

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 74. Breeze, with a north wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 76.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 85.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Wednesday: High, 71; Low 34
 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
 Month: 1.41 inches
 Year: 6.03 inches
 Normal: 7.24 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
 Sunrise Friday 6:30 a.m.
 Sunset Friday 8:51 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Department sees bottom line increase

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yet been started, Steele said. Smith reported that the electrical evaluation was being done Monday to see if the light switches could be changed. The fire alarms don't work, said Smith, but he has been told the building doesn't need fire alarms. Commissioner Byron Sowers questioned if the insurance would be good if there were no fire alarms. They will have it checked out.

Steele asked about the health department paying rent on the space they occupy in the complex. In years past, he said, they paid rent, but when there were financial problems, the rent was forgiven. Walden questioned why they should pay rent when they were a county department. The commissioners will check with the surrounding counties to see what their arrangements are.

Clair Schrock, road supervisor, presented bids for two new 12M motor graders. Murphy Tractor's bid was \$330,884 on a five year annual lease of \$27,745 at 3.75 percent interest with a balloon payment of \$250,000 at the end of five years, with a guaranteed buy

back of \$250,000 in five years. Martin Tractor's bid was \$321,360, on a five-year annual lease of \$16,443 at 4.1 percent interest, with a balloon payment of \$300,000 at the end of five years, with a guaranteed buy back of \$300,000 at the end of five years. The bid was awarded to Martin Tractor.

In other business, the commissioners:
 • Accepted a bill from Crangle Law Office for fees for the wind energy consult. Heard from the county attorney that there about 60-90 days out from signing the contract for the county's role in the project. The county's involvement will be with the roads and right of ways.

• Heard from Custom Energy on the courthouse roof project. The moisture guard is 100 percent finished, gutters are 70 percent finished and shingles are 50 percent finished. The company will replace the downspouts with copper ones, replace damaged concrete and clean the attic when they finish with the project. Expected finish date, barring weather is May 31.

Stearman Fly-In planned for June 13, 14

The 27th annual Stearman Fly-In is planned to begin at daylight and run throughout the day, on June 13 and 14, at the airport in St. Francis. The airport is south of the K-Convenience Store, just off state highway 36 in St. Francis.

Pilots are asked to bring their own tie-downs.

"Hot air balloons will be launched around 7 a.m., or as close to daylight as possible, since daylight is normally the most calm wind conditions," said Richard

Grace, airport manager. Skydivers will perform throughout the day. However, scheduled dive times are not established, Grace said.

Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10:30 a.m., both Saturday and Sunday, with lunch being served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday only. The show is scheduled to end at noon on Sunday.

For information call Richard Grace at (785) 332-2251, or visit www.stearmanflyin.org on line.

'Tis the season for tax credits

When was the last time you went a day without hearing someone grumble about high gas prices? Increasing transportation costs are taking a bite out of profits for businesses these days, and increased costs of just about everything are a new challenge we all face.

With these glum economic realities before us, it's time to take a look at some show-me-the-money ideas that actually save businesses money and can help ease the pain of cost increases.

One of the money-saving ideas is the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which allows businesses to earn tax credits for hiring workers from targeted groups. For example, a company hiring an employee age 18-40 from specified rural counties can apply for a \$2,400 tax credit. Those counties in north-west Kansas include Barton, Decatur, Gove, Osborne, Phillips, Phillips, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Trego and Wallace.

If you hire a disabled veteran,



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the tax credit is \$4,800. These tax credits have to be applied for within 30 days of hiring the employee, so it is important to consider this tight timeline and organize applications into your hiring process.

Businesses may also be eligible for the Original Construction Sales Tax Exemption, which provides tax-free purchase of all supplies and services, including labor, used in constructing a new building or adding to an existing facility.

A couple of financial programs are set aside for companies that manufacture products within "basic industries." The Utility Sales Tax Exemption provides tax-free electricity, natural gas, water or heat consumed by machinery and equipment actually used in the manufacture and production pro-

cess. The best part is you can go back three years if you've been paying taxes on these expenses.

Another program set aside for basic industries is the Kansas Industrial Training program. These grant dollars help defray costs associated with training. Every company should invest training dollars in its employees, not only because it's the right thing to do, but because it's the smart thing to do.

A better-trained employee is more productive, increasing the company's profits. Trained employees also treat your customers better, and they are your focus, your bread and butter. Making smart decisions and taking advantage of cost-saving programs like these can have a positive impact on the bottom line. Find out more about these and other money-saving programs at KansasCommerce.com.

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Older cars a green alternative

Is it better to drive an older, well-maintained car that gets about 25 miles per gallon, or to buy a new car that gets about 35 miles per gallon?

It definitely makes more sense from a green perspective to keep your old car running and well-maintained as long as you can—especially if it's getting such good mileage. There are significant environmental costs to both manufacturing a new automobile and adding your old car to the ever-growing collective junk heap.

A 2004 analysis by Toyota found that as much as 28 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions generated during the lifecycle of a typical gasoline-powered car can occur during its manufacture and its transportation to the dealer; the remaining emissions occur during driving once its new owner takes possession. An earlier study by Seikei University in Japan put the pre-purchase number at 12 percent.

Regardless of which conclusion is closer to the truth, your current car has already passed its manufacture and transport stage, so going forward the relevant comparison has only to do with its remaining footprint against that of a new car's manufacture/trans-

port and driver's footprint—not to mention the environmental impact of either disposing of your old car or selling it to a new owner who will continue to drive it. There are environmental impacts, too, even if your old car is junked, dismantled and sold for parts.

And don't forget that the new hybrids—despite lower emissions and better gas mileage—actually have a much larger environmental impact in their manufacture, compared to non-hybrids. The batteries that store energy for the drive train are no friend to the environment—and having two engines under one hood increases manufacturing emissions. And all-electric vehicles are only emission-free if the outlet providing the juice is connected to a renewable energy source, not a coal-burning power plant, as is more likely.

If you want to assess your current car's fuel efficiency or emissions, there are many services available online. The government website FuelEconomy.gov provides fuel efficiency stats for hundreds of different vehicles dating back to 1985. Websites TrackYourGasMileage.com and MPG-Tune.com can help you track your mileage and provide ongoing tips to improve fuel efficiency for your

specific make and model vehicle. MyMileMarker.com takes it a step further, making projections about annual mileage, fuel costs and fuel efficiency based on your driving habits. If you have an iPhone, you can keep track of your car's carbon footprint with the new "Greenmeter App" from Hunter Research and Technologies. The program uses numerous variables to make its calculations on-the-go as you drive, including weather conditions, cost of fuel, vehicle weight, and more.

If you simply must change your vehicle, be it for fuel efficiency or any other reason, one option is to simply buy a used car that gets better gas mileage than your existing one. There's much to be said, from many environmental vantage points, about postponing replacement purchases—of anything, not just cars—to keep what's already made out of the waste stream and to delay the additional environmental costs of making something new.

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SATURDAY MAY 16

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas Saturday		Good Morning America (N) (CC)		Good Morning Kansas Saturday		That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Emperor New	Replacements
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Today (N) (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Veggie-Tales	Pen-guins	Turbo Dogs	Babar (CC)	Zula Patrol	Friend Rabbit
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	The Early Show (N) (CC)				News (N)				Straw-berry	Care Bears	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG (2)	Thomas-Friends	Bob the Builder	Market-Market	Saddle Up-Den	Big Big World	Bob the Builder	Thomas-Friends (CC)	Biz Kid\$ (CC)	Saddle Club	Motor-Week (N)	For Your Home	Victory Garden
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)						2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: Collateral Damage ★½ (2002, Action) A fireman goes after the terrorist who killed his family.							Movie: Mission: Impossible ★★½ (1996) Tom Cruise. (CC)
TBS (38)	Movie: The Wood (1999) A missing groom sends friends on a trip down memory lane.				Movie: The Honeymooners ★★ (2005, Comedy) Cedric the Entertainer. (CC)							Movie: Save the Last Dance ★★★ (2001, Romance) Julia Stiles. (CC)
WGN (39)	Paid Program	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	H'wood-Dine	Cultivat-ing Life
TNT (40)	Angel She (CC)		Law & Order Privileged		Law & Order Myth of Fingerprints		Law & Order The Ring (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Denial (CC) (DVS)			Movie: On Deadly Ground ★★ (1994)
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	P90X: Proof	Paid Program	Dirty Jobs Worm Dung Farmer (CC)		Dirty Jobs Dirtiest Tools (CC)		Out of the Wild: Alaska Experiment			Dirty Jobs Chimney sweep techniques.
A&E (47)	Biography Actress Meryl Streep. (CC)		Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!		Flip This House Joe's Quick Flip			Flip This House Rudy's Rodeo Steal
HIST (48)	Heavy Metal The F-14 (CC)		American Eats Canned Food (CC)		Wild West Tech Shootout Tech (CC)		The Universe Deep Space Disasters		The Universe Another Earth (CC)			Ancient Discoveries (CC)
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	OddParents	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Pen-guins	Barn-yard	Mighty B			Spon-geBob
DISN (56)	Tigger & Pooh	Ein-steins	Agent Oso	Handy Manny	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Imag. Movers	Handy Manny	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb		Movie: Finding Nemo ★★★ (2003)
FAM (58)	Step by Step	Step by Step	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Movie: The Little Rascals (1994) Spanky is annoyed when the love bug bites Alfalfa.			
HALL (60)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Movie: Freaky Friday ★★½ (1995, Fantasy) Shelley Long. (CC)				Movie: Hocus Pocus ★★½ (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler. (CC)			

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Paid Program	SELF CHEV.	Paid Program	Colon Detox	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wipeout (CC)		Paid Program	ABC News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Jeop-ardyl!	DTV Special	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Equestrian: Rolex Championships.		Horse Racing: Preakness Stakes. From Baltimore. (Live) (CC)				NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Action Sports Championships		PGA Tour Golf: Valero Texas Open -- Third Round. From San Antonio. (Live) (CC)							CBS News
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Home-time	Wood-wright	Nick Stellino	Barbe-cue	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Place-Our Own		Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)
ESPN (28)	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2008 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	
USA (37)	(10:30) Movie: Mission Implb.		Movie: Bad Boys II ★★ (2003, Action) Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. <i>Martin Lawrence, Will Smith.</i> (CC)						Movie: Face/Off ★★★ (1997) An FBI agent and a violent terrorist switch identities. (CC)			
TBS (38)	Movie: Deliver Us From Eva (2003) A legendary Lothario is hired to romance a meddling woman. (CC)		Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	King of Queens	King of Queens		King of Queens
WGN (39)	MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Toronto Blue Jays. Rogers Centre. (Live) (CC)				Legend of the Seeker Sanctuary		Legend of the Seeker Sanctuary		Legend of the Seeker Fever (CC)			Movie: Great Balls of Fire! ★★ (1989)
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: On Deadly Ground ★★		Movie: Snake Eyes ★½ (1998, Suspense) U.S. official is killed at an Atlantic City fight.				Movie: Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life ★★ (2003, Adventure) Angelina Jolie. (CC)					Movie: G.I. Jane
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Ostrich farmer. (CC)	Dirty Jobs Wine Maker Wine making.			Extreme Loggers Mules are used.		Extreme Loggers Helicopter Logging		American Loggers (CC)			American Loggers A Week From Hell
A&E (47)	The Secret Life of Vampires The creatures affect pop culture. (CC)		Psychic Kids: Paranormal		Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal
HIST (48)	Battles BC Moses: Death Chase (CC)		Battles BC Alexander the Great.		Battles BC Ramses: Raging Chariots		Battles BC (CC)		Last Stand of the 300 Seven thousand Greek soldiers face the Persian Empire.			
NICK (55)	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	Spon-geBob	Mighty B	Mighty B	Barn-yard	Barn-yard	Barn-yard	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob
DISN (56)	(11:00) Movie: Phineas and Ferb	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Suite Life	Suite Life	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Phineas and Ferb	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody
FAM (58)	Movie: How to Eat Fried Worms ★★½ (2006) Thomas Cavanagh. (Premiere) (CC)		Movie: Holes ★★★ (2003) A woman forces juvenile delinquents to dig at a camp. <i>Sigourney Weaver.</i> (CC)		Movie: Mumanji ★★½ (1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams. (CC)				Movie: Love Is a Four Letter Word (2007, Romance) Teri Polo. (CC)			
HALL (60)	Movie: Splash ★★ (1984, Romance-Comedy) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah. (CC)		Movie: See Jane Date ★★½ (2003, Romance-Comedy) Charisma Carpenter.									

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (N) (CC)	Kake News	Movie: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ★★★ (2005) Voldemort lays a trap for Harry at the Triwizard Tournament. (CC)		News (N)	Desperate Housewives (CC)		Ent. Tonight				
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order: SVU		Southland Westside (CC)		Law & Order Take-Out (CC)		News (N)	Saturday Night Live (Season Finale) Will Ferrell; Green Day.		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Paid Program	The Mentalist Pilot		The Mentalist Red John's Friends (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N)	M*A*S*H (CC)		Boston Legal ... There's Fire! (CC)
K15CG (2)	Sun-flower	Perfect Day (CC)	Keeping Up As Time Goes By		The Lawrence Walk Show		Ro-mance	New Red Green	Austin City Limits My Morning Jacket			Soundstage REO Speedwagon (CC)
ESPN (28)	(5:00) SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Kobe: Doin' Work (N)		Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			Fast-break Baseball Tonight
USA (37)	(4:00) Movie: Face/Off ★★★ (1997)		Movie: Blood Diamond ★★★ (2006, Adventure) Two men join in a quest to recover a priceless gem. <i>Leonardo DiCaprio.</i> (CC)		Movie: Monster-in-Law (2005) A shrewish woman clashes with her son's fiancée.		Movie: The Perfect Man ★★ (2005) A teen invents a secret admirer for her mother.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: SVU
TBS (38)	Movie: Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ★★½ (2004) Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace.		Movie: Sweet Dreams ★★ (1985, Biography) Based on the life and career of country singer Patsy Cline.		Movie: Living Proof: The Hank Williams Jr. Story ★★ (1983) Richard Thomas.							Movie: G.I. Jane ★★ (1997, Drama) Demi Moore. (CC)
WGN (39)	(5:30) Movie: G.I. Jane ★★ (1997, Drama) Demi Moore. (CC)				Movie: The Rock ★★ (1996, Action) Alcatraz Island terrorists threaten to gas San Francisco. (CC)							Movie: G.I. Jane ★★ (1997, Drama) Demi Moore. (CC)
DSC (42)	American Loggers (CC)	American Loggers Stuck in the Muck	American Loggers White Gold (CC)		American Loggers (CC)		American Loggers (CC)		American Loggers Stuck in the Muck			American Loggers White Gold (CC)
A&E (47)	CSI: Miami Death Eminent (CC)		CSI: Miami Slow Burn (CC)		CSI: Miami Stalkerazzi (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos Meadowlands (CC)			CSI: Miami Slow Burn (CC)
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Cheese Cheese.		Angels & Demons Decoded Plot to destroy the Catholic Church. (CC)		Beyond The Da Vinci Code Author sets forth incredible hypotheses. (CC)				Code Author sets forth incredible hypotheses. (CC)			Angels & Demons Decoded (CC)
NICK (55)	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (N) (CC)	True Jackson	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	The Manny	The Manny
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Jonas (N) (CC)	Wizards-Place	Movie: Hatching Pete (2009, Comedy) Jason Dolley.		Phineas and Ferb		Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Cory in House
FAM (58)	(4:30) Movie: Jumanji (1995) (CC)		Movie: Beetlejuice (1988) Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. ★★½ (2005) <i>Voices of Johnny Depp.</i>		Movie: Tim Burton's Corpse Bride of Johnny Depp. ★★½ (2005) <i>Voices of Johnny Depp.</i>							Fresh Prince
HALL (60)	Movie: A Cool, Dry Place ★★½ (1998, Drama) Vince Vaughn. (CC)		Movie: Ever After: A Cinderella Story ★★ (1998, Romance) Drew Barrymore.						Movie: Love Is a Four Letter Word (2007, Romance) Teri Polo. (CC)			

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