



Harvest continues to fill storage bunkers

Grain trucks were lined up at the ADM elevator Sunday afternoon as the corn harvest continued at full speed. Some farmers are saying they have about finished with corn and will be moving to sunflowers, but the word is that over the weekend about half the irrigated corn has been cut.

On the south side of the big circus tent looking corn storage facility at ADM three men were working to get a wrinkle out of the huge tarp. By late Sunday afternoon they had smoothed it out and everything was moving well.

Over at Frontier Ag Sunday afternoon four augers were working at the corn bunker north of the railroad tracks and behind Finley Motor. Josh Dechant said Monday if that fills up they will have to go to ground with more corn. He hopes to have all the piles covered before the forecast for rain coming at the end of the week.

With the amount of corn being stored Dechant said he does feel like Sherman County will have a record corn harvest.

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Commissioners tour wildlife areas

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He said the food plots are established by a local farmer, and the area has good pheasant cover. He said one of the challenges has been getting water for wildlife and they have a project that includes a well to help provide water. He said some more work might help in the future.

Other challenges mentioned include littering and off-road driving. Mulder said retired wildlife manager Leonard Hopper of Colby is helping both in Cheyenne and Sherman Counties.

Mulder said the reward for the effort is the deer and turkey hunting success hunters are having in the

Cheyenne County areas.

A presentation was made about the Sherman County State Lake area southwest of town by Kent Hensly, public land manager for the department out of the Hays office.

He said the lake area was petitioned in 1961 and established in 1965. With a good run of water it was opened to fishing in 1967. He said the last time it was full was in 1994, and has been mostly dry since then.

The dam was determined to have a leak with about 2,400 acre feet of water seeping out on an annual basis plus about 3,000 acre feet of evaporation. He said estimates to fix the dam were from \$1.5 to \$1.6

million several years ago and is sure that had increased.

He said the state lake sort of acts like an upstream spring for Smoky Gardens when there is water in the lake, but neither have water at this time.

The state lake is about 226 acres of dry lake, 30 acres of woodland and 50 acres of cropland. Hensly said Hopper was manager of the area from 1983-1989 and it is good to have him helping with the management since he retired.

He said the food plots are done by the state with a small tractor with about 30 acres of wheat and 90 acres of alfalfa. To provide water a windmill was built in 1994.

Challenges he said were mainly noxious weeds. He said right now the Canadian Thistle is pretty much under control, but when there is a large run of water the weed seeds come in with the water. He said right now he is working on a burn plan for part of the area.

A recent user survey showed that most of the use is hunters with about 30 percent coming from Colorado and most of the others from Sherman County and the surrounding area. He said the area is good for archery hunters and is one of the few areas where a deer hunter can have a tree stand with the 30 acres of trees.

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Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:
Sept. 17 – 8:47 p.m., 326 Sher-

man Ave., arrested Valentino Pena for domestic battery against Kristina Lynn Pena. Case referred to city attorney.
Sept. 19 – 2:05 a.m., 712 Sher-

man Ave., Christopher O'Brien reported battery. Case referred to city attorney.

Sept. 23 – 1:01 p.m., 513 E. 15, arrested Clayton Charles Hoss

and Kandee Kay Hoss for criminal threat and disorderly conduct against Corey Alan Schmidt. Case referred to county attorney.

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