

Kansas Highway Patrol troopers check school buses for safety

With the first day of school quickly approaching, Kansas Highway Patrol troopers are assisting school districts throughout the state in assuring that students arrive to and from their destinations safely. Troopers are inspecting school buses from now until the beginning of the school session to make sure the vehicles will load, transport, and unload students safely. Buses and other vehicles throughout the state are also inspected for

compliance with safety regulations.

“Checking school buses for safety and to ensure there are no vehicle defects is a task we handle every year in order to keep Kansas children safe,” Patrol Superintendent, Colonel Terry Maple said. “Kansas parents expect their children to be kept safe while they are at school, and that should not be limited to the classroom.”

Thousands of school vehicles’

equipment and mechanical conditions will be checked as troopers visit each school district. A bus that passes the inspection will display a green sticker of approval in the corner of the windshield. Buses that do not comply with safety regulations cannot be used to transport students until all defects are corrected and a trooper rechecks the vehicle. In 2009, 9,409 buses were checked by the Kansas Highway Patrol for defects.

Cattle at a disadvantage on some hot summer days

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Compared to people, cattle have a distinct disadvantage when it comes to handling some kinds of heat. Soaring temperatures and high humidity are taking a deadly toll, a Kansas State University veterinarian said. “Cattle lack the ability to sweat significantly, so it is critical that producers and livestock handlers take steps to reduce heat stress before conditions become dangerous,” said K-State Research and Extension veterinarian Larry Hollis. “High daytime temperature by itself rarely causes problems. It is a combination of the humidity with heat that creates the maximum heat load on cattle.”

He cited this month’s reports in Kansas of hundreds of cattle deaths attributed to the weather mix. Temperatures well into the 90 F range coupled with high humidity levels push heat indexes to 105 degrees or above.

Other factors compounded the cattle’s lack of ability to perspire. Several days in a row of high temperatures, a lack of nighttime cooling, lack of shade or cloud cover, lack of wind, lack of air movement in pens, and grazing on endophyte-infested fescue pastures can all create problems for cattle, Hollis said.

In addition, animals with dark hides and/or heavy body weights, as well as those in advanced stages of pregnancy are particularly vulnerable to the consequences of such weather.

“Producers should watch for signs of heat-related distress during hot, humid weather. The signs

can include cattle going off feed, standing with their head over the water source, panting, salivating excessively, or open-mouthed breathing,” he added.

Producers and feedlot managers should consider ways to alleviate the stress, when possible, including:

Avoid gathering or working cattle after mid-morning; Provide access to abundant cold water/waterer space and make sure the water flow rate is adequate; Provide access to shade; Provide the ability to move away from anything that reduces airflow, even cutting down weeds around pens; Use sprinklers to wet the skin; Control flies; Make arrangements with fire department; and, don’t forget about the people,” Hollis added.

A string of hot, humid days through much of the Plains and Midwest this summer have taken a toll on cattle, according to Hollis. To help cattle producers and feedlot managers determine the risk of such conditions, the University of Nebraska developed a Temperature-Humidity Index. The index is part of a Livestock Weather Hazard Guide, posted on the Ardmore, Okla., website of the Samuel Roberts, Noble Foundation: <http://www.noble.org/Ag/Livestock/Heat/>.

“When there is no daytime wind and/or nighttime temperatures do not drop below 75 degrees so conditions reach a score of 75 (on the Temperature-Humidity Index), producers should be on the alert for heat stress problems,” Hollis said. “When the index reaches 79, the situation has reached the danger point. An index of 84 means

emergency conditions exist.”

Panting scores probably give the best visual method to estimate the severity of heat stress on cattle, he added. If cattle are panting at a rate of 80 to 120 breaths per minute, they are in moderate stress; 120 to 160 breaths per minute mark the danger zone; and more than 160 should be considered an emergency.

“When they see signs of moderate heat stress, producers may have a very short time to provide a mechanism for cooling the cattle before the situation becomes life-threatening,” the veterinarian said.

Meals on Wheels gives August schedule

The schedule for Meals on Wheels for Aug. 2 through Aug. 29 is as follows: Aug. 2 – Aug. 8, St. Francis Altar Society, contact, Tina Silan (877-5128); Aug. 9 – Aug. 15, Redeemer Lutheran Church, contact, Cynthia Washburn (877-3044); Aug. 16 – Aug. 22, (1) Midwest Energy, Contact: Curt Luehrs (877-5487), (2) Norton FSA Office, contact, Nancy Hager (877-5156), (3) Norton County Hospital, contact Alice Hawks (877-3145); Aug. 23 – 29 Immanuel Lutheran Church, contact Fonda

Lawrence (877-3145).

It is important that each group have 3 persons, each with their own car, to deliver the noon meal. Volunteers should report at 11:30 a.m. for the noon delivery. Meals are to be delivered each Monday through Sunday.

Be sure to turn in the list of volunteers to Alice Hawks at the hospital by Friday of the week before your group starts their delivery.



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Budget for Unified School District 211, Norton

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2010-2011

NOTICE OF HEARING 2010-2011 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 211 will meet on the 12TH day of August, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at 105 E. Waverly for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2010 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2010-2011 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2008-2009 Actual		2009-2010 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-2011		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2010 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	5,522,295	20.000	5,181,716	20.000	5,588,716	582,129	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	1,315,792	18.930	1,403,600	20.352	1,453,066	468,726	14.149
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	252,227	3.996	149,437	1.998	1,226,007	99,380	3.000
Driver Training	18	9,778		8,964		16,541		
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	350,733		333,663		401,877		
Professional Development	26	1,791		3,592		25,388		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	1,172		749		14,165		
Special Education	30	897,747		959,588		1,639,589		
Vocational Education	34	128,592		106,971		130,000		
Area Vocational School	36	0						
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
Federal Funds	07	123,682		162,426		182,397		
Gifts and Grants	35	10,981		6,796		14,980		
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11	0		0		0		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
At Risk (K-12)	13	330,702		353,696		450,000		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000

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KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	284,993		288,526		375,084	
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0			
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	373		3,611		0	
Tuition Reimbursement Fund	57	0		0			
DEBT SERVICE							
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES**							
Special Education	78	0		0		0	
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	9,230,858	42.926	8,963,335	42.350	11,517,810	1,150,235
Less: Transfers	105	2,029,706	xxxxxx	1,891,970	xxxxxx	1,671,046	xxxxxx
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	7,201,152	xxxxxx	7,071,365	xxxxxx	9,846,764	xxxxxx
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,000,406	xxxxxx	938,944	xxxxxx	1,150,235	xxxxxx
OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	86,235	2.997	83,836	2.990	100,000	99,375
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	86,235	2.997	83,836	2.990	100,000	99,375
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	1,075,659		1,010,777		1,249,610	
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$31,703,712		\$29,470,795		\$29,106,435	
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$35,664,434		\$33,470,232		\$33,128,709	
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2008		2009		2010	
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0	
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0	
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0	
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0	
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0	
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0	

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