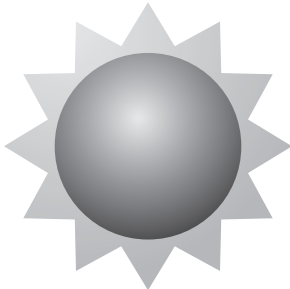


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Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, low around 63. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Monday: High, 85; Low 56
Tuesday: High, 90; Low 64
Precip: Monday 0.63 inches
Tuesday 0.00 inches
Month: 1.15 inches
Year: 17.99 inches
Normal: 16.41 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Thursday 6:55 a.m. 8:42 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

Monday 1,486,000 gal.
Tuesday 1,587,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Federal Reserve confident in recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve delivered a vote of confidence in the recovery on Wednesday, declaring that economic activity is “leveling out.” The central bank also signaled that it would end one of its programs aimed at propping up the economy, and kept a key lending rate at a record low.

The Fed said it would gradually slow the pace of its program to buy \$300 billion worth of Treasury securities so that it will shut down at the end of October, versus September. It has bought \$253 billion of the securities so far.

The program is aimed at lowering rates on mortgages and other consumer debt, a move to spur Americans to spend more. But its effectiveness has been questioned by some on Wall Street and on Capitol Hill who worry that the program makes it look like the Fed is printing money to pay for Uncle Sam’s exploding deficits.

With the economy on the mend, the Fed held a key banking lending rate at a record low near zero and again pledged to keep it there for “an extended period.”

Economists predict the Fed will leave its target range for its banking lending rate between zero and 0.25 percent through the rest of this year. The rationale: super-low lending will spur Americans to spend more.

If the Fed holds its key rate steady, that means commercial banks’ prime lending rate, used to peg rates on home equity loans, certain credit cards and other consumer loans, will stay around 3.25 percent, the lowest in decades.

It was the first Fed meeting since the economy has flashed more definitive signs of turning a corner.

In an upgraded assessment, the Fed said the economic barometers since its last meeting in late June suggest that “economic activity is leveling out.” Conditions in financial markets also “have improved further” in recently, the Fed said.

But dangers lurk.

Although consumer spending has stabilized, job losses, sluggish income growth, hits to wealth from tanking home values and still hard to get credit could make Americans cautious in the months ahead, the Fed said.

Party planned to welcome students

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night.

As of Tuesday, 16 businesses, organizations and churches have signed up to have a table at the party. Stephens said there is still time to sign up, as long as the Chamber is informed by Friday so they can set up the right amount

Strategy program accepting entries

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University’s Management, Analysis and Strategic Thinking program, known as MAST, is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 class.

The course aims to boost management skills and give farmers new decision-making tools and strategic planning strategies — all with the goal of increasing profits, said coordinator Alicia Goheen. It’s based in K-State’s Department of Agricultural Economics.

This year’s class starts with a two-day on-campus orientation Nov. 16-17 — where participants meet one another, program administrators and faculty who teach the online modules. They return home to work on the modules on their own time.

“This allows MAST students to work their way through the material when it’s most convenient for them,” Goheen said, “whether that’s first thing in the morning or in the evening after other farm chores and family events are finished.”

The modules, taught by Department of Agricultural Economics faculty, cover land, machinery, financial analysis, human resources, tax and policy, risk management and marketing.

This year’s program will end with a second on-campus visit Feb. 23-24, where class members will provide feedback and have a graduation ceremony.

Previous participants have come from all types of farm operations — and from several states, Goheen said.

“Once participants complete the program, they become part of a lifelong learning community dedicated to achieving the best business results in agriculture,” she said. “The seminars are held in January for alumni so they can continue to network with other alumni and K-State faculty as well as continue learning.”

The cost of tuition in the 2009-2010 MAST program is \$1,250 per person or \$1,100 per person if two or more participate from the same business. Information is available at www.agmanager.info/MAST/ or by contacting Goheen at (785) 532-4434 or agoheen@agecon.ksu.edu.

The Farm Credit Associations of Kansas offer partial scholarships for members.

State encourages swine flu precautions

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas’ top health official called on public schools Tuesday to hold mass swine flu vaccinations this fall and set up “sick rooms” for isolating students who appear to be sick.

State Health Director Jason Eberhart-Phillips warned that absenteeism during the peak of a swine flu outbreak at a school could be twice as much as during a normal, seasonal flu outbreak.

Eberhart-Phillips spoke to the State Board of Education about steps that schools could take to help check the spread of swine flu this fall. He had a generally receptive audience, though education officials acknowledged they’re still making their plans to deal with the disease.

His comments came a day after he sent a letter to doctors, clinics and hospitals warning them that as much as 40 percent of the population — 1.1 million Kansans — could be infected with swine flu within the next two years.

Already, he said, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment believes there have been 10,000 cases statewide in less than four months, based on federal estimates for infections nationwide. However, the agency has confirmed only 281 cases in 46 counties through lab tests.

“We’re going to see an escalation in cases in the coming weeks and months,” Eberhart-Phillips said.

The state has about 450,000 students in its public schools. The department noted in its last weekly report on the disease that 53 percent of confirmed cases were in Kansans ages 5 through 24, and the median age of victims was 17.

The federal Centers for Disease Control has identified children and young adults among the high-priority groups for vaccinations. Five manufacturers are producing swine flu vaccines, and Eberhart-Phillips said Kansas health officials hope the first 200,000 doses for the state are available by the end of September.

Eberhart-Phillips said mass vaccination clinics should be located at schools, though he noted that officials would have to obtain written consent from students’ parents for the shots. Such an arrangement would make it easier to ensure students receive the shots, which will likely require two doses.

But several education officials said local districts have been discussing the possibility of flu shot clinics at schools for several years.

Eberhart-Phillips said “sick rooms” will be needed to help separate students who appear to be ill while educators wait for parents to pick them up. He said the sick students should wear masks.

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