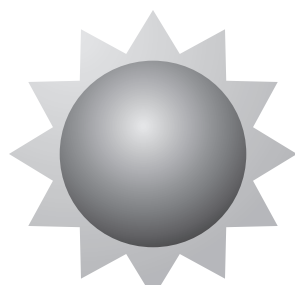


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 4 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Southwest wind around 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

Sunday: Sunny, high near 96.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 92.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Wednesday: High, 86; Low 64
Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
Month: 0.00 inches
Year: 16.84 inches
Normal: 16.41 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:50 a.m. 8:49 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,060,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

City council to revisit town budget at next meeting

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end at Fike Park.

- Approved a resolution increasing entry-level pay for new employees by 1.5 percent.

- Listened to Brian Spano of Wilson & Co. recommend they approve a bid of \$239,500 by Smoky Hill Heavy Construction, a Salina firm, to replace the lift station in the 700 block of North Copeland.

The council also approved a \$24,700 alternate for an epoxy coating on the station and manhole. The cost of the project was about \$24,000 over the estimate of \$240,000. Armstrong said the reason for the high cost was because the project involved

a lot of excavation in a confined area.

The contractors will be digging a 40-foot hole in about a 10-by-10 foot area, said Spano. He said the contractors would have to pay \$60,000 just for shoring equipment.

The money to pay for the project will come from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund.

The other bids that were received by the council included \$269,122 with an alternate cost of \$24,013 made by APAC-Kansas Shears Division in Hutchinson, and \$517,157 with an alternate cost of \$28,922 made by Trinity Excavating of Kansas City, Kan.

- Approved all required federal policies and documents under the stimulus

bill, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The city is to receive a \$70,500 stimulus grant-loan from the state to pay for the effluent irrigation system to water the ball fields at the Colby Recreation Complex. The city will have to pay back \$35,250 to the Kansas Revolving Loan Fund run by the Department of Health and Environment.

- Heard Recreation Director Stacey Lee present the department's 2010 budget request for \$238,994, slightly below this year's budget.

- Heard Mike Wiens, president of the Pioneer Memorial Library board, with a budget request for \$250,202, slightly above the current budget of \$241,356.

Librarian Melany Wilks said the increase reflected cost of new computers, contract labor and keeping everything up to date. She said moving from eight to 16 computers had increased costs.

She said in this budget, the tech costs are all in the technology part of the budget. This increased the budget by revealing the true costs of adding and keeping up to date the technology at the library, she said.

The technology budget for 2010 is \$9,300 and this year it was \$2,500. She said the increase is because in the past, there were many hidden technology costs spread around the budget.

Tribune extension office to hold Dryland Ag Day

TRIBUNE — Kansas State University's Southwest Research and Extension Center at Tribune will host its Dryland Ag Day on Thursday, Aug. 20, at the center one mile west of town on K-96.

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. (Central Time) with registration and refreshments. Field tours begin at 9 a.m. and indoor seminars start at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be provided and more field tours will start at 2:30 p.m.

Topics of presentations by scientists from K-State Research and Extension, the University of Nebraska and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will include:

- Tillage effects on near-surface soil water content.
- Does it pay to control volunteer Roundup Ready corn?
- Long-term no-till with wheat and grain sorghum.
- Wheat stubble height ef-

fects on subsequent corn and grain sorghum.

- Triticale and sorghum for forage.
- Yields and water use in large-scale crop rotations.
- Grain sorghum with resistance to post-emergence grass control herbicides.
- Skip-row and clump planting of corn and grain sorghum.
- Preseason and limited-irrigation of corn.

Indoor seminar topics will include:

- New fertilizer technology.
- Benefits from using a strip-per header.
- Potential of using hormones on dryland wheat.
- Grain sorghum with resistance to post-emergence grass control herbicides.
- Control of jointed goat-grass.

For information, call agronomist-in-charge Alan Schlegel at (620) 376-4761.

Lighter hurricane season expected

MIAMI (AP) — Government forecasters today lowered their outlook for the rest of the Atlantic hurricane season after a quiet start with no named storms in the first two months of the six-month stretch.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said it expects a near-normal to below-normal season with fewer named storms. The update to their May forecast comes after a warmer weather pattern called an El Nino developed over the Pacific Ocean, acting as a damper to tropical storms in the Caribbean and neighboring Atlantic.

But forecasters at the National Hurricane Center warned people to remain vigilant because the peak period for hurricanes runs from this month through October. The overall season lasts from June through November.

The updated forecast calls for seven to 11 named tropical storms, down from a range of nine to 14 in the May forecast.

Three to six storms could become hurricanes, down from four to seven in the earlier forecast. The new projection says one or

two hurricanes could become major storms, instead of one to three major hurricanes.

Tropical storms get names when sustained wind speeds reach 39 mph. They become hurricanes when sustained winds reach 74 mph. Major hurricanes blow at 111 mph or more. The strongest hurricanes are labeled Category 5, with winds greater than 155 mph.

Researchers at Colorado State University also have lowered their forecast for the Atlantic season to 10 named storms, including four hurricanes, two of them major.

The El Nino warming of the Pacific sea surface suppresses storm formation, said lead seasonal hurricane forecaster Gerry Bell.

"El Nino produces stronger upper-level westerly winds over the Caribbean Sea and tropical Atlantic Ocean, which help to reduce hurricane activity by blowing away the tops of growing thunderstorm clouds that would normally lead to tropical storms," Bell said.

Competing with El Nino, however, are conditions that mark an ongoing high-activity era that began in 1995, forecasters said. Those factors include enhanced

rainfall over West Africa and warmer Atlantic water temperatures, which favor storm development.

Hurricanes have struck the U.S. during previous El Ninos, including Camille in 1969, a Category 5 storm, Betsy in 1965, Bob in 1991 and Lili in 2002.

So far this year, one tropical depression formed off Cape Hatteras, N.C., on May 28, four days before the official start of the season; it never threatened land.

Hospital offers new technology

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that it is noninvasive and has no known risks or side effects.

The service has not been available here before, she said. Amanda Lange Adams, registered vascular technologist, will return to the hospital to do the testing after she completes several weeks of hands-on training in San Francisco.

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