

## Weather Corner



National Weather Service

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 29. South wind around 10 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 74. West wind around 5 mph.

**Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 36. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 64.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 37.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 69.

**Tuesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 38.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 66.

Wednesday: High, 60; Low 26

Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches

Month: 0.22 inches

Year: 17.88 inches

Normal: 19.19 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**

Friday 8:09 a.m. 6:46 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# President says online school key

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line as well as individual classes. In Thomas County, there are 63 people taking online courses from Fort Hays, 49 of whom are in the virtual college. State-wide there are more than 3,000 students in the virtual college.

Online classes can also help communities, he said, since workers don't have to move away to be re-educated, and are more likely to stay in their community when they finish school.

Part of the problem, Hammond said, is that people are simply unaware of what is being offered online. They also hear about for-profit universities and assume all online courses are that expensive. Fort Hays is able to offer three-credit undergraduate classes for \$510 and graduate classes for \$688, while for-profit university prices are often more than \$1,000 per

class.

Part of what makes Fort Hays successful, Hammond said, is that the university is able to keep its operating costs low. The school has generators to keep electric bills down during peak demand and it operates its own construction company and phone service.

Fort Hays' China program has also benefited the university. Hammond said the university has about 3,500 students in China. The Chinese government pays Fort Hays about \$4 million and it costs about \$2 million to offer the classes.

This cost saving and high income has allowed the university to keep enrollment costs down, which in turn has translated to growth. Fort Hays' enrollment grew by 8.1 percent in 2009, while the University of Kansas grew by half a percent and K-State's enrollment decreased by 7.1 percent.

# Survey predicts painfully slow economic gains next year

By Jeannine Aversa

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – The job market and the economy will improve only slightly next year, according to an Associated Press survey of leading economists whose outlook for 2011 has dimmed over the past three months.

The latest quarterly AP Economy Survey shows economists are pushing back their estimates of when key barometers of economic health – hiring, spending, expansion – will signal strength.

In their view, shoppers and employers will stay cautious. Households will keep saving. Inflation will remain tame. And unemployment will dip only a bit from the current 9.6 percent rate to a still-high 9 percent at the end of 2011.

In the previous survey in July, the economists predicted unemployment of 8.7 percent at the end of next year. In the survey before that, they foresaw 8.4 percent. Some now think unemployment won't drop to a historically normal 5.5 percent to 6 percent until at least 2018 – several years later

than envisioned earlier.

It adds up to a grim picture for the new Congress that begins in January. Voter frustration over unemployment is threatening to cost Democrats their control of the House, and maybe the Senate, in the midterm elections Tuesday.

The new Congress appears unlikely to approve more spending to try to invigorate the economy and the job market. And the Federal Reserve is running out of options.

Yet the economists the AP surveyed still expect the economy to sidestep some threats that had raised concerns in recent months. They dismiss the likelihood of a second recession, for instance, and they think the risk of deflation is remote. Deflation is a prolonged drop in prices and wages that can make people unwilling to spend.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has expressed concern about deflation – one reason why the Fed will likely announce Wednesday that it will buy Treasury bonds to try to further lower loan rates. Lower rates might spur more borrowing and spending and help

raise prices.

The economists are sharply split on whether the Fed should do so. And they overwhelmingly oppose another round of government stimulus spending. They think the economy will make steady gains, just more slowly than they had earlier thought.

The AP survey collected the views of 43 leading private, corporate and academic economists on a range of indicators, including employment, consumer spending and inflation. Among their forecasts:

- The economy will expand just 2.7 percent next year, scarcely more than the tepid growth predicted for all of 2010. Under an economic rule of thumb, growth would have to average at least 5 percent for a whole year to lower the unemployment rate by 1 percentage point.

- Shoppers will boost their spending 2.5 percent in 2011, slightly better than the increase that economists envision for this year. But spending would have to rise roughly twice that fast to deliver enough economic punch

to lower unemployment. Three months ago, the economists were more optimistic about 2011: They predicted shoppers would boost their spending 3 percent.

- Inflation will equal just 1.7 percent next year. That's slightly more than the 1.2 percent predicted for this year. And it's about the minimum level of inflation the Fed thinks a healthy economy needs.

- Americans will keep rebuilding their savings, leaving less money for spending. They're expected to save 5.4 percent of disposable income next year.

# LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening											October 30, 2010
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	College Football							Local			
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene	48 Hours Mystery			48 Hours Mystery		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Shrekless Pumpkins	Law-Order L.A.			Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	MLB Baseball	Raising			Local		Fringe		Wilde	Local	
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	
AMC	From Dusk Till Dawn						Evil Dead 2			28 Days	
ANIM	Dogs 101	Pit Bulls			Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls		Pit Bulls-Parole		
BRAVO	House	House			House		House		House		
CMT	Gremlins						Ernest Scared Stupid				
CNN	CNN Presents	Larry King Live			Newsroom		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Scary Movie 4	Superhero Movie					Scary Movie 3				
DISC	MythBusters	MythBusters			MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		
DISN	Sonny Deck	Wizards-Place			Phineas	Wizards	Sonny Deck		Wizards-Place		
E!	Knocked Up						Knocked Up				
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Football Final		
ESPN2	College Football	Score			College Football				Baseball		
FAM	Hocus Pocus				Hocus Pocus				Clue		
FOOD	Challenge	Challenge			Challenge		Iron Chef America		Challenge		
FX	The Strangers	Two Men	Two Men		Two Men	Two Men	Sunny	Sunny	Two Men	Two Men	
HGTV	D. Design	Sarah	Genevieve	Block	Color Spl	House	Hunters	House	Genevieve	Block	

## We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Afraid of the Dark			The Real Story		Ancient Aliens		Afraid of the Dark	
LIFE	Within	Flatliners				The Fairy Jobmother		Project Runway	
MTV	Underworld: Ev			Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jeepest Creepers	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	Victoriou	Big Time	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Chris	Malcolm
SCI	Underworld	Red: Werewolf Hunter				Skinwalkers			
SPIKE	Blade: Trinity	Halloween						Freddy vs. Jason	
TBS	Titanic							Twister	
TCM	Hunchback					What-BabyJane			
TLC	Bermuda Triangle	Lottery Changed		Auction	Auction	Bermuda Triangle		Lottery Changed	
TNT	Tomorrow Never Dies					Tomorrow Never Dies			
TOON	Beetlejuice			King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Bleach	Kekkaishi
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS	NCIS			NCIS			NCIS	
VH1	Football	Fantasia	New Jack City			Real and Chance		Dance Cam	Michaels
WGN	Bones		Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos		How I Met	How I Met	South Pk	South Pk
<b>Premium Channels</b>									
HBO	Amelia			24/7	Taken			24/7	Boardwalk
MAX	Twelve	The Unborn			The Final Destination			Lingerie	Online Crush
SHOW	The Big C	Weeds	Punisher: War Zone			Fight		Zack and Miri Make a Porno	

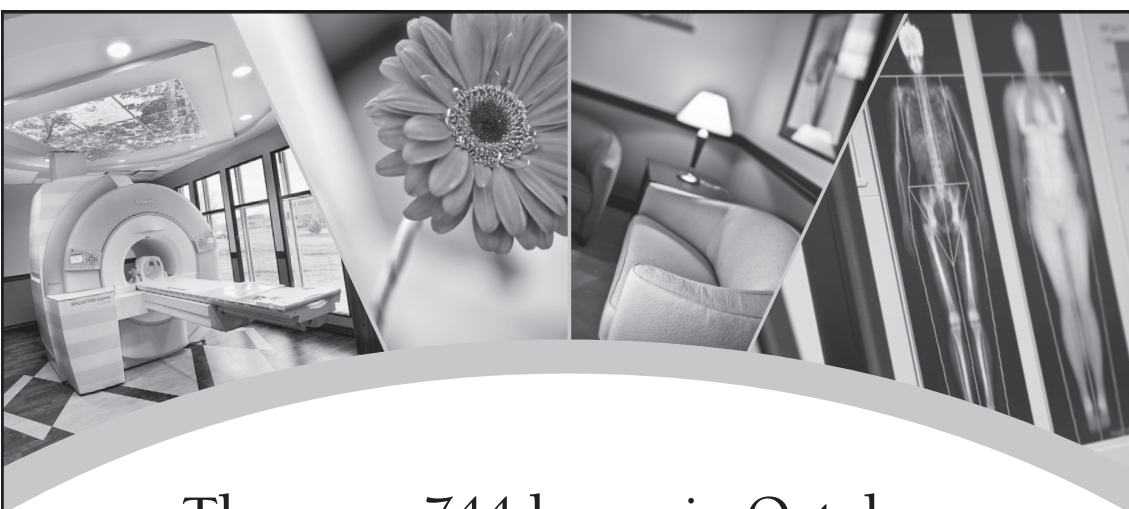
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Sunday Evening											October 31, 2010
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover	Desperate Housewives			Brothers & Sisters		Local				
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race 17	Undercover Boss			CSI: Miami		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Football	NFL Football						Local	Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	MLB Baseball						Local				
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	Amityville	Paranorma	Paranorma		Psychic Kids		Amityville		Amityville		
AMC	Dawn of the Dead				The Walking Dead			The Walking Dead			
ANIM	Freak	Freak	The Haunted		The Haunted		Freak	Freak	The Haunted		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.			Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		
CMT	Ernest Scared Stupid				Gremlins				Bad News		
CNN	State of the Union	Larry King Live			Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Scary Movie 3	Superhero Movie					South Pk	Swardson	Futurama		
DISC	Ghost Lab	Dirty Jobs			Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab		Dirty Jobs		
DISN	Twitches Too				Mostly Ghostly			Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Kendra	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Fashion	Chelsea	The Soup	Next Door	
ESPN	SportsCtr	Countdown	NHRA Drag Racing						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	MLS Soccer					TBA	SportsCtr	2010 Poker		Poker	
FAM	Van Helsing							Funniest Home Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Challenge		The Next Iron Chef	Food	Diners		Food	Meat	The Next Iron Chef		
FX	The Ruins		Prom Night					Sons of Anarchy		Bernie	
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes on Homes		
HIST	IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		Swamp People		The Real Story		IRT Deadliest Roads		
LIFE	The Eye		The Return				The Return				
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		My Super 2				Texas Chainsaw		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ghost Hunters										
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		
TBS	Forrest Gump							Forrest Gump			
TCM	House on Haunted Hill				The Haunting				Poltergeist		
TLC	Untold Stories		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		
TNT	World Is Not						World Is Not				
TOON	Beetlejuice		Titan	Star Wars	Delocated	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Venture	Childrens	Metal	
TRAV	Terrifying Places		Terrifying Places		Terr Places			Most Terrifying	Terrifying Places		
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		
VH1	Fantasia	Fantasia	Fantasia	Fantasia	Fantasia	Football	Fantasia	Football	I Love Money		
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	Monk		Monk		
<b>Premium Channels</b>											
HBO	Amelia		Boardwalk Empire		Bored	Eastbound	Boardwalk Empire		Bored	Eastbound	
MAX	Fourth		The Final Destination		Tales From the Crypt-Bordello		Tales From the Crypt-Bordello		Tales From the Crypt-Bordello		
SHOW	Dexter		Dexter		Weeds	The Big C	Dexter		Look	Hurt Lock	

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## Program takes old pesticides

The Kansas Clean Sweep Ag Waste Pesticide Collection Program will be taking current, cancelled, unwanted, unused, obsolete or damaged pesticides people have been storing for disposal. Drop off will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Rawlins County Household Hazard Waste site, 16278 Highway 27 in Atwood. There will be no fees and no questions. No empty containers will be accepted.



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