

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. East wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 76. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers after 1 a.m. Low around 43. Breezy, north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Wednesday: Rain. High near 45. Windy, with a north wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain and snow before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of snow. Cloudy and blustery, with a low around 30. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 49.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 59.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 58.

Friday: High, 67; Low 28
Saturday: High, 63; Low 29
Sunday: High, 80; Low 40

Precip: Friday Trace
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday 0.00 inches

Month: 1.21 inches
Year: 23.29 inches
Normal: 19.19 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. 6:58 p.m.
Wednesday 8:01 a.m. 6:56 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

State sees backlog in Medicaid

PITTSBURG (AP) — Rising unemployment, the swelling ranks of the uninsured, outdated technology and the state's budget problems have led to a backlog of 12,000 Medicaid applications in Kansas, health officials said.

A contractor that processes applications for the Kansas Health Policy Authority is supposed to complete them in two to six weeks, but has taken up to four months in some cases.

The authority predicted there would be a backlog but was denied a request to the Legislature last session for \$1.5 million for extra staff to speed up the processing work, Peter Hancock, an agency spokesman, told the *Joplin Globe* in a story published Monday.

"We saw this coming," Hancock said. "We're not surprised. We're disappointed, obviously, that there are so many people uninsured and it's taking so long."

As of September, Medicaid covered 265,787 Kansas residents, with an additional 38,683 children up to age 19 covered by the state Children's Health In-

urance Program, or SCHIP. That's about 10 percent of the state's population.

The backlog is due partly to the state's rising unemployment rate, as well as the number of working people who no longer have health insurance, Hancock said.

The unemployment rate in August was 7.1 percent. The Kansas Health Institute says that 40.9 percent of adult residents without health insurance worked full time and year-round in 2007-08.

Hancock contends the state's "very antiquated, old, inefficient eligibility system" that dates to the mid-1980s also contributes to the backlog.

The result, he said, is a "very labor-intensive process" of handling the applications.

In September, Kansas received a five-year, \$40.3 million grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration to be used to modernize the enrollment system. Eventually, the health authority will be able to offer online applications.

The authority has shifted money in savings to pay more overtime to work through the applications.

Flu symptoms keep some kids home

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"We know if a student is out because of illness, it could be the flu, it could be something else," Call said. "We are reporting illnesses to the county."

In western Kansas, students in Ness City schools got an unscheduled two-day break earlier this month because of widespread illness.

Activities also are seeing attendance dwindle.

In suburban Kansas City's Johnson County, attendance is sparse at the AmeriKick karate

studio. Instructor Jarrett Leiker counted the students in their white karate robes and pants during one class last week. Instead of 30, there were just 11.

His father, Bob Leiker, owner of the school, said most of the missing were home sparring with the flu.

The staff is working to keep the facility clean, he said. They swab the sinks, the doorways, the punching bags and especially the room-size mats.

"We're old school here," he said. "Clorox is our best weapon, and lots of it."

Fort Hays survey shows Kansas' stance on the issues

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lar, gas, oil and biofuels such as ethanol. Nuclear energy and coal tended to be the lowest priorities.

• Respondents were divided on the question of whether the economic benefits of oil and coal production outweigh environmental concerns, with 54 percent saying the benefits of oil outweighed the concerns and 52 percent saying the benefits of coal outweighed those concerns.

• About half of respondents were satisfied with the current level of gun control and legalized gambling. Of those dissatisfied, most wanted less legalized gambling and more gun control.

• Two-thirds said they favored devoting more resources to addressing illegal immigration.

• A majority, 53 percent, said they favored teaching both evolution and creationism in the public schools, while 18 percent said that neither theory should be taught. The remaining respondents were evenly divided between wanting one or the other taught exclusively.

• Respondents were highly divided on opinions of the death penalty in Kansas, with the most common response, 40 percent, favoring limited use, 21 percent in favor of abolishing the death penalty and 23 percent in favor of ex-

cuting all convicted murderers.

• A majority of respondents, 52 percent, said the budget for public education should be increased and 93 percent said it should at least be maintained at its current level.

• Support for higher education was not as strong, with 43 percent favoring increased spending and 91 percent saying it should at least be maintained.

In addition to the general trends, the survey examined issues by demographics. For example:

• Respondents in western Kansas tended to rate the state economy most highly, while those in the southeast tended to rate it the lowest. Respondents who voted in the 2008 election, Anglo-Americans, those in upper income categories and those living in western Kansas tended to rate the state more highly as a place to live.

• Preference for teaching both evolution and creationism was highest among respondents with some college classes, while those with graduate degrees were the most likely to prefer teaching evolution only.

• Opposition to the death penalty was stronger among women, those with higher education levels, ethnic minorities and those who voted in the 2008 election.

• Support for increasing spending on schools was higher among women and respondents most like-

ly to be parents of school students, between the ages of 26 and 45.

• Respondents tending to favor more gun control were nonvoters, Hispanics, lower-income respondents and women.

• Support for more legalized gambling was stronger among upper-income respondents and minorities.

• Increased support to address

illegal immigration was more popular among non-Hispanic respondents and those with lower levels of education.

The entire survey report, including an executive summary and all the statistical results, is available on the Docking website at www.fhsu.edu/docking/, where a link is featured on the home page.

The institute, created in 1980

at Fort Hays State, has become a leader in facilitating public policy development for western and rural Kansas. Today, programs and services targeted toward regional development and growth carry on the tradition of public service started by Kansas Govs. George Docking and Robert B. Docking and Lt. Gov. Tom Docking.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Tuesday Evening										October 20, 2009				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Dancing-Stars		the forgotten		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late					
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh					
KSAS/FOX	MLB Baseball				Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	The First 48		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	The First 48				
AMC	Top Gun									Stripes				
ANIM	Weird	Weird	Weird	Weird	Lost Tape	Lost Tape	Weird	Weird	Lost Tape	Lost Tape				
BRAVO	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		\$1M Listing					
CMT	Extreme-Home		Strict Parents		Strict Parents		Smarter	Smarter	Best Whorehse					
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live					
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	DailyShow	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park				
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab		Ghost Lab		Dirty Jobs					
DISN	The Haunted Mansion		Phineas	Phineas	Montana		Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory				
E!	Never Been Kissed				Lamas	Lamas	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Lamas				
ESPN	30 for 30		World Series		World Series		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live				
ESPN2	NFL's Greatest Game		NFL's Greatest Game		30 for 30		SportsNation							
FAM	The Goonies				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Greek					
FOOD	Ace of Cakes		The Next Iron Chef		Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	The Next Iron Chef					
FX	The Italian Job				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Nip/Tuck					
HGTV	My First	My First	House	Buck	House	House	Property	My First	House	Buck				
HIST	The Universe		The Universe		Earth-Made		Rogue Waves		The Universe					
LIFE	Medium		Wife Swap		Sherri	Rita Rock	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier				
MTV	Gone Too Far		The City	The Hills	The Hills	The City	The Hills	The City	True Life					
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm				
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	ECW		Wrong Turn 2							
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Surviving Disaster		DEA					
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and t				
TCM	Mr. Sardonicus				Strait-Jacket				The Tinger					
TLC	18 Kids and Counting		18 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little	18 Kids and Counting		18 Kids	18 Kids				
TNT	Bones		Bones		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		HawthoRNe					
TOON	Total Dra	Total	Stoked	STEEN	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen				
TRAV	Sandwich Paradise		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre World		Bizarre World		Sandwich Paradise					
TV LAND	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	Roseanne	Roseanne				
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI					
VH1	Real Chance of Love		Tool Academy		My Antonio		Behind the Music		Real Chance of Love					
WGN	Paulie				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park				
Premium Channels														
HBO	Kung Fu Panda		Slumdog Millionaire				Curb	Bored	Outrage					
MAX	The Incredible Hulk				Street Kings									
SHOW	Charlie Bartlett				Dexter		Californ	Californ	The Eye					

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Scientists find 32 more distant planets

WASHINGTON (AP) — European astronomers have found 32 new planets outside our solar system, adding evidence to the theory that the universe has many places where life could develop.

Scientists using the European Southern Observatory telescope didn't find any planets quite the size of Earth or any that seemed habitable or even unusual. But their announcement increased the number of planets discovered outside the solar system to more than 400.

Six of the newly found planets are several times bigger than Earth, increasing the population of so-called super-Earths by more than 30 percent. Most planets discovered so far are far bigger, Jupiter-sized or even larger.

Two of the newly discovered planets were as small as five times the size of Earth and one was up to five times larger than Jupiter.

Astronomer Stephane Udry of the University of Geneva said the results support the theory that planet formation is common, especially around the most common types of stars.

"I'm pretty confident that there are Earth-like planets everywhere," Udry said in a Web-based news briefing from a conference in Portugal. "Nature doesn't like a vacuum. If there is space to put a planet there, there will be a planet there."

The discoveries were made by the High Accuracy Radial Velocity Planet Searcher, which is an attachment to the European telescope in Chile

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COLBY KANSAS MEETING SCHEDULE

Alcoholics Anonymous:
Colby 6th Street
8:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning meeting

Downtown:
Basement of City Hall
8:30 p.m. ~ Monday and Thursday

Sisters in Sobriety:
Basement of City Hall
5:00 p.m. ~ Sunday

Narcotics Anomomys:
Basement of City Hall
8:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

Alanon:
Colby 6th Street
8:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday

ACOA:
Basement of City Hall
7:00 p.m. ~ Monday

Wednesday Evening										October 21, 2009				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Hank	Middle	Family	Cougar	Eastwick		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late					
KSNK/NBC	Mercy		Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh					
KSAS/FOX	You Can Dance		Glee		Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Manhunter	Manhunter	Dog	Dog				
AMC	Ghostbusters				Ghostbusters II									
ANIM	Untamed and Uncut		Sasquatch: Legend		River Monsters		Untamed and Uncut		Sasquatch: Legend					
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas				Top Chef: Las Vegas	Top Chef				
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Footloose		Smarter		Smarter		Footloose					
CNN	Campbell Brown		CNN Presents		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Presents							
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	Michael	S. Park	Secret Gi	DailyShow	Colbert	S. Park	Secret Gi				
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Time Warp		MythBusters		MythBusters					
DISN	Mom's Got a Date-Vampire		Phineas	Phineas	Montana		Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory				
E!	Keep Up	Kourtney	Miami	Miami	Courtney Cox: THS		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls				
ESPN	College Football				SportsCenter		Baseball		NFL Live					
ESPN2	30 for 30		30 for 30		World Series		World Series		SportsNation					
FAM	Beetlejuice				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?					
FOOD	Tailgate-Fieri		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Flay	Flay				
FX	Devil-Prada				Nip/Tuck		Nip/Tuck		Sunny	Sunny				
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Renovatn	Haulin	My First	House	Income				
DIY DRAMA CONTEST														
Share your DIY blooper														