

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 7 p.m. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 65.

Saturday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10 a.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 86. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

Monday: High, 66; Low 55
 Tuesday: High, 80; Low 51
 Precip: Monday 1.41 inches
 Tuesday Trace
 Month: 1.95 inches
 Year: 7.12 inches
 Normal: 9.84 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 6:18 a.m. 9:15 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Monday 1,396,000 gal.
 Tuesday 1,532,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Officials discuss ambulances

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datation that works with possibly abused children, providing mental health services, interviews and other support. The center has had 183 cases each year and is seeing more cases go to court, Robbins said.

Robbins said the cases are getting more serious and more services may be needed. The foundation faced a 30 percent reduction in one of their three state grants last year and an equal cut is expected this year. The foundation wants to make this money up to be able to continue to offer the same amount of time and support to the children.

"With or without support, we are here to help the kids in any way we can," Robbins said.

The commissioners discussed healthcare policies for county employees.

After the healthcare reform legislation was put into action on March 23, 2010, employers were left with two options: They can stick to their current healthcare plan or fall under the new reform plan. If they choose to stay with the current plan, they can't make any changes to it. For example, no benefits can be added or taken away, no changes can be made to the deductible and no changes can be made to the

insurance.

With the new health care plan, the commissioners would have to add more than 40 fully-covered services to the plan. These include HIV screenings, breast cancer screenings and obesity screenings.

The commissioners agreed that further research into the old and new health care plans is needed before any decision can be made.

James Foster, representing the Kansas Department of Commerce's Office of Rural Opportunity, asked the commissioners to consider opting in to the Rural Opportunity Zones. This state program allows new residents to live in 40 Kansas counties tax free and provides students with money to pay off education loans.

The state and county would share responsibility for paying down qualifying loans, so county would have to provide "X" amount of money and the state would match it, Foster said.

The commissioners ended their meeting with a discussion over rewriting the Rural Fire District No. 1 agreement. They decided to discuss the matter with the Sherman County Commissioners in order to decide what exactly needs to be done with the plan.

Storms drop hail, tornados Monday

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The main storm dropped heavy rain over much of north-west Kansas. The Kansas State University Research and Extension Center recorded 1.41 inches of rain Monday.

Numerous flash floods were reported. In Sharon Springs and Wallace County, law enforcement reported numerous roads washed out. Water was over U.S. 27 in three places. Spotters reported flooded streets in Hoxie.

The main storm also spawned several more tornados. One was reported five miles south of Selden in Sheridan County.

Norton County Sheriff Deputies reported two tornados near Norcatur.

Heavy rains and flash floods were also reported in southern Nebraska.

Scattered crop damage has been reported in southern Thomas County, but no widespread damage areas like the hail storms of the past two years.

Emergency Management Director Susan McMahan said there have been no calls reporting flood damage in Thomas County, but she has seen several Facebook pictures, and was going out today to examine roads in the south of the county.

Kansas plans four forums for Medicaid reform proposals

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go to these meetings."

The state's budget, now \$13.8 billion, has long been under pressure from rising Medicaid costs, which tend to spike during economic downturns. Kansas' total Medicaid spending is expected to reach \$2.8 billion during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

An average of 344,000 Kansans are participating in the program each month, up 8 percent from a year ago. The state's total Medicaid spending has increased 48 percent in the past eight years, according to legislative researchers.

"I'm sure cutting costs is one of their highest priorities, but my hope is that we end up with a system that takes care of those individuals who need Medicaid," said Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn, a Sedgwick Republican.

Brownback has said repeatedly that he wants to rein in costs and improve the delivery of services. Colyer's team already has taken dozens of suggestions from groups and individuals, ideas that include increased use of managed care, changes in how prescription drugs are covered, more aggressive pursuit of fraud and even an end to Medicaid coverage of circumcision.

"We need to totally transform the Medicaid program, not just tinker at the edges," Colyer said, noting that it's still too early for his team to even outline its "basic tenets" for an overhaul. "We're going to be breaking out into lots of small groups that can talk about - flesh out - ideas."

McGinn said she's not sure how much experimentation will be allowed by the federal government. She said she's hoping the review will lead to clearer standards about

who's eligible for Medicaid and renewed efforts to combat fraud.

And Christie Appelhanz, vice president for Kansas Action for Children, said the advocacy group is eager to see what Colyer's team proposes but wants to ensure that children and families "are not un-

fairly penalized."

"It's an essential program, and we want to make sure that any changes do not result in fewer children accessing timely health care," she said.

Colyer said budget pressures will force the state to make dra-

matic cuts in benefits or decrease the number of people eligible for Medicaid if it doesn't tackle and overhaul.

"How do we make this program stable and sustainable?" he said. "It's a very ambitious goal."

State goes forward with speed limit increase

TOPEKA (AP) - Kansas is raising its speed limit to 75 mph on 800 miles of highways in rural areas in July, including Interstate 70 across most of the state.

A new law allowed the limit to rise from its current 70 mph on divided, multi-lane highways but said the Kansas Department of Transportation would decide where.

Spokesman Steve Swartz says the department considered crash

rates, traffic volumes and other factors, such as the speed limit in surrounding states.

Drivers will be able to go 75 mph on I-70 from west of Topeka to the Colorado border; most of the Kansas Turnpike; I-35 from east of Emporia into Johnson County; and I-135 from Harvey County north to near Salina.

The higher limit also will apply to stretches of U.S. 69 and 81.

Too many questions leads to arrest

JEFFERSON, Ore. (AP) - Loud music and too much conversation led to a Greeley, Colo., man's arrest in Jefferson, Ore., near Salem.

Marion County sheriff's spokesman Don Thomson says 28-year-old Pablo Ricardo Rodriguez was visiting his mother Sunday when Deputy Matt Hagan responded to a complaint of loud music.

Hagan asked the man to turn down the music.

The sheriff's spokesman says the man began asking the deputy a number of questions - about deputies'

patrol habits in Jefferson and what type of weapon the officer carried. The deputy found that odd.

A records check showed the man had several felony convictions in Colorado. When Hagan returned a few hours later to another call about loud music, he says he saw Rodriguez holding a semi-automatic handgun in the apartment complex parking lot.

Rodriguez was arrested for investigation of being a felon in possession of a handgun.

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Thursday Evening											June 23, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Expedition Imp.		Rookie Blue		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	Community	30 Rock	Office	Parks	Love Bites		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		Glee		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		First 48: Missing		First 48: Missing		The First 48			
AMC	League-Own						The Killing		League-Own			
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Confessions		Confessions		Fatal Attractions		Confessions			
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Happens	Housewives/NYC	Happens			
CMT	Hidalgo						The Dukes of Hazzard		Smarter			
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert		Futurama	Futurama		
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Swords: Life		Swords: Life		Deadliest Catch		Swords: Life			
DISN	Good Luck	ANT Farm	My Babysitter's a Vampire		Good Luck		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Sex/City	Sex/City	Sex/City	Sex/City	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea		
ESPN	2011 NBA Draft								SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Baseball				MLS Soccer				Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Jurassic Park		The Rundown				The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?			
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Chefography		24 Hour Rest. Battle		Chopped		Chefography			
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Wilfred	Louie	Wilfred	Louie	Louie	Louie		
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling		
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Mounted	Mounted	MonsterQuest		Swamp People			
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris		
MTV	True Life		True Life		True Life		True Life		The Challenge			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show		
SCI	Prince Caspian		Terminator 3				Star Trek: Ent.		Ent'prise			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	iMPACT Wrestling				Baja 1000	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers		
TBS	Talladega Nights:				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight			
TCM	It Came From Beneath the Sea		Monster-Challenged Wrld				The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms		GiantBehe			
TLC	Police Women		Police Women		NY Ink		Police Women		NY Ink			
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		Franklin & Bash			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	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	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Three's Company					
USA	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Suits		Covert Affairs		Burn Not.			
VH1	Celebrity Scandals		Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab			
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Treme		Treme		Treme		Real Sex					
MAX	Losers	Head of State			Devil		Co-Ed Confidential					
SHOW	Handsome	Valentino: The Last Emperor			Nurse	Tara	The Real L Word		Wild Tigers			

Friday Evening											June 24, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Jamie Oliver's Food		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Flashpoint		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	Friday Night Lights		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	Bones		House		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades		Criminal Minds			
AMC	The Cowboys						Cahill-Marshal					
ANIM	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Finding Bigfoot		Whale Wars		Finding Bigfoot			
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		How to Lose					How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days				
CMT	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		Crossroads		CMT Music					
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Gabriel Iglesias		Comedy	Comedy	Larry, Cable		South Pk	South Pk		
DISC	Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Swamp Loggers		Dual Survival		Dual Survival			
DISN	Wizards	ANT Farm	Phineas	Fish Hook	Random	Good Luck	Good Luck	Wizards	Phineas	Fish Hook		
E!	Sex/City	Sex/City	Katy Perry		The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea		
ESPN	College Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2	ESPY's Nomination		Boxing				Track and Field					
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Food	The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners		
FX	The Incredible Hulk						The Incredible Hulk					
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	House	Hunters		
American Profile												
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HIST	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American	American	Modern Marvels		American Pickers			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	The Protector		How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris		
MTV	The Challenge		Teen Wolf		Freedom Writers				Pregnant			
NICK	Victoriou	Victoriou	My Wife	My Wife	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show		
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Haunted Collector		Hollywood	Hollywood	Stargate SG-1			
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Hunters	Auction		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Anchorman				Get Smart					
TCM	Will Success				Good Neighbor Sam				Pretty Ba			
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	My Big Fat Gypsy Wed		Say Yes	Say Yes	My Big Fat Gypsy Wed			
TNT	Transformers				Falling Skies							
TOON	Hole/Wall	Hole/Wall	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Paranormal Challenge		Paranormal Challenge		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Paranormal Challenge			
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny					