

Weather



National Weather Service Winter Storm Watch

Tonight: A chance of freezing rain after midnight. Areas of freezing fog. Cloudy, with a low around 20. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tuesday: A chance of freezing rain before noon, then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 36. Southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Tuesday Night: A chance of rain before 10 p.m., then a chance of freezing rain between 10 p.m. and midnight. Areas of fog before 10 p.m. Areas of freezing fog after midnight. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 29. South wind around 5 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 44. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 40.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 46.

Friday: High, 36; Low 15
 Saturday: High, 40; Low 11
 Sunday: High, 38; Low 09
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday None
 Sunday None
 Month: 0.55
 Year: 20.18 inches
 Normal: 20.65 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:55 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 90 percent
 Wednesday 7:56 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 83 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Some farmers have banner year

From "FARMERS," Page 1

That's not to say that everyone is sharing in the good fortune. Near Gardner, a short drive south of Kansas City, a lack of rain and nagging winds conspired to leave Bill Voigts with about half of the soybeans he expected. His harvest of corn was worse, coming in at about one-third of his normal production. Even with insurance, he didn't quite break even on the 2,400 acres he farms — most of

them rented. "Had it not been for insurance in this area, it'd be a disaster. That's the only thing that saves us," said Voigts, 66. But he noted that the drought plaguing farmers like him helped drive up prices for commodities like corn, soybeans and wheat, benefitting those fortunate enough to get a good crop. "At the expense of some farmers, other farmers become wealthy," he said. "That's really the whole story. That's not

the government's fault, it's nobody's fault. That's just the way things happen. "Some people got left behind." Yet most of the talk about U.S. farming remains bullish, with analysts widely trumpeting "the new normal" in U.S. agriculture: Demand in China, India and other developing countries for U.S. agricultural exports — and hunger for corn for ethanol — has been keeping prices high and farming profitable.

In central Illinois' Morgan County near Jacksonville, Dale Hadden says he was "pleasantly surprised" by the corn and soybeans he got from the some 4,000 acres he works with his brother and their parents, considering they lost about 400 acres of corn to 21 inches of rain in June.

All told, Hadden estimated his crops were worth 10 percent to 15 percent more than in previous years, amounting to tens of thousands of dollars. He spent a chunk of that on an advance full-year payment on a seven-year loan on one of his tractors and to pay down debt on land.

"It was a successful year," said Hadden, a 38-year-old with two children, ages 11 and 9. "But most farmers would tell you that just because you're flush with cash, you don't spend it all."

In Oregon, 79-year-old Warren Haight sure didn't. With four decades of farming under

his belt, Haight — socked by the high cost of electricity to irrigate crops in high desert country — unloaded his 1,500-acre operation a couple of years ago. He pocketed \$1.7 million on the land sale and \$300,000 from liquidating everything from haying equipment to plows and tractors, using some of the proceeds on two new homes — one for him, the other for his son and his family — while saving much of the rest.

"It was a pretty good deal at the time," said Haight, who now has just 72 acres near mountainous Klamath Falls on which he grows alfalfa and grass crops. He'd like to get at least 100 more acres, saying demand for hay in China and other Pacific Rim countries is boosting prices.

"It was kind of the perfect storm — what you had this year brought a good price," he said. "Everything seemed to be a good price."

In western Iowa near Kingsley, Jeff Reinking and his brother — partners in a 2,500-acre operation evenly split between corn and beans — recently traded in a 2006 combine for one three years newer — spoils from what Reinking called "the best year for me." He also paid off some debt and put some money aside in case things aren't always so rosy.

"I guess we're getting the better end of things right now," Reinking said.

Brewster junior attends conference

From "CONFERENCE," Page 1

ner. Rice met with the other members of his role group to review information available and react to new information and perspectives introduced at key points by the forum faculty. Members of the media group circulated among the groups, conducting interviews and seeking out information to report to the public.

The forum began to wrap up on the fifth day with completion of the simulation including a presentation and discussion of his group's plan to resolve the crisis in Northeast Asia.

Each group had different ob-

jectives, and Rice had to master the arts of negotiation and compromise. Each group's input helped to shape the policy ultimately chosen by the president. Once the policy course had been selected, scholars used the knowledge gained throughout the week to prepare a strategy and execute the president's policy.

With the time remaining Rice and his fellow scholars spent the day exploring of some of Washington, D.C.'s most famous sites, including Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums and the Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans and Lincoln memorials.

President Obama's speech frames Kansas income tax issue

From "TAX," Page 1

the nation didn't have an income tax. A levy imposed by Congress in 1894 had been struck down as unconstitutional, and Roosevelt's fellow Progressive pushed and eventually won ratification in 1913 of the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Roosevelt advocated a graduated tax, as he put it in Osawatimie, on "big fortunes."

Obama argued wealthy Americans use "loopholes and shelters" to avoid paying income taxes, so they often pay less as a percentage than middle-class or poor Americans. Similarly, Wagnon said imposing higher tax rates on larger incomes recognizes that the wealthy can tap the expertise of lawyers and accountants more easily.

Kansans authorized a state income tax by adopting an amendment to their state constitution in 1932, setting the first rates during the administration of Gov. Alf Landon, also a GOP icon.

The state once had eight individual income tax brackets and imposed a tax as high as 9 percent. It now has three brackets, with the top rate at 7.75 percent, for the portion of single individuals' incomes above \$30,000. For married couples filing jointly, the top rate is 6.45 percent, on the portion of their incomes above \$60,000.

Brownback has suggested repeatedly that his administration will seek to reduce

those top "marginal" tax rates, and Jordan said such a strategy is a good way to spur economic growth and make the state more competitive, particularly because many businesses, partnerships and sole-proprietorships pay individual income taxes, rather than corporate income taxes.

But the governor also has promised that the plan will be "revenue neutral." That's led to speculation by Wagnon and others that the administration could try to curtail exemptions, eliminate deductions or even end tax breaks for poor families.

"It's so on target with the issues that we know are coming up in this legislative session," she said.

But some Republican critics of Obama's speech countered that the president would do better to concentrate on creating new jobs and creating a general prosperity.

And Jordan said: "I don't think we want to get into a discussion that we want to hit the rich or hit a certain part of our society. We want to think about all Kansans."

Roosevelt didn't win Kansas when he ran for a third term as president in 1912 as a Progressive. His bid under the Bull Moose banner split the GOP and allowed Democrat Woodrow Wilson to win the presidency and carry the Sunflower State. In fact, it was the last time Democrats won the governor's office and majorities in both houses of the Legislature.

Military forts progressing with civilian cuts

By John Milburn

The Associated Press

FORT RILEY — Army leaders at two Kansas installations are making progress in trimming their payrolls, reassigning positions and leaving others vacant as they cope with declining federal spending on military operations.

Col. William Clark, garrison commander at Fort Riley, said the installation located about 60 miles west of Topeka has trimmed its payroll from 1,100 employees to 1,040, or a 15 percent reduction. The goal is to be at 960 civilian employees by the end of the federal fiscal year.

"One of the challenges we have is there is a new fiscal reality," Clark said, adding that contracts will also be cut by 10 percent.

Fort Leavenworth had a target of 125 positions in agencies that keep the post running on the banks of the Missouri River. The reductions do not count additional cuts made to the Combined Arms Center on the post, which is responsible for several Army schools and training centers, including the Command and General Staff College.

Briefly

Pets available at clinic for adoption

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a 4- to 5-year-old black and white longhaired female cat available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

Ring the bell for the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is in need of bell-ringers for its Walmart kettle. Money raised is used locally. To volunteer, call Sue Draper at 462-7511.

College pool, gym closed until Jan. 2

The Colby Community College pool will be closed through Sunday, Jan. 1, for renovations and repairs. The pool will reopen on Monday, Jan. 2. The college fitness lab will be closed Saturday through Jan. 1. It will also reopen on Jan. 2. For information call 460-5411.

Seniors plan potluck

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Lions to serve pancakes

The Gem Lions Club will have its annual pancake feed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Bring eyeglasses and hearing aids, so the club can recycle them. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

Help available with benefit paperwork

A mobile services outreach van from the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will be set up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at Dollar General. Commission staff will be on hand to assist veterans or surviving spouses with getting benefits from the federal government. For information, call 462-3572.

Learn about history at Food for Thought

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will hold a Food for Thought program at noon Thursday with a talk by Jim Gray on cattle and the cowboy era. Food for Thought is offered every third Thursday each month through April. For information, call 460-4590.

Come for the soup, stay for the scripture

The Thomas County Ministerial Association will be holding Soup and Scripture at noon Wednesdays through Dec. 21 at Smoffees. The menu is soup (usually three kinds), homemade bread, dessert and drink for \$6. This year's theme is "Gift of God." The speaker Wednesday is Edna Hansen of Redeeming Love Ministries. For information, call Jarrod Spencer at 460-6322.

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Tuesday Evening December 13, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Suburg.	Body of Proof		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable			Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Royal Marriage		The Biggest Loser				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Glee		New Girl	Raising	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	White Christmas							White Christmas		
ANIM	Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.	
CMT	Footloose		CMT Artists of the Year 2011		CMT Artists of the Year 2011			Mistletoe Jams		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Swamp Loggers	
DISN	Austin	Charlie & Chocolate			Shake It		Austin	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Kourtney and Kim		Kourtney and Kim		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	Wm. Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball		Basketball Studio		SportsCenter Special		Sports	Sports	Year/Quarterback	
FAM	Dr. Seuss'				Dr. Seuss'					
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Alvin-Chipmnk				Alvin-Chipmnk				America Sweet	
HGTV	First	My House	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	Property	Property	Property
HIST	American	American	Proving God				Modern Marvels		American	American
LIFE	Wife Swap		America's Supernanny		One Born Ev.		One Born Ev.		Wife Swap	
MTV	True Life		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		I Used to Be Fat	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Underworld: Ev				Underworld		War Wolves			
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Flip Men	Flip Men	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Conan One Hour Best	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	The Lemon Drop Kid				Fitzwilly					
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Don't Tell the Bride		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Good Morning, Killer				CSI: NY		Good Morning, Killer	
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Hidden City		Off Limits		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	The Exes		Cleveland	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		WWE Tribute				Psych		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Tough Love: Miami				Still Single?		40 Winningest	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	Strangers	Hall Pass			Enlighten		Boardwalk Empire		Boxing	
MAX	Anothr 48	The Rage: Carrie 2			Unstoppable		Lingerie			
SHOW	Shameless		Shameless		Dexter		Homeland		Gigolos	Old Porn

Wednesday Evening December 14, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Fascinating People			Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor-Pacific		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	All Night	Whitney	Harry's Law		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor			Daughter	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage
AMC	White Christmas							White Christmas		
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Top Chef: Texas		Work of Art		Top Chef: Texas		Top Chef: Texas		Top Chef: Texas	
CMT	Blue Collar						Larry, Cable Guy's, Christmas		Fried	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama
DISC	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Moonshiners		Sons of Guns		Moonshiners	
DISN	Pixie	Beauty and the Beast			Wizards	Shake It	Shake It	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Evan Almighty				The Soup	After Lat	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Basketball				SportsCenter Special		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsNation		NFL Live	
FAM	Pixar	Finding Nemo					The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Mystery D	Diners	Next Iron Chef		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	X-Men Origins				Horror Story		Horror Story		Horror Story	
HGTV	House	Hunters	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Income	Kitchen

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	HIST	LIFE	MTV	NICK	SCI	SPIKE	TBS	TCM	TLC	TNT	TOON	TRAV	TV LAND	USA	VH1	WGN
HIST	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.
LIFE	Nanny-Christ		The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World
MTV	The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World	The Real World
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		Unleashed													
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang													