.

"They (the KBI) are still in the middle of interviewing people," he said.

Howard Hewitt, city editor at *The Daily Ledger*, the newspaper that

serves Carmel, said the paper received an obituary today.

It said Palmer was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis.

Hewitt said funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, with the visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. The obituary said the youth's parents are Theodore R. Palmer and Mary C. Palmer and he has a sister named Erika.

He attended Carmel High School and had been a student at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

# Supreme Court imposes cost cutting

TOPEKA (AP) — The state Supreme Court has imposed cost-cutting measures on the judicial branch and left Chief Justice Kay McFarland without a research attorney for at least two months.

McFarland announced Monday that appellate and district court offices will be required to keep vacant staff positions open for 60 days. The courts also

operated under a hiring freeze during the state's 2001 fiscal year, which ended June 30, and for eight of the past 10 years.

The chief justice also said funds for hiring temporary workers will be cut 25 percent and travel will be restricted. For example, the Court of Appeals will have all arguments in Topeka.

The chief justice's announcement

and comments came as Gov. Bill Graves, his staff and legislators prepare for a tough 2002 legislative session in which some agencies are likely to face budget cuts.

McFarland said the court system's cost cutting probably will cause delays in the handling of some cases, particularly civil lawsuits. Also, some district courts may restrict hours.

## Renovated Topeka row houses thriving

TOPEKA (AP) — The 120-year-old row houses in Topeka were dilapidated and slated for the wrecking ball a decade ago, but now the adjoined brick buildings modeled after Washington, D.C., townhouses are thriving.

Saved by a historic preservation group's efforts, the six Ross Row Houses are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

They were opened Sunday for a free tour.

"The renovation is wonderful," said Elizabeth Watson, a Topeka resident for 30 years.

"It reminds me of New York, my original hometown."

William Wallace Ross, an entrepreneur and Topeka mayor, developed the buildings in the late 1870s and early 1880s. Ross modeled them after houses he saw in Washington, where he lived before coming to Topeka, say members of Historic Topeka Inc.

## Plans continuing for new mission of bomb wing

WICHITA (AP) — The Kansas Air National Guard's 184th Bomb Wing remains poised for combat involving the B-1B bomber, even as it readies for the conversion to flying KC-135R supertankers.

"Everyone is ready to participate, at whatever level is required," said Col. Ed Flora, commander of the 184th.

Flora said some B-1B crews are disappointed that they have not been

called to active duty, though it is clear that wouldn't likely result in the 184th staying a bomber unit.

But it is still possible the 184th could see some action, he said, such as relieving crews now flying missions over Afghanistan or combat missions involving both planes and crews.

"Our window of availability for participating in the war (in a combat role) will be up until we send our first B-1

to either Dyess or Ellsworth Air Force Base," he said.

The 184th received its new mission, flying KC-135R supertankers, on Sept. 10, one day before the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"September 11 almost rekindled all the flame of the struggle we had been through," Flora said of the unit's fight to retain its B1-B mission.

## Taliban opposition forces readying for deployment

JABAL SARAJ, Afghanistan (AP) — As U.S. jets flew overhead, Afghanistan's opposition deployed hundreds of elite fighters today near the front north of Kabul — well-armed, trained and ready for the order to march on the capital.

"We are ready for action," said 25-year-old Ahmad Zai, toting a Kalashnikov rifle and a rocket launcher. He said he expected to move on the Afghan capital "in the near future."

Across Taliban-held territory, U.S. jets rained bombs on the front line in Kalay Katair in the Takhar province, the Taliban southern stronghold city of Kandahar and two districts of the northern Balkh province that borders Uzbekistan, said Taliban and opposition spokesmen.

"They hit very important positions of the Taliban" in the Balkh bombing, said opposition spokesman Ashraf Nadeem.


A huge explosion today at the Bagram front lines, about 25 miles north of Kabul, created a mushroom cloud that billowed at least 1,000 feet into the air. Two U.S. planes heading south later dropped two bombs in the area.

Opposition commanders, impatient at three weeks of limited air attacks by American warplanes, have been pushing for an all-out U.S. air assault

against front lines outside Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif, a key city in northern Afghanistan.

Abdul Rahman, a brigade commander near the front lines north of Kabul, said today that he was told 10 days ago to prepare for an attack on the capital and "now we are ready."

"We've been giving the order to begin preparing for an attack. It's not clear to us when we will do so," he said.



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