

Wheat harvest underway

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Wheat harvest, such as it is, is in full swing across Sherman County, with farmers in the field and combines running since last week.

Lynn Hoelting, general manager for Mueller Grain Co., said they got their first load last Wednesday and business hasn't stopped.

"We were taking wheat every day since," he said. "We're just getting a good start on it."

Dana Belshe, county extension agent, said most farmers have started harvesting.

"There's quite a bit of activity out there," he said.

Belshe said that wet fields may have slowed the harvest at first, but the plants are ahead of normal in maturation. Although the wheat is ready, he said there are not many fields to be harvested because of damage from drought and a May freeze.

"There's not that much wheat out there," he said.

At Mueller, Hoelting said they aren't optimistic about the amount of grain they will get.

"We anticipate ... less volume than normal," he said.

Belshe estimates that the fields are generating only 25 percent of

their normal yields with the harsh weather this year.

"It's a combination of the drought and the freeze," he said.

The amount of damage depends on the stage the wheat was in when the freeze hit. Hoelting said a freeze affects plants differently when they are in different stages of maturity.

"It's very complicated," he said. "(Many) factors can affect overall quality and quantity."

He said he even the irrigated crops show signs of drought damage.

"Our biggest problem was the lack of moisture," he said.

The small amount of wheat that is coming in has been generating low test weights, in the range of 50 pounds per bushel. Sixty pounds is considered average.

"It's way below normal," Belshe said.

Hoelting said generally the first loads to come in test lower than normal, but so far this year's harvest doesn't seem promising.

"It looks like we're in a low-test-weight year," he said. "We knew going in ... Everybody is expecting less than normal."

Belshe said the wheat is showing signs of shriveling and clumping, damage from the freeze that affects

test weights.

Some fields have been abandoned due to the extensive damage. Belshe said he has seen some fields that look like they would have normal yields, but weather damage has reduced the amount of grain in each wheat plant.

"It's a pretty poor harvest," Belshe said, "the poorest harvest I've see in northwest Kansas."

Judging by the few acres left to cut, he expects harvest to be over by the end of next week if the weather holds.

Rain blanketed the area Wednesday, and Hoelting said that can slow down the cutting. Farmers can still cut the wheat wet, but they get a discounted price at the grainery.

Recent rain may slow harvest, but Belshe said the moisture is good for the fall crops like sunflowers, milo, soy beans and pinto beans.

"The spring moisture is doing more good for the fall crops than it has for the wheat crop," Hoelting said.

Belshe thinks the rain will help build the moisture profile and set up the soil for next year's wheat.

"Right now, it's looking a lot better with this moisture," Belshe said. "We always hope to be optimistic for next year."



Steve Raymer ran a combine and Greg Nemechek drove grain trucks as the two harvested wheat Tuesday evening on Hugh and Dorothy Armstrong's land. The irrigated wheat field 2 1/2 miles north of Goodland was yielding roughly 20 bushels per acre. Armstrong said the field was the only wheat he had that was fit to harvest. "It's terrible bad," he said. Photos by Kathryn Gurfinkle/The Goodland Star-News

County wants program changed

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for revisions this year. She said none of them have made any suggestions, but that the city had made its renewal contingent on the approval of the other three.

She said the hospital board approved a similar motion Monday night, but the school board had delayed its vote until Monday to hear from Ron Schilling, the district representative on the grantwriter committee.

Thomas said there has been a problem has been getting the people from the four sponsors to attend committee meetings.

The commissioners agreed to wait until their meeting on Tuesday, July 13, to hear the recommendations of the committee.

Nemecheck said the original idea of getting the administration costs from grants has not worked because most of the grants they have applied for do not allow administration costs to be added to the grant request.

the hospital representative.

Thomas said it is important each of the four have a representative at

the meeting next week to review the program and decide any recommendations for the future.

Goodland man earns ROTC award

Joshua Topliff, a member of the Air Force ROTC at the University of Kansas received the Medal of Merit from the Military Order of World Wars in May.

The medal is awarded by the order to ROTC cadets for excellence in military skills, academics and demonstrated leadership ability.

Topliff, who wants to attend flight school after receiving his commission, is a member of his detachment's honor guard and drill team. He is a member of the Air Force Associa-



Topliff

tion and the Arnold Air Society.

Topliff, who will be a sophomore this fall, is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in mathematics.

Joshua, the son of John and Carol Topliff, is a 2003 graduate of Goodland High School where he was a member of the student council, the National Honor Society and competed in the Scholar's Bowl. He played the trombone in the school's marching, pep and jazz bands, and was a member of the X-pressos and Men's Choral.

Correction

The city wide garage sale on July 3 is **Not** downtown it is city wide. Maps will be available in front of the Chamber office at 1002 Main, Wheat Ridge Acres, 707 Wheat Ridge Circle, and at some of the garage sales.

On July 4, the rides at the Fair grounds will open at 6 p.m.

Motel 7 Auction
& 1.34 Acre Commercial Lot
by Richardson's Homestead Realty
for Robert Notz and the late Norma Notz
Saturday, July 17. Starting at 10:30 a.m. MST
Location: Motel 7 site, 811 East Hwy 24, Goodland, Kan.

AUCTION NOTE: Due to the death of Norma and Robert's health we will offer at auction the motel facility, complete with all fixtures, with most rooms ready for occupancy. Here's your opportunity to purchase a business that will start making money the day you close.



MOTEL INFORMATION:

Legal: A tract of land located in the NW/4 29-8-39, Sherman County, KS.

Size: 10 rooms W/1 double bed, 1 room W/1 king size bed, 7 rooms W/2 double beds, 1 family room W/4 double beds, 5 kitchenette apartments, 1 detached house W/1 bedroom. Managers quarters off of office W/3 bedrooms. All TV's 2-3 yrs. old. All air conditioners 2-3 yrs. old. Includes all furniture, bedding, towels, everything needed to operate a motel. 24 x 48 metal shop & garage. Highway signs and lots of extra furnishings. For the handy man, 27 units adjoining motel, **NEEDING REPAIR.** Would make excellent storage units. 2004 Taxes: \$4,535.02

COMMERCIAL LAND INFORMATION

1.34 acres located south of motel. Water and sewer lines to lot. Check W/Homestead Realty to see a plat of the property.

TERMS: 15% down as earnest money day of auction for the motel and \$1,000 earnest money for commercial land. Balance due on or before August 13th, 2004. Seller to furnish title insurance for the purchase amount. Sale of this property shall not be contingent upon buyers obtaining financing. Loan commitments should be obtained prior to sale. 2004 taxes prorated to date of closing. Seller to pay all prior years taxes. Property is being sold in its AS-IS condition. Neither the seller nor Richardsons Homestead Realty makes any guarantees either expressed or implied. Buyer should satisfy themselves as to the condition of the property prior to auction. Buyer and Seller shall execute a real estate sales contract upon completion of auction. Copies of contract and title insurance can be obtained from Richardsons Homestead Realty prior to auction. Richardsons Homestead Realty is an agent of the Sellers and shall not represent the buyer. Announcements sale day shall take precedence over all printed material.

For more information or to view the property contact Terry Richardson at Richardsons Homestead Realty Inc, 1023 Main, Goodland, KS. 785-899-2328, 899-3093, 800-974-2426, cell 785-899-8094. View the information on our web site www.goodlandksrealestate.com.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Thomas ___
Edison

5. Mediterranean island nation

10. A fan of

14. Muddy up

15. Israel's Sharon

16. Sign gas

17. Pine board feature

18. Kidney-related

19. Give a hoot

20. DeLange/Hudson/ Mill kudos?

23. Industrious insect

24. Fix, as a fight

25. Dojo discipline

29. Wise old head

31. Pro-___ (some tourneys)

34. Still breathing

35. Supermarket section

36. Fit of pique

37. Henry Mancini's trip up the Mississippi?

40. Deck quartet

41. Andes capital

42. Underdog's win

43. Bottom line

44. Small and weak

45. Villainous looks

46. "Get it?"

47. Home loan org.

48. Van Morrison's ballroom extravaganza?

55. Kelly's possum

56. Oxen joiners

57. Track shape

Moon Tunes

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59. You can sense it

60. "Silas Marner" author

61. Long hauler

62. Seating section

63. Cathartic-yielding plant

64. Sloth's hangout

DOWN

1. Ararat lander

2. Like a hippie's hair

3. Fretted fiddle

4. Type of sax

5. "Semper fi" serviceman

6. "You ___ kidding!"

7. Ding-a-___ (airhead)

8. Salty drop

9. Breaking out or sneezing, say

10. Disguised, informally

11. Within earshot

12. Civil wrong

13. Sacagawea denomination

21. Desert's dearth

22. Shoo-fly ___

25. Designer Donna

26. Trixie's sitcom pal

27. Rosie's fastener

28. Some Monopoly properties: Abbr.

29. Sordid

30. Utah ski spot

31. Ouzo flavoring

32. Scrooge McDuck, for one

33. Dele undoers

35. Bump off

36. Movie extra, for short

38. Sinatra feature

39. Charge toward

44. Chest muscle, in gym lingo

45. Cascades peak

46. Dorm annoyance

47. Refrigerant gas

48. Extinct bird

49. Bug-eyed

50. Lawn pest

51. Similar in nature

52. Letterman or Leno

53. Eggs order

54. Dogtag info

55. Inside-the-Beltway figure

58. Tell it like it isn't



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