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Wet weather continues to slow wheat harvest

Heavy precipitation is causing this year's wheat harvest to be even further behind schedule than expected.

Rain levels exceeded 2 inches in Wauneta last week, with many fields outside of town receiving even heavier amounts.

The first truck of cropped wheat to show up at the Frenchman Valley elevator in Wauneta arrived this Monday. As of Wednesday morning, only 11 trucks had made their way to the elevator.

The trucks that have arrived in Wauneta are coming from the north, while farmers to the south continue to practice patience. It's still too wet to cut wheat in most fields south of Wauneta.

A sample test at the Wauneta FVC facility of those trucks that have delivered wheat shows a temp weight running between 58 and 60 pounds. Moisture was close to 12 percent.

Cash wheat in Wauneta closed at \$6.44 a bushel on Tuesday. Corn closed at \$6.77 a bushel.

WP School Board coverage to run next week

Coverage of this month's Wau-Pal School Board meeting can be seen in next week's issue of The Breeze.

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The meeting was moved from it's normal Monday evening time slot to Tuesday morning, earlier this week.

Nominees being accepted for Nebraska Teacher of the Year

Wau-Pal Superintendent Stan Sibley recently announced that applications are available at the Wauneta-Palisade offices for nominating the Nebraska Teacher of the Year.

Ideal candidates will possess the following qualities: Exceptional dedication; Knowledge and skills; Respect and admiration from parents, students and peers; Active community involvement; Poise, articulation and energy; Inspiration to students of all backgrounds and abilities.

Applications must be postmarked by Aug. 15, 2011. A selection panel will review the applications, and the handful of teachers receiving the highest scores will be interviewed in October. The winner will be announced in November.

Ice cream social a special museum treat this Sunday

Sunday's special treat at the Chase County Museum in Champion will be welcome considering the hot, humid weather through which the area has been suffering.

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Members of the Champion Women's Club will be hosting an ice cream social from 1 to 4 p.m. during Sunday's open hours at the museum.

All are invited to attend and view the museum exhibits, as well.

Forecast set to get hot this weekend

People who plan on being outside this weekend, whether working in the field or enjoying a leisure activity at the lake, should take precautions. Forecasts have the high temperature hovering around the 100 degree mark for the next several days.

A high of 97 is expected today (Thursday) and tomorrow. Weathermen expect Saturday's high to be as steep as 104 degrees. Another 100 degree is expected on Sunday.

Here are a few precautions for beating the heat, as recommended by the CDC:

- Drink plenty of fluids, regardless of your activity level.
- Replace salts and minerals. Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body. Replenish yourself with two to four glasses of non-alcoholic fluids each hour.
- Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen. Choose lightweight, light-colored clothes. Also protect yourself by using sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.

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- Pace yourself. If you are not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and gradually pick up the pace. If you find yourself gasping for breath, stop all activity.