


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Scattered snow showers before midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 14. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 40. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 56.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

Wednesday: High, 43; Low 18

Precip:	Wed	0.00 inches
Month:		0.49 inches
Year:		0.64 inches
Normal:		0.97 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.78
Corn (bushel)	\$3.21
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.58
Soybeans (bushel)	\$7.70

Ag leadership seeks program applications

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program will accept applications through April 15 from residents interested in participating in the 2009-11 Class X.

The two-year program includes study tours, as well as monthly, 48-hour seminars at sites across the state, said director Jack Lindquist. Two national seminars and a “capstone” international tour are scheduled in November to March, production agriculture’s “off season” in Kansas.

“KARL alumni and current class members both have gone out of their way to tell me that the 50-day commitment (over two years) is much more than just well worth the investment,” he said. “It’s needed in today’s changing and competitive environment.”

Graduates agree.

“The KARL program has always fascinated me,” said Terry Hobbs of Graham County. “Its positive direction and the doors it has opened for many leaders in the ag industry haven been and continue to be very beneficial. The program builds and strengthens individuals’ character.”

Class X will begin its training in August with a weekend retreat, Lindquist said.


To be considered, applicants must submit a completed profile form, available at www.karlprogram.com or from the office at (785) 532-6300.

The group’s board will screen the profiles and select the top 45 for interviews in May. The program will announce its 30-member class June 1.

Criteria for eligibility are leadership experience and a devotion to Kansas agriculture and rural communities, Lindquist said.

Tuition for the nonprofit training program is \$1,500 per year, or a total of \$3,000.

Lindquist said details about the curriculum and how to become a supporter are available on the website or by calling the office.



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4-H beef weighs in

Katera Harter (left), daughter of Lowell and Sue Harter, and Rachel Juenemann, daughter of Steve and Sara Juenemann, of the Colby Comets joined Chance Hoeting, son of Ben and Jeannette Hoeting of the Abilene Hustlers, watching the scales as their 4-H calves were weighed in Saturday. Parents Mike Woofor and Bill Shields worked the head gate while changing ear tags on 4-H livestock to tags giving 4-H IDs. Weigh-in is the start of a Market Beef Project, which culminates at the county fair. Steers weighed Saturday were around 750-800 pounds.



City wants stimulus

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drive to town, said Armstrong. He would be forced to take county roads instead. Armstrong said this route wouldn’t take much longer than the route Baumfalk takes today, but it could be a problem for him in bad weather because the county roads don’t get cleaned up as quick as the highway.

In other business, the council:

- Heard Councilman Tim Huffles and Armstrong report on a meeting on Monday sponsored by Midwest Energy related to small wind energy units being sold to individuals and small businesses.

“It was the best information I have heard to date on how to evaluated the energy output of the system and calculate the kilowatt hour cost from the system,” Armstrong said.

- Agreed to replace the elevator controls at the community building, agreeing it made more sense to replace the controls than to pay for repairs. The cost for new controls is estimated at \$40,000, said Armstrong.

The city will be buying nonproprietary controls, she said, so they will have to buy parts from several companies. The current elevator controls are only made by one company, which would be easier on the staff, but more expensive, she said.

- Approved an agreement with the Colby School District for use of the city ball fields and the football field behind the old hospital, drafted by City Attorney John Gatz. The agreement allows the middle school football team to practice on the football field this fall, she said.

- Approved a contract with Wilson & Co., an engineering and contracting firm from, to design a new lift station on Copeland Avenue for \$35,113.

Freight system to be reviewed

The Kansas Department of Transportation will hold its first Statewide Freight Summit from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday at the Kansas Association for Justice, 719 SW Van Buren in Topeka.

The idea is to review recommendations from the recently completed Statewide Multimodal Freight Study and discuss how to strengthen the Kansas economy by improving the state’s freight transportation system.


The summit will begin with opening remarks by Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller, followed by a presentation on how freight contributes to the Kansas economy and recommendations for keeping it moving safely and efficiently. Breakout groups will discuss specific recommendations.

Freight worth \$894 billion moved in Kansas in 2006. The year-long study examined freight movement and infrastructure and projected freight growth to understand issues facing Kansas.

For information on the summit or to reserve your spot, contact Robyn Arthur at (816) 527-2457 or rarthur@hntb.com.

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