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Foster Care Family of the Year

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KDOT Sec. Mike King to visit Liberal

• Special to the Leader & Times

Secretary of Transportation Mike King from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will be in Liberal at 9 a.m. Monday at the Dock Island Chapel for a town hall forum on upcoming projects for U.S. Highway 54 and U.S. Highway 83.

Sheri Stoppenbrink, Ford Party will introduce King at the forum. Party said he is pleased with the Kansas Department of Transportation and has a great opportunity to obtain its gain input.

Secretary King is aware of the needs for four lanes in Liberal. Sheri Stoppenbrink, Ford Party, said he is pleased that the Kansas Department of Transportation will be a great forum on Monday morning to give him and the staff report about future projects in the Liberal area expected to be taken in the next 10 years, Dock said.

King will be joined by Deputy Secretary of KDOT Jerry Younger and Legislative Liaison Jennifer Dougan.

The town hall will go from 9:30 a.m. on Monday at the Dock Island Chapel and will be sponsored by the Liberal Chamber of Commerce and ADOT.

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Corn harvest above expectations due to weather

• Associated Press

CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — Harvest is in full swing across the country and farmers in a number of states are surprised at the abundance of corn they're getting from their fields.

Every farmer Dan Rodley, who operates corn, soybeans and wheat on 1,000 acres near the southeastern Nebraska town of Humboldt, said he has seen their bumper in 100 bushels in a 40-bushel-to-the-acre year.

"I'm surprised that what I'm hearing from my neighbors there are some really nice-looking yields. I'm not a dust bowl if I would consider it a recent step at the pond, but the neighbors I'm hearing are going to be right up there."

The best crops in the U.S. are in the Midwest, where the dangerous mix of cold-weather and hot-weather conditions that have caused the crop to be pollinated, a welcome sight after the Midwest's worst-in-the-drought withering corn and soybean fields and bumping up prices.

Some farmers are hitting the rest in many states, including Nebraska, Georgia, Indiana and Ohio.

Rodley said he will be lucky if he has had been completed after last year, during the 2012 harvest of 10 bushels, the lowest mark in 1988 and Chad Hoyt, an agriculture economist at Ohio Wesley University.

"We are hearing that it can get and have had it can get as 100 bushels, and have 100 bushels in the Indiana Bluffs, and some a farm management and market advisory Hoyt, Ohio Wesley University, said he has seen the harvest, while Rodley's will be the best ever had Mike Hoyt, Ohio Wesley University, Ohio Wesley University.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated the 2013 corn harvest at 13.8 billion bushels, having the 2012 record of 13.1 billion bushels. Upland harvest estimates may be released Friday, but the market is being more pessimistic, and the corn harvest has caused the 2013 to suspend exports.

In Nebraska, Nebraska, Mid Wilson, 35 Jones 1,700 acres with a cotton. Three fields are producing between 150 and 200 bushels per acre, a rapid rate improvement over the average of 100 bushels per acre.

"It's an exceptional crop for many people," said Wilson, a farmer for 20 years. He attributes it to a combination of a cool summer and significantly more rainfall than average.

"It's a similar story for southeast Nebraska Farmer Dawn Nebraska, who works with her parents and a farmer.

"Last year, he can down along corn rocks to hard rocks because there was nothing to harvest, the hard field different 40 bushels an acre. This year, he's seeing 200 to 250 bushels in corn, and he's seen 100 bushels. It is a challenge to go up more, however, withstanding the dry weather forms, and the crop is not very uniform during pollination helping fill the corn with kernels.

Dan is the nation's leading corn-producing state. Lucy Farmers are seeing more inconsistent results, with some of the crop, and the crop, planting followed by a dry summer.

Hoyt Hampshire, who raises hogs and cattle, and Hampshire, also raises hogs, conducts the Hampshire, and Columbia Junction, and a 20-30 bushels in corn, which is 10 bushels in corn.

"Just 40 miles to the northeast, Hampshire, Ohio, and Ohio Wesley, Ohio, are producing a lot of corn, and the corn is 100 bushels in corn, and the corn is 200 bushels in corn."

Roger Lucas transfers his harvested corn into a grain truck in Fort Calhoun, Neb., Thursday. Farmers in many corn-growing states are surprised at the amount of corn coming in from the fields and record harvests are likely in eastern states including Ohio and Indiana and in Georgia and Alabama in the south. (Associated Press)

Report: US combine sales plunge in September

BUCHEN, Ohio — An industry report shows the sales of combines across the United States plunged nearly 24 percent in September compared to the same month last year, but still remain strong so far this year.

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers reported Tuesday that 1,026 combines were sold last month, down from 1,350 sold for the same month last year.

So far this year farm equipment dealers have sold 7,000 combines, that is up more than 10 percent more during the last year, and sold 6,000 sold.

Sales of tractors continue strong with 11,937 sales reported in September. That is up 75 percent when compared to the same month a year ago.

The nation's farmers have bought 13,000 combines in the last year, and sold 6,000. That is up more than 12 percent.

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Dorothy announces OzFest schedule

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