Wheat crop still on Mother Nature roller coaster ride

By Jeanne Falk K-State Agronomist

continues to put our wheat through its paces. Temperatures this last week gave the wheat yet another dip on the roller coaster. Across the area, the temperatures dipped below freezing on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and again on Saturday. This is especially concerning because the wheat had experienced a weekend of good growth with the warm temperatures and was looking somewhat recovered from the leaf damaged from the cold weather on April 9 and 10.

So the big question is 'Do we have any injury from these cold temperatures?' The short answer is 'It depends' and 'We don't know yet'. I know as a producer that is pretty hard to hear. It seems that the answers always are 'It depends'. We also really do not know yet if we have damage to the wheat heads because it normally takes at least a week and a half to see the full damage,

developing head for damage. There are several things work- stem and the tillers. If the tillers It seems that Mother Nature ing in the wheat's favor. First, the approximate temperature to cause injury to the wheat is around 26 degrees for two hours. When the whorl are chlorotic (yellowish looking at the weather data for to brown), then the head is dead. Cheyenne, Sherman, and Wal- You can also split open the stem lace Counties, the early morning and look at the growing point. hours of May 3 had temperatures drop below 26 degrees for two or three hours intervals. All other times, the temperature dipped below freezing, but did not get below 26 degrees.

> Second, the soil temperature is fairly warm. If the wheat has show up. some decent top growth, it will help keep the warmth close to the the wheat, please give me a call at soil surface and help 'insulate' it from the cold temperatures. Third, the wheat is behind in its development. Even though the lication available at those Extengrowing point for nearly all the sion offices or on the website at wheat is above the soil surface, www.sunflower.ksu.edu and click it is still fairly low in the stem. on the agronomy tab. This pub-Therefore, it is more protected lication has good color pictures now than if we had normal wheat development.

if there is any. We are going to fields for freeze damage, you my facebook page. Make sure to look at the regrowth and at the should look at the new growth of add us as a friend!

all stems. This includes the main are healthy, green, and actively growing, the heads should be fine. If the leaves coming out of This is right below the developing head. It should be a whitish green color. If the spot is brown, then there is damage to the growing point. Remember, the full extent of freeze damage can take a week and a half to two weeks to

If you have any questions about the Extension Offices in St. Francis, Goodland, or Sharon Springs. Also, there is a wheat freeze pubof freeze damage. Additional information can be found on the K-When you are checking your State Sunflower District Agrono-

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DANCING — Hadliegh Hilt, Dawn Rice and McKenna Poling are being instructed by dance teacher, Teresa Porter. They are getting ready for the Mother's Day recital that will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Lady has first appearance in district county court

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com Leeanna Windell was in Cheyenne County District Court on Monday for a first appearance. Robert Van Allen, district magistrate judge, told Ms Windell and others present that this was not a trial. He explained the charges, penalties and her rights.

Scammers are back trying to get money

The scammers are back and

1) Premeditated murder, first degree, in the death of Brad Figgins on Judge Van Allen said, a court-ap-April 3. The maximum sentence for this charge was life in prison.

2) Theft of \$1,000 in silver coins, a class A misdemeanor.

3) Theft of personal belongings, also a class A misdemeanor. The last two charges each carry a

Three charges were made against maximum sentence of 1 year in jail

The second scam reported to they are reaching out to people in Sheriff Beeson concerned sending Chevenne County. Two people, money out of the country. People, Sheriff Cody Beeson reported, he said, will call about a natural have been taken in by people disaster that has happened outside the United States. They are want ing money. Before sending money to anyone, investigate the matter thoroughly. Ask questions, the sheriff said. Whatever you do, don't send a check or wire money or give your bank or credit card information until you know that the person or organization is legitimate. We, at the sheriff's office, will be glad to see if the organization asking for the money is legitimate, he said. "Please call the office, 785-332-8880, if you are contacted by anyone that you don't know who wants money or is a suspicious contact," he said. Also, try to get as much information as you can if you are contacted. Write it down, if possible. This information may save others from a serious loss of money.

and a \$2,500 fine.

Generally at a first appearance, pointed lawyer is selected and the bond is set. However, at the probable cause hearing on April 24, Judge Scott Showhalter had appointed Charles Peckham after declaring Ms. Windell unable to hire her defense lawyer. He also set bond at \$1 million.

At the Monday court appearance, Mr. Peckham argued that Ms. Windell is not able to make the \$1 million bond and that it should be set at a lesser amount. He said that she had made other court appearances on other charges and there should be no concern about her not making the next court appearance.

Because of the seriousness of the charges, Judge Van Allen denied the request for three reasons: possibility of not making the appearance, concerns for the community's safety and concern for Ms. Windell's safety. I don't think flight is a risk, he said, but that there could be an endangerment to the community and, foremost, to Ms. Windell, herself. Mr. Peckham filed a motion that the defense could have access to Ms. Windell's medical records. Prosecutor, Nicole Romine, assistant attorney general working for the State Attorney General's office, agreed to the motion. The preliminary hearing was set for 2 p.m. on May 15 in Cheyenne County District Court with Magistrate Judge Richard Ress presiding. Judge Showalter, at the last hearing, said that, while the court date has been set for 10 days after the first hearing, realistically, the preliminary hearing will probably be rescheduled 90 to 100 days later.

and Pete and Martha's (Reich- ada and Montana, food service karen.k@nwkansas.com

management at golf course

Riverside Recreation, west of St. Francis on U.S. 36, has a new manager for the dining area. The dining room opened to the public on Monday.

Linda Ketzner, who, years ago, ran the dining room and kitchen, has taken on the task for the spring and summer.

By Karen Krien

The dining and kitchen has been closed since October. The board has installed some new equipment in the kitchen but, Ms. Ketzner said there are a few more pieces needed along with some new tables and chairs. The downstairs bar area needs updating, too.

"It needs a face lift," she said, noting that she is hoping by opening the dining room, that it will bring in money along with some donations.

"I'm hoping people will come enjoy the meal and, while they are there, see what the club needs."

Linda's standby entrees includ- National Park where she man- p.m. ing Dottie's chicken-fried steak aged seven properties in Can-

ert) hamburgers (I know Martha's secret, she said).

Dining room opens with new

I will be adding my fling on the hamburgers with mushrooms, Linda said. Also on the menu will be a rueben sandwich with Dottie's famous potato salad.

Saturday night is steak night and the chef's special. Meals will be served with wine and beer. There will be a bar located on the balcony.

She will have the dining room open one Sunday a month. On the menu will be three entree selections and one brunch selection.

In the future, she would like to see a wraparound deck. There could be a place for barbecuing, a portable bar and tables where people could sit in the shade during the summer and look over the golf course.

Ms. Ketzner comes with many qualifications including teaching culinary school in Scottsdale, Ariz., for five years, quality as-

director at Calloway House at College Station, Texas (she had 300 students during the school years and in the summer, there were 70,000 campers), at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., she was the house director, For seven years, she was the Sysco Food Service top sales representative, and she was the executive chef for Compass Group, where she earned eight chef certifications

"I'm excited to be back at Riverside," she said

Her goal, she said, is to find someone to train to run the kitchen and dining room following the summer. In the meantime, she is looking forward to having a good summer.

Members and guests are welcome to come enjoy the food and atmosphere at Riverside. A membership, she pointed out, is only \$20. Days and hours the dining room is open are Mondays, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 5 to On the menu will be some of surance coordinator for Glaicer 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2

Summer reading program set

The Summer Reading Program theme is "Dig Into Reading". at the St. Francis public library is

Any young person in grades an exciting time for students. Our kindergarten through sixth grade, the program.

Enrollment begins for library sessions

Amy Busse will be leading the Summer Fun Sessions held at the St. Francis Public Library. Enrollment will begin on Wednesday, May 22. Please join her and find out how to Dig Into Reading, said Pat Leibbrandt, librarian.

dren ages 3 years through third grade. All are invited to come and participate in this free program.

Sessions will be offered on Monday's for preschool children at 9, 10, Library. 11 a.m.

Sessions for school age children in grades kindergarten through third grade will be held on Wednesday's at 9, 10, or 11 a.m.

The sessions are held for one hour and your children must be enrolled to attend. Sessions will begin Amy will hold sessions for chil- on Monday, June 3 and Wednesday June 5 ad will be held for six weeks.

If you have any questions, please call Amy or the St. Francis Public

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who can read on their own, may come to the library and sign up for

Sign up for this program will begin on Wednesday, May 22, or anytime after that. The program will run through July 27.

Prizes are given after every ten books are read. Top readers will receive special prizes. Every week a name is drawn for a Dairy King treat.

We hope by having prizes and treats that it will be an incentive for young people to continue reading during the summer. We certainly encourage all students to have fun reading this summer, said Pat Leibbrandt, librarian. See you at the library.

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wanting money.

One person was told by a "sheriff" or by someone with "legal authority" that their family member was in trouble and they needed bail money. To help them out, they were told to wire money. Of course, the sheriff said, that person was not a sheriff or someone with legal authority.

Today, Sheriff Beeson said, people can get information off the internet. They can convince a grandparent that it really is their grandchild who is in trouble by the information they are telling. They know their name, their age, their parent's names, where they go to school, if they are planning a trip...a world of information just from the internet.

Before sending or wiring anyone money, he said, call their parents, even if the person on the other end of the call said, "please don't call - I (he-she) don't want them to know."

St. Francis Senior Center Annual Pancake Day

Saturday, May 11

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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