

weather
report

71°

noon
Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 6:07 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:58 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:06 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 58 degrees

• Humidity 26 percent

• Sky clear and sunny

• Winds light and variable

• Barometer 30.29 inches

and falling

• Record High today 89° (1938)

• Record Low today 16° (1966)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 68°

Low Wednesday 32°

Precipitation none

This month 0.17

Year to date 19.08

Above Normal 1.20 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near

85, winds out of the southwest at

5 to 15 mph and a low around 44.

Saturday: Sunny with a high near

73, winds out of the north at 10 to

15 mph and a low around 39.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a

high near 74 and a low around 44.

Monday: Cloudy and breezy with

a 30 percent chance of showers,

a high near 62 and a low around

36.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Kansas rainbows!



Grain pours into a corn bunker at Frontier Ag from two augars, and the scene has been termed 'Kansas rainbows' as the fall harvest bring a potentially record corn crop to Sherman County. Estimates are the total could be close to 20 million bushels and be larger than the 17.2 million bushel record set in 2007.

Corn harvest could set county record

By Tom Betz

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Farmers are busily harvesting fall crops of corn, soybeans, milo and sunflowers with estimates ranging from a great harvest to a record harvest for corn being heard as the corn bunkers fill up around the county.

Leonard Kashka was out harvesting his corn on Thursday using his three-row header on an Allis-Chalmers Gleaner F he has been using for years. Kashka said he used to have a two-row header and moved up to a four-row, but the three-row header works well and he said he does not get in a hurry.

"I only have two fields of corn," he said as he made a stop to empty the corn into his truck. "If I had more fields I would probably need one of those larger combines or larger headers."

The corn bunkers continue to grow at Frontier Equity and with two augers running the corn can look like a pair of "Kansas rainbows," one person said.

Everyone has been watching as the combines and semis continue to travel around the county as the fall harvest continues at full steam.

Brian Baalman of Menlo, northwest Kansas Corn Commissioner said he is generally hearing that the corn harvest across the state is going to be a bit smaller than originally estimated, but thinks it will come in close to last year's

"It just depends on where the moisture was," he said. "West of Colby got more moisture than we did around Hoxie. We did not get a rain during the summer and that has sort of hurt our yields.

"It think across the state the total will be down just a little bit, but still be quite a crop."



Leonard Kashka of Caruso used his three-row corn header on the Allis-Chalmers Gleaner F combine to cut the two fields of corn he had along old U.S. 24 west of Caruso. He said the small combine was perfect for what he had to harvest.

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Baalman said he thinks some of the surrounding states may be the sleeper this year.

"We are not done with harvest yet," he said, "but Nebraska looks good to me. I am told that is not all

that good, but I think they and North Dakota are sleepers. I think as far as a nation we will be OK."

He said corn harvest around the Menlo area was sort of winding down, but he has some milo left to

cut. He said some of the problem is there is so much to harvest and no place to go that is creating lots of piles.

"I heard Kansas City has shut down for the week," he said. "And

I have heard some place are waiting on trains. There is no place to go with beans, but that is Nebraska."

Asked if he has gotten his wheat

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Board approves contract, sets public meeting

By Pat Schiefen

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At the Goodland School Board meeting on Monday night the board members talked about the contract for the district with Archi+Etc. of Lincoln, Neb., and plans for a community meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Goodland High School cafeteria.

The community meetings the district has planned will allow the public to comment and add input into the process. Cristy Joy from the architecture firm will be leading the meetings so the public can get accurate information about costs.

A bond counsel will be hired by the district to give voters accurate numbers on what the tax impact will be.

Thursday morning the first step for new

windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning at the high school and the proposed remodel of North Elementary School was taken with adoption of a contract with the architects. The improvements for the high school will be paid through a Quality Zone Academy Bond for \$1.5 million the district received this fall.

The proposed renovation of North Elementary School would have to be funded by a bond passed by the voters at either a general election or a special election, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos.

School board members voting for the contract with Archi+Etc. were Mike Cochran, Gary Slough, Chuck Wilkens, Jane Philbrick and Amy Sederstrom. Board member John Hendrich voted against approving the con-

tract. Hendrich has made it plan he would not support the project.

Laurie Klemm read a letter to the school board members, from her husband Ken Klemm, during the public forum section of the meeting outlining his opposition to the North School project.

"First, I feel it is unwise and a poor use of our community's limited resources to spend the amount of money needed to build the aptly nicknamed North School Astrodome," Ken Klemm's letter said. "I feel it is a waste of money to the extreme, and there must certainly be a more cost-effective solution to the facility challenges faced by our shrinking student population.

"I find your decision to dedicate tax funds for the architectural fees to be not only mis-

guided, but arrogant. ...To the best of my knowledge, no public meeting has been held to test the voters' acceptance of the North School Astrodome."

During the discussion on the architect contract later in the meeting, board members Philbrick and Sederstrom made it clear they want the voters to be informed and make the final decision on the North School project.

Declining enrollment is what first started the board looking at facilities and then the state ran into money problems which has cut funding to all schools throughout the state.

The district at the present time has too many elementary students to fit in any of the existing

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local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$6 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.25

Corn — \$4.96 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.95

Milo — \$4.81 bushel

Soybeans — \$10.58 bushel

Posted county price — \$10.51

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$19.70 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$5 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls win trip to state

Megan Siruta putts at Sugar Hills Golf Course during League tournament. The Cowgirls placed third at regionals in Lakin and play in the state tournament on Monday. See story, photo on Page 9a.

