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HARVEST IS UNDERWAY — Crops are being dumped in the bunker at Frontier Ag Inc.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

Fall crop harvest progresses slowly

By Tim Burr

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Traveling around the county, producers can be seen in the fields, working at bringing in the fall harvest.

In discussing the harvest progress with the local grain facility managers, they said the irrigated corn seems to be drying slowly. Some of the irrigated corn

has been picked, and most of the rest is getting close to being ready to pick.

Most of the dryland corn and soybeans have been harvested, although there may be a few isolated fields still standing. The milo harvest is moving along nicely.

Elevator managers reported that quality for all of the crops has been

good, with good test weights and normal dockage. Yields also have been reported as good.

The ability to handle the large crop has been a concern since the beginning of harvest. The local feedlots have received quite a lot of corn. The commercial facilities are moving grain as quickly as transportation is available, both by rail and truck. Frontier Ag,

Wheeler Equity, St. Francis Equity, and Bartlett have all been utilizing trucks to move the grain to various markets. Corn and milo have been moving to both feedlot and ethanol markets outside of Cheyenne County. A great deal of on-the-farm storage is being utilized. Frontier Ag is using bunkers to store both corn and milo.

Sean Cravens at Bird City

Frontier felt that maybe half of the corn harvest remained. Dale Weeks at Wheeler also thought that the harvest might be about half done, but both stated that it was really difficult to tell. They noted that the harvest had run smoothly, except for the slow dry down of the corn.

Grain markets have been quite active. Wheat and corn prices dropped dramatically from the end

of August to the end of September, but since that time have recovered some of their losses. Weather had not yet been a factor in the harvest, but moisture and cold were in the forecast for this week.

"It is a good harvest, and we want to get it done," said Shirley Zwegardt, St. Francis Equity grain manager.

Benefit potluck to help family in need

All of Bird City and the surrounding communities are urged to attend the community potluck for the Don and Barbara Krantz Benefit this Sunday, from noon to 2 p.m.

The Krantzes, over the past several years, have incurred extensive medical bills due to surgeries and a Flight for Life. Then just last week, they were called to Florida because of the critical illness of one of Don's daughters.

Those unable to prepare food for the potluck are still urged to come, although free-will donations will be appreciated. Those unable to attend can send their donations to St. John Lutheran, 405 Ketcham Avenue, Bird City, KS 67731.

Call 785-332-8903 for more information. Thrivent Financial will provide supplemental funds.

Entertainment

Entertainment during the potluck will be provided by Cheylin Music Students, who will present some numbers from their upcoming musical, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, and The Ransom Notes of Louisville, Colo.

Siblings Amelia, Michael, and Amanda Ransom are a dynamic trio of exceptional musicians who form "The Ransom Notes," a young band that combines years of intense classical training with their passion for bluegrass music. Recent accomplishments include a performance for former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi at the United States Capitol and at the star-studded Presidency of John F. Kennedy: A 50th Anniversary Celebration concert series at the prestigious Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C.

To learn more about The Ransom Notes, visit www.reverbnation.com/theransomnotes, or

www.youtube.com/user/theransomnotesmusic

The Colorado Bluegrass Music



Amelia Ransom

Society said, in their review of the trio, "The Ransom Notes are a new band uprising in Colorado. They're a down to earth group of talented young musicians and have been working hard to gain popularity. Their playing has only been getting better and each musician, along with all of them together, has been quite successful."

Area residents are asked to tune into KLOE AM 730, Goodland, this week and listen to Curtis Duncan's morning show to catch Steve Nett's telephone interview of the Ransom family.



WIL ORTEN, senior, runs the ball against the Jackrabbits during the game.

Times photo by Darci Schields

Cougars bring home win on Friday night

By Nathan Fiala

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The Cougars traveled to Tribune on Friday and beat the Greeley County Jackrabbits 52-0.

Jeremiah White led the team scoring with five touchdowns and one 2-point conversion in 146 rushing yards. Adam Orten scored one touchdown with 41-yards rushing and on defense, had one unassisted tackle and 7 assists. Noah Jones recovered a fumble and scored a touchdown, along with making two lone tackles. Joshua Keltz and Cory Rucker both scored two points for the team, each getting a safety. Ethan Young received a pass in the end zone for

a two-point conversion and had one tackle. Austin Manners had four unassisted tackles, five assists and had 32-yards rushing. Kenan Reeh gained 18-yards in one run, made two complete passes and had a tackle. Heath Churchwell and Shawn Pochop both had two tackles apiece, Ruben Razo had seven kickoffs and one tackle and both Ty Carmichael and Austin Cobb had one quarterback sack each.

Scoring all their points in the first half, Cheylin moved their record to 7-1 and will travel to Brewster on Thursday to compete against the Triplains/Brewster Titans.

Holiday craft fair planned at legion hall on Saturday

By Norma Martinez

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Only two days left to gather your Christmas lists and do your early shopping at the Bird City Craft Fair on Saturday, at the American Legion Hall.

Things start happening at 10 a.m. so come early to get the best selections, and maybe a breakfast burrito, or cinnamon roll if there are any left by the vendors who are setting up. If you miss out there, lunch will be served as in the past years. On your way out, you can catch a bag of popcorn from the trailer set up outside. This will be a first time for any outside vendors.

You don't even need a babysitter as the "Kid's Corner" will be available to keep the kids busy making as many craft items as they wish for only \$5. The cost goes for replenishing the supplies for next year. Leah Rambat, and Jessie Smith will be helping to keep the children happy.

This year Barb Gerdes has focused on making this a true craft fair. There will be homemade

jams, jellies, and baked goods made by Linda Schneider, and Barb Cooper. Besides the local crafters, first-time vendors are coming from Colorado, Nebraska Southwest and Central Kansas.

Lily Edmonston, has been vending for the longest of any of those in the area. Kathy Hertel will have her knitted dish cloths for stocking stuffers. This year she has added matching towels. Cloth and insulated hot pads, scrubbies, jewelry, and hair bows are also good for stockings.

Other items new this year are woven rugs and wreaths. Lily Ruth will have her cloth books for the toddlers. Ramona Herman brings her double knit rugs. Maxine Wright from Atwood will be there with her purses, and Nonnie Daly returns with her potato bags (they work great as tortilla warmers as well).

Mrs. Gerdes has put in a lot of work interviewing vendor, and picking up the best local talent for the craft fair, so come and check things out even if you aren't prepared to shop.

Spook-ta-cular event to be held at school

Once again this year Mrs. Carmichael will be sponsoring the October 31, "Spook-ta-cular Time". Come to the school at 3:15 all dressed up in your costumes for parading and Trunk-or-Treating.

Lots of merchants will be set up on the North side of the Elem. gym where the parking spaces will be reserved for all those wishing to come and participate. Cheylin School

does this every year to provide a safe place for Trick-or-Treating. Every year they expect close to 100 trick or treaters. Merchants if you haven't already called in for reservations, there's still time to call the school at 785-734-2341-Ext 212 of 785-734-2494 to leave a message.

Parents bring the youngsters dressed in their Halloween best for a safe and happy "Spook-ta-cular Time"