

Flood concerns grow in Elwood

(KAIR)--Concerns of flooding are growing in the Doniphan County community of Elwood, with the City of Elwood watching the situation closely.

A release from the City of Elwood is alerting residents to be prepared for flooding. That comes as the Missouri River at Elwood is predicted to continue rising, and then crest at 29.4 feet on March 19.

The release says "the city recommends a mandatory evacuation at 30 feet." A community information meeting focused on the flood threat is planned for Friday evening, March 15.

According to the City of Elwood, the meeting will be held at 6:00 at the Elwood Community Center, located at 803 Massachusetts Street.

 Credit: Facebook/City of Elwood

The Missouri Department of Transportation, in a release, said that with the melted ice and snow saturating the ground, more rain could cause flooding situations to change quickly.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is increasing releases from Gavins Point Dam in response to increased runoff into the Missouri River above the dam.

According to a release from the Corps, the increased releases began Wednesday.

Widespread rain and snowmelt has prompted the National Weather Service to issue flood warnings from southeast South Dakota to St. Louis, with warnings in place across the local area.

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