

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Areas of drizzle after 1 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Areas of drizzle before 1 p.m. Patchy fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 45.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 79.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72.

Friday: High, 65; Low 44
Saturday: High, 65; Low 45
Sunday: High, 53; Low 42
Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.07 inches
Sunday 0.06 inches
Month: 1.41 inches
Year: 0.00 inches
Normal: 0.00 inches

Use cover for hay, specialist says

MANHATTAN - Farmers, ranchers and landowners who have Conservation Reserve Program contracts expiring have several options if they will not be extending or renewing the contract. One is to use established cover for hay, said Walt Fick, K-State Research and Extension range and pasture management specialist.

"Land enrolled in CRP is generally highly erodible," he said. "Maintaining these acres with a perennial grass cover will reduce erosion, improve water quality, enhance wildlife and reduce sedimentation."

Management decisions related to hay production include fertilization, burning and time of cutting.

"...Cool-season grasses and broadleaf plants will be stimulated by fertilization," Fick said.

Fertilization of cool-season grasses such as smooth brome and tall fescue should be based on a soil test, he added.

According to Fick, if the land has not been burned for a few years, it would be a good idea to conduct a prescribed burn.

"Burning will remove mulch and standing dead litter," he said. "Although this material will add yield when baled, forage quality will be reduced."

The best time to hay native warm-season grasses in Kansas is during July, he added.

"Crude protein will drop a half percentage point every week during July, but will usually be 6 to 8 percent during this time," Fick said. "Peak yield on warm-season grasses will probably not occur until August, but by that time crude protein content will be less than 5 percent."

Charity riders arrive Tuesday

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Oakley for their morning lunch break before heading east to Junction City for the next night.

The Run for the Wall was started to remember the prisoners of war and missing in action from the Vietnam War, and today is an annual pilgrimage to The Wall built to remember those who died and are missing in Vietnam.

James "Gunny" Gregory started the ride in 1988 with the help of other veterans, and today the ride features two routes from California meeting in Washington for the Memorial Day weekend where the motorcyclists participate in the Rolling Thunder Rally, named after the B-52 strikes that rolled through Vietnam.

The Central route brings the veterans through Angel Fire, N.M. where the Vietnam Veterans Memorial overlooks the valley.

From Angel Fire the estimated group of about 400 motorcycles will travel to Raton, N.M. and

cross into Colorado to Trinidad. At Trinidad the tour will turn to the northeast on U.S. 350 to travel to La Junta, Colo., and past the U.S. Army's Pinion Canyon tank and infantry training area. The riders will be treated to lunch by the people of La Junta.

At La Junta the cyclists will take a short turn to the west to Rocky Ford and head north on Colorado 71 to Limon, Colo. At Limon the route follows I-70 to Burlington where they spend the evening.

When they arrive in Burlington — expected about 5:45 p.m. — the riders will parade past the Veterans of Foreign Wars post to the Burlington Community Center where dinner will be provided by the City of Burlington.

The Run for the Wall mission is to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for a complete accounting of those who were prisoners or missing in action from all wars, and to support the U.S. military troops all around the world.

Roofing business takes high honors

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a Duro-Last roof style, Murray said the roof they are most commonly asked to put up is a commercial flat roof.

Gaining an elite contract really helped the company because it means workers can provide a warranty to the customer after there work is finished and they are often times paid right after they have finished the job, said Murray. Workers for companies that have not attained elite contract status

have to wait until representatives from Duro-Last come and do an inspection of the work to make sure it was done properly before the workers can be paid.

"This can take four to six weeks," said Rodgers.

Murray said gaining elite status also makes it easier for them to get work because customers and dealers assume they must be a reliable company or they would not have been given an elite contract. The company received their elite contract in 2007.

Postage climbs as services are cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peel it and weep: It'll cost an extra 2 cents to mail a letter starting Monday.

The price of a first-class stamp will climb to 44 cents, though people who planned ahead and stocked up on Forever stamps will still be paying the lower rate.

It's the third year in a row that rates have gone up in May under a new system that allows annual increases as long as they don't exceed the rate of inflation for the year before.

While the increase will bring in added income, the post office continues to struggle financially as more and more lucrative first-class mail is diverted to the Internet, and the recession discourages businesses from sending their usual volume of advertising.

The Postal Service, which does not get a taxpayer subsidy for its operations, lost \$2.8 billion last year and is \$2.3 billion in the hole just halfway through this year.

Postmaster General John Potter has asked Congress for permission to reduce mail delivery to five days-a-week. The agency is offering early retirement to workers, consolidating excess capacity in mail processing and transportation networks, realigning carrier routes, halting construction of new facilities, freezing officer and executive salaries at 2008 pay levels, and reducing travel budgets.

Even so, the rate increase is unlikely to cover the losses and the possibility remains that the post office could run out of money before the end of the budget year, Sept. 30.

The post office could have cited extraordinary circumstances and asked the independent Postal Regulatory Commission for larger increases, but officials worried that would only result in a greater decline in mail volume and greater losses.

Potter has sought congressional changes in how the post office prepays for retiree health care, to cut its annual costs by \$2 billion.

While the new 44-cent rate covers the first ounce of first-class mail, the price for each additional ounce will remain unchanged at 17-cents.

Postal officials estimate the increase will cost the average household \$3 a year.

Other changes taking effect Monday:

- The postcard stamp increases by a penny to 28 cents.
The first ounce of a large envelope increases 5 cents to 88 cents.
The first ounce of a parcel increases 5 cents to \$1.22.
New international postcard and letter prices are, for one ounce, 75 cents to Canada; 79 cents to Mexico; and 98 cents elsewhere.

Most Postal Service shipping services prices were adjusted in January and will not change in May.

Wildflowers to be focus of Memorial weekend tour

HAYS - Kansas State University is teaming with Fort Hays State University and several other organizations to sponsor a free wildflower tour on Saturday, May 23. Participants can come and go any time from 9 a.m. to noon.

Light refreshments and door prizes will be available. The tour site is west of Hays on the Fort Hays State University rangelands, one mile north of Golf Course Road on 210th Ave. Signs will be posted along Golf Course Road.

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