

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Breezy, with a northeast wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Friday Night: A slight chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77.
Saturday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Monday: High, 91; Low 56
Tuesday: High, 93; Low 58
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
Tuesday 0.00 inches
Month: 1.41 inches
Year: 6.03 inches
Normal: 7.24 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise Thursday 6:25 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 8:57 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Wind turbine weighed

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be paying less for electricity in 10 years if they add wind energy into their electrical system now.

The city currently gets its electricity from Midwest Energy. Bob Helm, manager of corporate communications for the Hays-based cooperative, said while the company uses 50 megawatts of wind energy and 76 megawatts of natural gas the majority of the electricity comes from coal.

Helm said you can't always rely on wind because it doesn't blow all the time.

Council members told Kreider that they didn't think the city could be sure that electricity prices would keep rising.

"We want to make sure rate payers don't have to pay more because of a wind turbine at the college," said Councilman Pat Mallory.

Kreider said the turbine could help the college save money and create a new model for the country.

"I'm trying to create new ways of doing things while revenue from the state is drastically declining," he said.

If the turbine is installed on campus, the college will be looking at starting maintenance and energy management programs, said Kreider. That could bring in more students and more money.

Councilman David Voss said since Kreider was hedging his bets that the turbine will help reduce electricity prices at the college, that the enterprise he was pursuing was for both educational and commercial reasons. Kreider conceded that his interest in installing the turbine on campus was not solely for educational purposes.

Armstrong said she wanted have a meter that would keep track of the power the college is using every 10 minutes and print out a report with the results every 30 days. Armstrong said she will be looking for someone to do a legal review on the wind project next week.

"We need to know what the city is required to do in order to incorporate wind energy into our system," she said.

Welcome in the air



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
Flags were flying in the cool spring breeze last Friday as city crews put out a welcome to guests for three weekend graduations.

County considers a vacant-lot replat

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County Office complex by 3 percent.

- Got updates from Larry Sharp from the Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool, on the 50-plus-member county insurance group, and from Charles Krull from Blue Cross Blue Shield on insurance rates.
- Got an update about the progress on work to clean up sewage leaks at the Free Breakfast Inn, north of Oakley on U.S. 83. Fluid

was bubbling up from septic tank leach lines, Commissioner Byron Sowers said, but the tank was being pumped out Saturday.

- Heard from the road supervisor that mowing of the county roads was set to begin next week
- Got a report that the merchants' building, or solar building, at the fair grounds is nearly ready for relocating to a new slab, and that a paper was found saying that the original floor had been put down in 1928.

John Deere not so green in year's second quarter

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Deere & Co.'s second-quarter profit dropped 38 percent as farmers and other customers cut spending on tractors, mowers and construction equipment.

Still, the results edged out Wall Street expectations, boosting shares of the world's largest farm equipment maker, even as it slashed its profit forecast for a second time this year.

Equipment sales fell 17 percent, sapped by a global slowdown and lower crop prices that undercut demand for Deere's green-and-yellow machines. The sharpest sales declines occurred outside the United States and Canada, where Deere has expanded quickly in recent years. Deere said market conditions remain uncertain.

Farmers have become cautious about spending on new equipment as crop prices, which drive sales, have tumbled from historic highs last year. The costs of fertilizer and fuel, meanwhile, remain relatively high. And the global credit crunch has made it more difficult to get loans.

The problems in Deere's agriculture markets have only compounded a longer-term collapse in construction and a U.S. recession that has stifled consumer spending on products like lawn care machines.

The Moline, Ill.-based company earned \$472.3 million, or \$1.11 per share, in its fiscal second quarter ended April 30. Revenue fell 17 percent to \$6.75 billion. Analysts had forecast profit

of \$1.07 per share on revenue of \$6.60 billion.

A year earlier, the company earned \$763.5 million, or \$1.74 per share.

Deere cut its 2009 forecast for net income to \$1.1 billion, down from \$1.5 billion expected in February, and almost \$2 billion predicted late last year.

Still, Deere shares rose 67 cents, or 1.5 percent, to \$44.49 in afternoon trading.

Investors may be heartened by a Deere forecast of higher farm receipts next year, suggesting "perhaps a better year than anticipated," said Lawrence De Maria, an analyst with Sterne, Agee & Leach.

And inventories in Deere's construction equipment business, which lost money during the quarter, are about half the industry average, "so they're running the business pretty well," he said.

The company, which also makes riding mowers and forestry machines, said overall equipment sales plunged 30 percent outside North America. Equipment sales dipped 8 percent in the United States and Canada, its largest market.

Sales of tractors, combines and other farm equipment — Deere's biggest source of revenue — fell 4 percent due to currency exchange fluctuations, lower shipments and higher material costs. Those sales

are often driven by prices of corn, wheat and other crops, which have fallen from record levels last year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts U.S. farm income will fall some 20 percent in 2009, but will remain higher than the average amount earned in the previous 10 years.

Deere's commercial and consumer division, which makes products like leaf blowers, reported a 24 percent decline, reflecting weaker consumer spending.

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— Used —

L190 New Holland.....	600 hrs.
L190 New Holland Cab & A/C	250 hrs.
L190 New Holland	250 hrs.
843 Bobcat	3,700 hrs.
C185 New Holland	500 hrs.
L180 New Holland Cab & A/C	350 hrs.

— New —

L175 Skid Loader.....	
L185 Skid Loader.....	
C175 Track Loader.....	

Discount Units

L 175 Skid Loader.....	Cab/A.D.
L175 Skid Loader.....	Cab/Heat
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CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION

FARMLAND AUCTION

FOR: KRAHL SISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2009

AUCTION LOCATION: The Scout House, 1041 Sheridan
Hoxie, Kansas **TIME: 10:00a.m.**

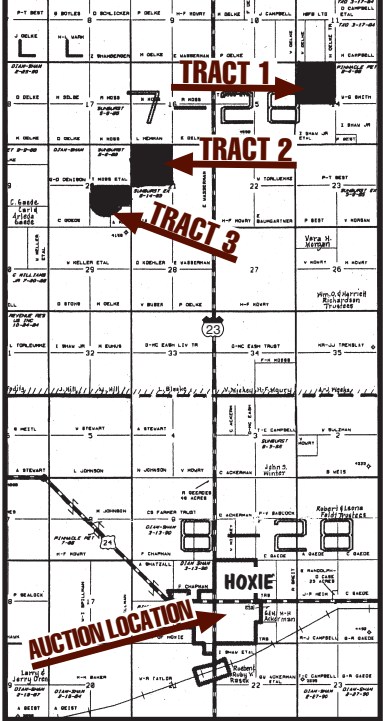
427 ACRES MORE OR LESS
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KS



Center Pivot - Tract 2



Well, Motor and Pump - Tract 2



TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON ALL THREE TRACTS
MINERALS: All sellers interest to be conveyed. To seller's knowledge, minerals are intact.
TERMS: 10% down, day of sale, balance upon title approval and delivery of a good and sufficient deed said closing to be on or before July 10, 2009 or as soon as title requirements, if any, can be corrected. Title insurance will be issued and the owner's policy will be at the seller's expense.
TAXES: Seller to pay all of the 2008 and prior taxes. Purchaser to pay all of the 2009 and subsequent taxes.
GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: Purchaser to stay in compliance with all U.S. Governmental programs the property is presently enrolled in to the year 2010. Purchaser to receive crop interest payments.
POSSESSION: March 1st, 2010, subject to the tenant harvesting an existing crop with the purchaser receiving the landowners 40% of the harvested crop.
AGENCY DISCLOSURE: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc. is the agent of the seller. If the purchaser desires representation, legal counsel is advised.

Manner of sale: Tracts to sell individually

TRACT 1
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty Eight (28) West of the 6th P.M. Sheridan County, KS.
GENERAL INFORMATION: This tract features a seven lower Reinke center pivot, with a Chrysler 413 engine on natural gas. The system has a nozzle setting at 500 G.P.M. The water well has an Appropriation Water Right No. 20785, Right No. 15933.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 123.0 acres cultivation under center pivot.
33.08 acres dryland cultivation (corners)
Base Acres: Wheat 11.1 acres, Corn 131.8 acres
CROP ACREAGE PLAN: The share crop is 40% to the landowner, along with 40% of crop expenses up to harvesting the crop. The tenant will harvest and deliver 40% of the crop to the nearest elevator in the landowners (purchaser's) name. The following is the 2009 crop acreage plan for this tract: 61.5 acres planted corn of which the seller has paid 40% of seed and fertilizer. The remaining 40% expense to complete the corn crop to be paid by purchaser. 61.5 acres planted soybeans, and the sellers have paid no expense so the 40% cost to complete the crop, to be paid by the purchaser. 33.0 acres (corners) to be planted to wheat.

TRACT 2
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twenty One (21), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty Eight (28) West of the 6th P.M. Sheridan County, KS.
GENERAL INFORMATION: This tract features an eight lower Reinke center pivot with a Chrysler 413 engine on natural gas. The system has a nozzle setting at 500 G.P.M. The water well has an Appropriation Water Right No. 20785, Right No. 15933.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 129.4 acres cultivation under center pivot.
23.1 acres dryland cultivation (corners)
Base Acres: Wheat 4.0 acres, Corn 133.6 acres, Soybeans 8.6 acres
CROP ACREAGE PLAN: The share crop is 40% to the landowner along with 40% of crop expenses up to harvesting the crop. The tenant will harvest and deliver 40% of the crop to the nearest elevator in the landowners (purchaser's) name. The following is the 2009 crop acreage plan for this tract: 129.4 acres planted corn of which the seller has paid 40% of seed and fertilizer. The remaining 40% expense to complete the corn crop is to be paid by the purchaser. 23.1 acres (corners) to be planted to wheat.

TRACT 3
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty Eight (28) West of the 6th P.M. Sheridan County, KS, excepting a tract of land being grassland and buildings containing 50.4 acres more or less.
GENERAL INFORMATION: This tract features a seven lower Reinke center pivot with a Chrysler 413 engine on natural gas. The system has a nozzle setting at 500 G.P.M. The water well has an Appropriation Water No. 13826, and this tract includes 2,250' of 10" gated pipe.
F.S.A. INFORMATION: 74.0 acres cultivation under center pivot.
17.34 acres cultivation flood irrigation
11.5 acres dry land cultivation
4.3 acres grassland
Base Acres: Wheat 2.7 acres, Corn 90.4 acres, Soybeans 5.9 acres
CROP ACREAGE PLAN: The share crop is 40% to the landowner along with 40% of crop expenses up to harvesting the crop. The tenant will harvest and deliver 40% of the crop to the nearest elevator, in the landowners (purchaser's) name. The following is the 2009 crop acreage plan for this tract: 91.54 acres planted corn of which the seller has paid 40% of the seed and fertilizer. The remaining 40% to complete the corn crop to be paid by the purchaser.

NOTE:
Acreages are to be considered approximate according to information provided by the local F.S.A. office, and present tenant. Announcements made day of sale will take precedence over printed material.

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