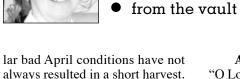
In 1932 the long drought was taking its toll on Northwest Kansas. The wheat crop prediction was not favorable for the local farmers according to a report of the latest field inspections that appeared in *The* Goodland News-Republic. In fact, it was to be a seven year low.

## **CROP CONDITIONS POOR Northwest Counties Average About Fifty**

The condition of the Kansas wheat crop is only 64 percent of normal, according to the latest crop report issued by the state and federal bureaus.

There is a great deal of abandoned wheat acreage in some of the western and southwestern counties, the report shows. The total will be 141 million bushels, short of last year, the estimate states. The crop will be the smallest since 1925, if the prediction of the crop bureaus proves correct.

It will be remembered that simi- could not or chose not to stay in the



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lar bad April conditions have not always resulted in a short harvest. Favorable weather from now on like other folks; and yet, I am no might make a difference in the con-

having a condition only 40 percent for guidance that kept me out of of normal. Cheyenne and Wallace counties reported a condition on 33 percent of normal. Graham County claimed the best wheat in northwest Kansas with a condition of 85 per-

Because of the persistent drought and blowing dirt, many farm families

some might have found inspiration in the following prayer that was printed in the "Churches" column, 75 years

## ago. A Farmer's Prayer

"O Lord; I am thankful I am not Pharisee. I am thankful that I own no stocks and bonds which were Sherman County was reported as bought at peak prices. I am grateful speculative grain markets. I have not drilled an oil well, and I am thankful for that. It is a relief not to have to read the stock market quotations each morning before breakfast to learn how much poorer I am than I was the day before. I am pleased that I am not a retail merchant with a ledger of unpaid bills. Ithank thee, O Lord, that I am not

area. However, a laboring man without a job or in ger. I have three good meals a day danger of losing it. I surely am fortunate that I am not a coal or oil operator nor steel manufacturer nor a railroad official hunting trade where there is no trade.

> I am thankful that the bright lights of the city and the promise of high wages and short laboring hours have not deceived me into leaving my farm for temporary and superficial attractions.

I am only a poor farmer with 200 acres of farmland, all paid for except \$7,000 on my mortgage, which, however, is at a reasonable rate of interest. I also thank thee for the spirit that has caused the politicians to (vote) us a reduction in farm

Give me, OLord, my dairy cows, hogs and chickens; my alfalfa, corn tury ago. and soy beans; my health and my strength and my faith. I am not making money, but I am not losing so much that I face disaster and hun-

and a comfortable country home.

whatsoever happens.

Once I looked with envy upon they lived in luxury and peace. Bless them and comfort them, O lord, and give them grace to face their plight. I am grateful to Thee for all the blessings that fall upon me and mine and our land. Forgive my sins and overlook my hypocrisy and my shortcomings, and believe, O Lord, I am content that I am a

Sherman County communities alwavs give a brief look at life on the High Plains three quarters of a cen-

Under "Llanos News" by Mrs. Grace Leighton: "This community has been grieved by the sudden death of Edd Isernhagen who too dry for such work."

"Shell McAdams and Charles These, thou hast provided me, Fiechter sold hogs at Brewster Sat-

"Miss Opal Wilson entertained these my fellow citizens. I thought her pupils at New Hope school at a taffy pulling party Friday afternoon. This party was greatly enjoyed by pupils and will be remem-

> bered in years to come." C.L. Harper reported in "Ruleton Route 2": "Mrs. Milton Parish has about 1,000 young chickens, mostly of the White Minorca breed, and has her incubators set for the third batch.

'Saturday was an unusual day. News items from the various First, a dirt storm, then a shower of rain, and wound up with a snowstorm."

> From the "Brownsville" community, another example of life in the '30's: "D.L. Buhr and son were breaking sod for Mr. Huff last week. They reported the ground almost

# Wheat may have 'loose smut'

Have you been noticing some blackened heads in your wheat? Upon closer examination, you see there are actually no seeds in the head at all. This has been showing up in fields around the area.

This is a disease called loose smut. This disease becomes evident soon after heading. The floral parts of the wheat head are replaced by loose masses of brownish-black, powdery fungal spores.

When the head is handled or crushed, the black powdery material comes off on your hand. These spores are easily blown off or washed off by rain. After a few days, only a bare stem remains, and the affected plants become less noticeable.

Heads of the infected plants usually emerge from the boot slightly earlier than the non-infected heads. When the infected heads emerge from the boot, the blackened head is already formed.

Plants are only infected during flowering, by wind-blown spores from neighboring infected plants. Rain and insects can also move spores to flowering heads.

Infection is favored by dewy hibiting the smut.



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mornings and temperatures from 60 to 70 degrees. The smut spores enand infect the forming seed. Therefore, the smut infects the internal portion or embryo of the seed.

After establishing in the embryo of the seed, the smut becomes dormant. In addition, the infected seed the internal portions of the seed. will appear normal and look no different than healthy seed.

The loose smut will not become active again until the kernel is then do not plan to keep that wheat planted and germinates. Since the disease is contained in the internal portion of the plant, when a plant germinates, it is already infected with the disease.

the smut-filled heads now are going lace counties with Kansas State to be the only heads in the field ex- University Research and Exten-

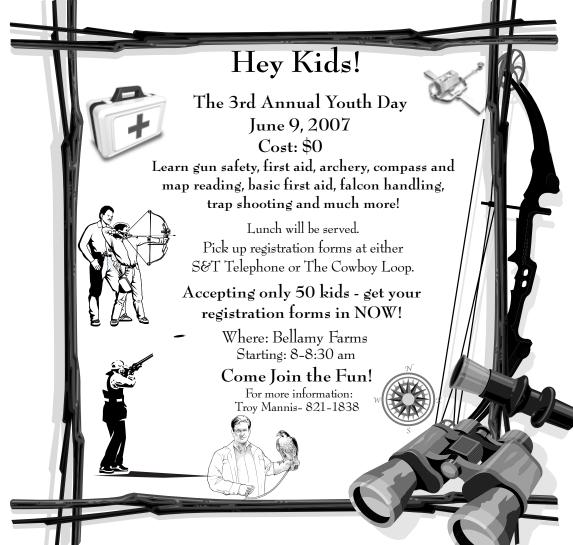
The infection that is taking place is creating host plants for next year. Finally, there are no rescue treatments for wheat infected with loose smut.

Control needs to be a proactive approach. Since this is a seed-borne ter the flowering part of the head disease, plant clean, disease-free

Seed treatment is an effective and fairly inexpensive way to control loose smut. The seed treatment must be systemic in order to get into

If you have smut in a field this year, it might just be the best idea to save that field to harvest last and for next year's seed. If you have any questions about loose smut, contact me at the extension office.

Jeanne Falk is an area crop production and economics specialist In addition, the plants that have for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wal-



## matters of record

## **Sherman County Sheriff** The following accidents have

Radiator towed the vehicle.

April 12 — Dallas Price, 16, going east on 10th Street in 1992 Ford

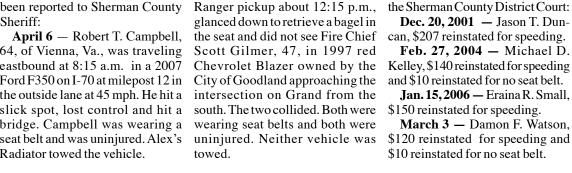
## **District Traffic**

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **Dec. 20, 2001** — Jason T. Dun-

Feb. 27, 2004 — Michael D. eastbound at 8:15 a.m. in a 2007 Chevrolet Blazer owned by the Kelley, \$140 reinstated for speeding Jan. 15,2006 — Eraina R. Small,

March 3 — Damon F. Watson,

\$10 reinstated for no seat belt.





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## **Newman Vision Care**

Ryan Newman, Owner 919 Main, Goodland - (785) 890-3937

Ryan Newman has set up shop on Main Street optical department as well; for everyone who in Goodland. He is an Optometrist or for plain wants new frames or sunglasses. talk, "Eye Doctor". His Optician, Anne Haver and Professional Assistant, Darla Lee help him program that can be compared to a popular in the office.

out in Hoxie which isn't all that far away. His program is similar with one major difference... doctor.

the eye, eye emergencies, glaucoma man- Plans helping us all to see more clearly! agement and cataract evaluations. Dr. Newman also offers general check-ups as well as check-ups for glasses, contact lenses and

New to town but not new to the area, Dr. bi-focal contacts. His office has a full-service

Dr. Newman offers a children's eye care program entitled "See to Learn" that several Though he's not from Goodland, he started doctors offer, usually for a fee. Dr. Newman's wife is a Western Kansas gal as well as she is Dr. Newman charges NOTHING! You read from the Ellis area. And they landed in correctly, there isn't a charge at all for Dr. Goodland because simply put, it is a small, Newman's Children's Eye Care Program! The rural community that could use a good eye kids must be between Newborn-4 years old.

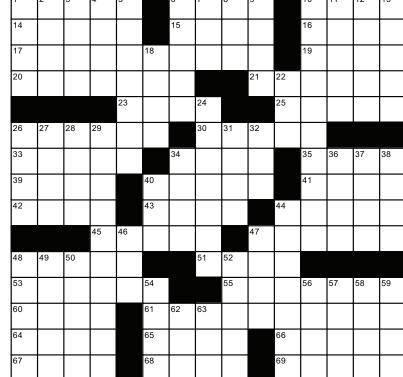
The very best part of Dr. Ryan Newman is Dr. Newman specializes in primary care of that he accepts VSP and several other Vision

Welcome to our city, Dr. Ryan Newman,

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- **ACROSS** 
  - 1. Kid-lit elephant 6. Gave a prompt to
- 10. Beats it 14. Trixie's TV pal
- 15. Celestial bear 16. Magnet material
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- 21. Was abundant 23. Gets even with
- 25. Let up
- 26. Cool dessert
- 30. Tummy trouble
- 33. Tinker-Chance
- link
- 34. Caiman's cousin, for short
- 35. Littleneck, e.g. 39. Greedy one's cry
- 40. Waste away
- 41. Classic Welles
- 43. Line to Ben-
- 45. Boats' backbones
- 48. Uncle Tom's creator
- 53. University of
- 55. Kitchen gizmo
- 60. Watery barrier
- 64. Apple or pear
- 66. Inedible orange
- 68. Wolfish look
- 69. Chips go-with
- 1. Rummy cake
- 4. Oxy 5 target
- 2. Actor Bates 3. Emu or moa

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- Gurion 44. Hexa- minus one
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- Illinois site
- 61. Guffaw
- 65. HOMES part
- 67. Train for a bout
- **DOWN**



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- incentives 6. Say "@#\$%^!"
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- 9. Move rapidly 10. Dick Butkus or
- Ray Nitschke 11. Kitchen
- enticement
- 12. Song of the Renaissance
- 13. Exuding 24-Down 18. Mil or mile 22. "Mangia!"
- 24. Caustic wit 26. Road rig
- 27. "Metamorphoses"

- 28. Actor
- Auberjonois 29. Shore protector
- 31. Hockey highlight 32. Like an unfriendly
- stare 34. Cramped
- quarters 36. Reel in
- 37. Prelude to a deal
- 38. Drink for Beowulf 40. Poor grade
- 44. Fruits similar to
- grapefruits 46. Bard's dusk
- 47. Sly like a fox
- 48. Drainage areas 49. Jamboree group
- Center org. 57. Like some citizenships 58. Fridge door items

50. Keynoter at the

Convention

52. Better suited

brother

54. Ill-fated biblical

56. Johnson Space

2004 Democratic

"Cheers" 62. Poet's before

59. Carla player on

63. Tell a big one

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