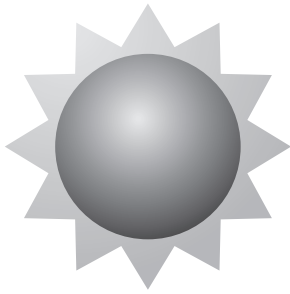


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Clear, low around 28. South wind around 10 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.
Tuesday Night: A slight chance of flurries after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Wednesday: A slight chance of flurries before 10 a.m. Partly cloudy, high near 33. Breezy, north wind between 10 and 20 mph, gusts as high as 30 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 46.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37.
 Wednesday: High, 45; Low 24
 Thursday: High, 64; Low 27
 Friday: High, 74; Low 26
 Saturday: High, 59; Low 26
 Sunday: High, 46; Low 24
Precipitation
 Wed. - Sun. 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.41 inches
 Year: 25.60 inches
 Normal: 19.95 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:46 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Family dairy marks 10 years in Thomas County

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"Our main feeder has been with us for seven years," he said, "and I just don't know what we'd do without them."

Clay says he does all the "heat" checks, to see when the cows are ready to breed at both dairies, plus he does the artificial insemination and the ultrasound pregnancy checks.

But dairying is more than milking cows. It is raising baby calves, making sure feed stocks are plentiful, staying in compliance with state Water Board regulations on water

use, meeting and maintaining environmental standards and cleaning barns, equipment and alleyways. It is even making sure the cows' bedding is cleaned so that they are as comfortable and clean as possible.

It's fighting with the mud and gunk in a year with lots of rain, pulling every load of silage to the silo because of the mud, and last but not least, it's hauling tons and tons of manure to be spread over the fields to be used as fertilizer. Running a dairy is all these things and more. It's hard work, long hours and it's 365 days a year.

Even cows in the 800-foot-by-190-foot

open free-stall pens are treated to an automatic cleaning operation. The area behind where the cows eat is engineered so a valve can be opened and the whole area washed. The water goes into holding lagoons beyond the barns, and then is recycled and used to clean again, or pumped onto fields to water and fertilize the corn grown as feed.

"We can raise a full corn crop on lagoon water, and the field we're pumping on now hasn't had any commercial fertilizer in four years," Clay said. "This is truly production agriculture where we can generate more dollars through the economy without being

water intensive, because we reclaim our water."

Fresh water needs for drinking and cleaning total about 150 thousand gallons every 24 hours, he said.

"What it boils down to is good people," Clay said, looking out over the equipment and heifer yard. "We have great employees, a great banker and great neighbors. These people all care."

"The dairy business is tough, but I think we're here to stay."

Moore's departure leaves uncertain race

From "MOORE," Page 1

sidered the safest of the two for Republicans.

Tiaht's district could be a bit dicey for the party. Several legislators are running for the seat, and the winner faces a Democratic legislator who has shown the ability to raise money.

Rep. Raj Goyle, a Wichita Democrat serving in the Kansas House, reported raising more than \$400,000 in the most recent campaign finance reporting period.

Washburn University political scientist Bob Beatty said the kind of turnover that Kansas is likely to see in 2010 is cyclical, and could prove to bring out record numbers of candidates, especially Republicans who are looking ahead to long careers at the next level.

"This year might be one for the ages in terms of Republican candidates," Beatty said. "There will be numerous candidates, and it makes sense. If you win the primary in those three districts, you stand a chance of being there a while."

At least six candidates were either in the race or giving it serious consideration less than 24 hours after Moore's announcement. They include former state Sen. Nick Jordan, who Moore beat in 2008; House Appropriations Committee Chairman Kevin Yoder; Rep. Pat Colton of Leawood; and Sen. Jeff Colyer of Overland Park.

Adler said a lot of pundits are looking at 2010 and seeing similarities to 1994, when Republicans took control of Congress, handing President Bill Clinton a defeat in his first midterm election. Adler said Democrats and voters have learned since then, however.

"History is not a wind at our back," she said. "No one knew what a (Republican) majority would look like then, what they would push for and what they would bring the country,

"We now know what that would look like and what policies they would push. People don't want to take the country in that direction."

Erickson said he sees the economy and health care as the issues likely to dominate congressional races, and he thinks voters will be looking for a change.

"Voters want to see more jobs and a focus on the economy. We've spent four months looking at health care, but we still see unemployment at 26-year highs," Erickson said. "Now they are talking about another jobs bill, which is an admission that the stimulus package didn't work."

Adler disagrees, saying she sees the economy turning around and working in Democrats' favor.

"This is a district that is trending," Adler said. "Someone who is similar to Kansas voters and will represent their voices in Congress can represent the district."

Farm Service agency gives out \$147 million in loans to Kansans

The U.S. Farm Service Agency provided \$147.7 million in direct and guaranteed loans to 1,288 family farmers in Kansas during fiscal year 2009, which ended Oct. 31.

"This has been a record setting year for number of loans made and dollars loaned," said Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director. "Some of this year's money was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to stimulate rural economies."

The agency processed 931 loans totaling \$88.5 million, he said. These loans helped Kansas farmers plant and harvest crops, buy livestock and machinery or reorganize their business. Of those, \$4.4 million went to socially disadvantaged applicants, \$23.2 million to beginning farmers and \$335,956

to youth applicants.

To buy or improve real estate or reorganize the farm business, the agency processed 349 loans totaling \$58.4 million. To help producers recover from losses due to natural disasters, the agency approved eight emergency loans.

The agency makes loans to purchase and operate family-size farms. Money can be used to finance livestock, farm equipment, annual operating expenses and most other farm expenses. Interest rates vary from 1.5 to 4.875 percent, depending on loan type.

Applicants must meet eligibility requirements outlined on the website at www.fsa.usda.gov. For questions or to make an appointment, call the agency's Thomas County office at 462-7671.

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Tuesday Evening											December 1, 2009	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Christmas	Elves	Scrubs	Scrubs	the forgotten	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Fashion Show	Local	Late Show-Letterman		Late Late			
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				The Jay Leno Show	Local	Tonight Show		Late Nigh			
KSAS/FOX	President	So You Think				Local						
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		True Lies						Criminal Minds			
AMC	Nat'l-Christmas				Nat'l-Christmas				Stripes			
ANIM	I'm Alive		The Haunted		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted		I Shouldn't Be Alive			
BRAVO	Salon Takeover		Salon Takeover		Salon Takeover		Salon Takeover		Real Housewives OC			
CMT	Nanny 911		Invitation Only		Cable Guy's Christmas		Smarter		Smarter		Luau	
CNN	Presidential Address		Afghanistan		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park		
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs			
DISN	Happy Feet				Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory		
E!	When Husbands Murde	Little Girl Gone			Girls	Girls	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Jameson		
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball					SportsCenter		NFL Live	Fastbreak		
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball					NBA		SportsNation			
FAM	Santa Clause 3				Santa Clause 3				Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	The Best	Unwrapped	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	The Best	Unwrapped		
FX	Live Free-Die				Sons of Anarchy				Sons of Anarchy			
HGTV	My First	My First	House	Buck	House	House	Property	My First	House	Buck		
HIST	Earth-Made		Earth-Made		Earth-Made		The Universe		Earth-Made			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Sherri	Sherri	Sherri	Sherri	Will	Will	Fraser	Medium		
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	The Hills/City		The Hills	The City	The Hills	The Hills	The City	The Hills		
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	ECW		Judge Dredd					
SPIKE	Ultimate Knockouts 3	Super	Ultimate Knockouts 4		UFC Unleashed		CSI: Crime Scn		Ways Die			
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		My Boys	My Boys		
TCM	The Far Horizons				Adventure-Polo				Christopher Columbus			
TLC	Table-12	Table-12	18 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little	Table-12	Table-12	18 Kids	18 Kids		
TNT	Bones		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY		CSI: NY			
TOON	Total	Total	Total	Total	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Extreme Waterparks		Extreme Terror Rides		Bizarre Foods		Natives: USA		Extreme Waterparks			
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Married	Married	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	Love of Ray J		Love of Ray J				Behind the Music		Tough Love			
WGN	Arthur				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park		
Premium Channels												
HBO	The Wrestler				Fool's Gold							
MAX	The Assignment				What Happens in Vegas		Life on Top		Erotic 3			
SHOW	All of Us		Time of HIV		Dexter		Californ		The Eye			

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Family	Middle	Family	Cougar	Eastwick		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Rudolph, Red-Nosed		The Grammy Nominatio		Criminal Minds		Local	Late Show-Letterman		Late Late		
KSNK/NBC	Christmas in		Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show		Late Nigh		
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		Glee				Local					
Cable Channels												
A & E	Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Seagal	Seagal	Dog		Bounty Hunter			
AMC	Nat'l-Christmas				Nat'l-Christmas				Young Frk			
ANIM	Untamed and Uncut		When Animals Strike		Animal Nightmares		Untamed and Uncut		When Animals Strike			
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Launch My Line		Top Chef: Las Vegas			
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Remember the Titans				Smarter		Smarter	Remember		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	Futurama	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Free Radi		
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Monster Tracker		MythBusters		MythBusters			
DISN	The Ultimate Christmas Present		Phineas		Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory		
E!	Plastic Surgery				Extreme Dr. 90210		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Soup		
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live			
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				Football		Fastbreak	Sports		
FAM	Pixar Short Films		Pixar Short Films				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Challenge		Throwdown-Bobby Flay		Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Throwdown-Bobby Flay			
FX	The Italian Job				Nip/Tuck		Nip/Tuck		Most Wanted			
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Holmes on Homes	My First	House	Income			
American Profile												
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HIST	MonsterQuest		Nostradamus Effect		MysteryQuest		UFO Files		MonsterQuest			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Lost Holiday				Will	Will	Fraser	Medium		
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Real World-Rd		Real World-Rd		Real World-Rd		Love of Ray J			
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Acad.				Ghost Hunters Acad.			
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter				The Ultimate Fighter					
TBS	Payne	Payne	Browns	Payne	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
TCM	The Petrified Forest		Dead End						Kid Galahad			
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Dress	Dress	Pregnant	Pregnant	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Dress	Dress		
TNT	Bones		Forensic	Forensic	Bones							
TOON	Destroy	Dude	Star Wars	Tn-Titans	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food		
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Married	Married	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		White Collar		Casino Royale			
VH1	One-Hit Wndrs		One-Hit Wndrs		One-Hit Wndrs		Dunham	Larry the Cable Guy	Diddy			
WGN	National-European				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Earth Stood				Burn After Reading							
MAX	Patriot Games				Max Payne							
SHOW	Ame Carol	Lock	Inside the NFL		Dexter		Inside the NFL		Californ	Killer Mo		

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