

Wheat crop still on Mother Nature roller coaster ride

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It seems that Mother Nature 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, if there is any. We are going to look at the regrowth and at the

developing head for damage.

There are several things working in the wheat's favor. First, the approximate temperature to cause injury to the wheat is around 26 degrees for two hours. When looking at the weather data for Cheyenne, Sherman, and Wallace Counties, the early morning 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 some decent top growth, it will help keep the warmth close to the soil surface and help 'insulate' it from the cold temperatures. Third, the wheat is behind in its development. Even though the growing point for nearly all the wheat is above the soil surface, it is still fairly low in the stem. Therefore, it is more protected now than if we had normal wheat development.

When you are checking your fields for freeze damage, you should look at the new growth of

all stems. This includes the main stem and the tillers. If the tillers are healthy, green, and actively growing, the heads should be fine. If the leaves coming out of the whorl are chlorotic (yellowish to brown), then the head is dead. You can also split open the stem and look at the growing point. 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 show up.

If you have any questions about the wheat, please give me a call at the Extension Offices in St. Francis, Goodland, or Sharon Springs. Also, there is a wheat freeze publication available at those Extension offices or on the website at www.sunflower.ksu.edu and click on the agronomy tab. This publication has good color pictures of freeze damage. Additional information can be found on the K-State Sunflower District Agronomy facebook page. Make sure to add us as a friend!



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

Dining room opens with new management at golf course

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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.

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."

On the menu will be some of Linda's standby entrees including Dottie's chicken-fried steak

and Pete and Martha's (Reichert) hamburgers (I know Martha's secret, she said).

I will be adding my fling on the hamburgers with mushrooms, Linda said. Also on the menu will be a rubeen 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 assurance coordinator for Glacier National Park where she managed seven properties in Can-

ada and Montana, food service 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 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Summer reading program set

The Summer Reading Program at the St. Francis public library is an exciting time for students. Our

theme is "Dig Into Reading".

Any young person in grades kindergarten through sixth grade,

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

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.

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.

Amy will hold sessions for children 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, 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 on Monday, June 3 and Wednesday June 5 and will be held for six weeks.

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

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