

Description of Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues

Program	Day	Time
Eyewitness News This Morning This is a locally produced live news program that presents a mix on news, weather, sports, and issue related stories. The issue responsive program segments are usually two minutes in duration, unless otherwise noted.	M-F	7:00-9:00am
The Catch it Kansas Show This is a locally produced live sports program that recaps the local sporting events at the High School level.	Fridays thru May	11:00pm
Eyewitness News at 10:00 Rebroadcast	Mon-Thur	11:00pm – 11:30pm
Eyewitness News at 10:00 Rebroadcast	Mon-Sun	1:30am – 2:00am
KSCW rebroadcasts the M-F 10:00pm News Program produced by KWCH-TV. This is a locally produced live news programs that presents a mix on news, weather, sports, and issue related stories. The issue responsive program segments are usually two minutes in duration, unless otherwise noted.		
First Business	Monday – Friday	4:30am-5:00am
First Business	Monday – Friday	6:30am-7:00am R
First Business is a nationally syndicated program that previews the day’s news and trading day, digging deeper for the real ideas to make their money work.		
Public Service KSCW broadcasts local and national public service announcements of varying lengths throughout its broadcast schedule. Some of the announcements are part of campaigns on one subject.	All Days	Any times

Features in Newscasts M-F 7am – 9am

The Doctor Is In – Monday

A doctor from Wesley Medical or Via Christi answer viewer's medical questions. They also has advice for keeping healthy between doctors' visits.

Kids Corner – Monday

Topical issues affecting kids today. We talk about everything from violent video games to autism.

Wichita Weighs In – Monday

Getting in shape is more than just getting on a tread mill We get advice from the experts on work-out ideas.

Tasty Tuesday – Tuesday Chef Tony Brueski has tips to help you in the kitchen. He answers viewers cooking questions.

Legal Counsel – Wednesday

Lawyer Charlie O'Hara is here to answer legal questions.

Going Green – Thursday

Going Green doesn't have to be hard. We talk to experts about what you can do to be more environmentally friendly.

Advice Line - Thursday

Psychologists offer their advice and answer viewer's questions.

Features in 10pm rebroadcast Newscasts

FactFinder 12 Investigations

Newscasts on various days and times

Locally produced investigative reports of consumer complaints.

Crime Watch

Newscasts on various days and times

Locally produced reports on local/state crime and safety.

Education

Newscasts on various days and times

Locally produced stories on local/state schools and education issues

Economy

Newscast on various days and times

Locally produced stories on local/state economy and on issues that affect viewers' economic livelihood.

Consumer Watch

Various other times

Stories on new products available and whether they work.
Also anything related to product recalls, and other consumer-type situations.

KSCW airs public service announcements that address community issues free of charge for various nonprofit organizations.

	Organization/PSA Title	Length	Number of runs
900	Ad Council "Tough"	:30	108
901	Fed Citizens Info Center "Wizard"	:30	107
902	Gedenk "Subway Scene"	:30	119
903	Unicef "Child Survival"	:30	54
904	Ad Council/AHRQ "Men In Gowns"	:20	15
905	US Dept of Health/Human Svs "Celebrate"	:15	23
906	Ad Council/Neighbor Works "Phone Call"	:15	76
907	Ad Council/United Way "Live United"	:30	36
908	KS Amber Alert: Wireless Signup w/ Steve Six	:15	82
909	Episcopal Services "Venture House"	:30	56
910	Ad Council Adoption "Pink Uniform"	:30	130
912	Ad Council Adoption "Restaurant"	:15	6
913	Alcoholics Anonymous "I Thought"	:30	100
914	Habitat for Humanity "In Small Towns"	:30	181
915	Wichita Childrens Home "Greatest Gift"	:60	135
917	Community of Veterans "Vet Support"	:30	122
930	Wichita Habitat/Humanity Restore	:20	61
931	Wichita Habitat/Humanity Restore "Open"	:15	27
932	Wichita Habitat/Humanity "Volunteer"	:15	39
934	NAB Performance Tax	:60	110
935	Ad Council Autism "Toni Braxton"	:60	126
936	Ad Council Veteran Support "Alone"	:60	110
937	Fed Citizens Info Center "For the People"	:60	104
938	Dave Thomas/Fnd for Adoption "I'm just a kid"	:60	118
960	Fnd for a Better Life "Crosswalk"	:30	100
982	Kansas State High School Activities Assoc	:30	49
983	Kansas State High School Activities Assoc	:30	52
986	Boost Up.org "Jose"	:30	97
987	US Dept Health "Senior Friendly Website"	:30	111
988	Earned Income Tax "Groceries"	:30	100
989	Orthopedic Surgeons "Joints Don't Jump"	:30	89
990	Air Nat'l Guard "Hometown Heroes"	:30	81
991	Arbor Day Fnd. "Arbor Day"	:30	43
992	Pet Fit "The Scale"	:30	79
993	Ad Council Foreclosure Prev. "Dollhouse"	:30	92
994	Ad Council Childhood Asthma "Fish"	:30	64
996	EPA Radon Testing "Baby Steps"	:30	75
997	NCADD "Yesterday"	:30	76
998	CASA "Dr Phil"	:30	91
999	Off. Violence Agst Women "Text Harrassment"	:30	88

2nd Quarter Community Calendar

The “KWCH 12 Community Calendar” is a website feature at www.kwch.com. KWCH 12 Community Calendar promotes the maximum number of community church, school and nonprofit benefits.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

April 2009

Old Cowtown
Wichita State
CityArts
Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center
Team Kyle Hicks
Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center
Wesley Medical Center
Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum
Wichita Arts Council
EnCompass Center for Creative Arts
Celebration Community Church
Andover Emergency Communications
Vista Baptist Church
Young Professionals of Wichita
Friends of the Hays Public Library
Southern Winds Equine Rescue and Recovery Center
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Families Together
Wichita Community Theater
Kechi Police Department
Christ Community Church
Wichita Center for the Arts
Kansas Children’s Service League
Orpheum Theater
The Arthritis Foundation
Sedgwick County Zoo
Safira’s Center for World Dance

May 2009

Wesley Medical Center
Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center
Center Gallery
Liberal Lions Club
Tangent Lab Gallery
Brown Grand Theater
Salvation Army
Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum
Boy Scout Troup #888
Old Cowtown
Mead Street Gallery
Great Plains Woodcarvers
The Columbian Theatre
Child Start, Inc.
Kansas Federation of China Decorators
Word of Life Church
North Central Kansas Teens for Christ
Chisholm Life Skills Center

Mid-America Rodeo Company
Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Winfield
First United Methodist Church
Westview Baptist Church
Wichita Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition
Catholic Charities
Butler County RSVP
KETCH Solutions
Rainbows United
CityArts

June 2009

Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center
Wichita – Sedgwick County Historical Museum
Make a Wish Foundation
Golden Plains Llama Association
American Red Cross
Valley Center Park and Tree Board
Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Grace Presbyterian Church
Old Cowtown
Fort Hays State University
Great Wall China Adoption
Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau
Kansas Children's Service League
Mid-America All-Indian Center
Wesley Medical Center
Chiropractic Care Center of Wichita
American Cancer Society
Wichita Community Theater
Newton Public Library
Maize Community Theater
Hope in the Valley Equine Rescue
Orpheum Theatre
Young Professionals of Wichita
Central Christian Church
Bethany College
Boy Scout Troop 810
Wichita Center for the Arts
Safira's Center for World Dance
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Communities in Schools of Wichita/Sedgwick County, Inc.
Mental Health Association

FCC Report
Second Quarter 2009

Tours

KSCW offers tours to groups interested in learning how a television station operates. Tours are tailored to the individual needs of the group, which usually consists of school-age children. It focuses on the history of the broadcasting facility and explains the types of jobs offered in each department. Tours are conducted by the Promotions Department, and questions are welcome throughout.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
April 2009			
04/08/09	4:00pm	20	Weebalows Troop
04/10/09	11:30pm	40	KFC Corporate Group
04/13/09	3:00pm	10	Boy Scout Troop
04/21/09	10:00 am	40	Senior Citizen Group
May 2009			
05/11/09	4:15pm	15	Boy Scout Troop
June 2009			
06/04/09	4:45pm	15	Family Tour
06/15/09	11:30 am	10	Wichita Collegiate

2nd Quarter 2008 DTV runs

Locally produced 30 & 15 second PSAs informing the public on the upcoming DTV transition airing on KSCW.

5:00am – 1:00am	407
5:00pm – 10:35pm	108
6:00am – 9:00am	123
1:00am – 5:00am	115
Total aired	528

Public Engagements

Sunflower Broadcasting, Inc. serves the community by attending various special events where our employees emcee, educate, entertain and motivate throughout the year. Our employees have made special appearances to the following organizations.

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT	ATTENDANCE	EMPLOYEE
April 2009				
4/1	Youthville	Pancake Media Day	50	Michelle Loss, Katie Woods
4/1	KAB	Leadership Conference	6	Joan Barrett
4/2	Wichita - 259 - Jackson Elem.	Weather talk K-2 nd grade	125	Mark Larson
4/2	CKP	Conference Call	10	Joan Barrett
4/3	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Annual Meeting	100	Joan Barrett
4/4	Wichita Catholic Diocese	Little Flowers Miss Modest Fashion Show	200	Alana Rocha, Host
4/6	Maize Central Elem. Gd. 1-2	Weather Talk	140	Mark Larson
4/9	Wichita Collegiate School	Lunch with TIS Parents	10	Joan Barrett
4/9	Mound Ridge Senior Center	Weather safety talk	155	Mark Larson
4/9	Kansas Food Bank	Board Meeting	20	Joan Barrett
4/14	Wichita Collegiate School	Board Meeting	15	Joan Barrett
4/14	South Breeze Elem. 2 nd grade	Weather Talk	90	Mark Larson
4/15	St. Thomas Aquinas School	School talk	12	Rodney Price
4/16	Marion Elem. 3 rd grade	Weather Talk	45	Mark Larson
4/16	Community Advisory Board	Quarterly Meeting	15	Joan Barrett
4/17	Midian Shrine	Singing Natl. Anthem @ Shrine Circus	1500	Michelle Loss
4/20	Central Christian School, ICT	Weather talk – 2 nd grade	75	Mark Larson
4/20	Center for Health & Wellness	Sponsorship meeting		Joan Barrett
4/21	VITA/AARP	IRS Volunteer Appreciation	100	Kim Setty
4/22	Goodwill	Goodwill Fashion Show	250	Michelle Loss, Katie Woods
4/ 23	SPJ	Gridiron	250	Megahn Snyder-Gordon, performer
4/23	Cinderfella Scholarship	Mr. Cinderfella Pageant	800	Michelle Loss, Denise Hnytka
4/23	Wichita – 259 –Jackson Elem.	Weather talk – 4-5 th grade	100	Mark Larson
4/23	Goodwill	Board Meeting	30	Joan Barrett
4/24	SPJ	Gridiron	250	Megahn Snyder-Gordon, performer
4/25	Kechi Police Department	‘Steer Clear’ Event	400	Alana Rocha, Speaker
4/25	SPJ	Gridiron	250	Megahn Snyder-Gordon, performer
4/25	WSU	WSU Green Earth Day	350	Shane Konicki, Katie Woods
4/28	EARTH Workshop	SG Co. Extension - Wx talk	80	Mark Larson
4/29	Butler Community College	Hosted Music Dept. Show	800	Shane Konicki
4/29	Dodge City Community College	Broadcast Class presentation	40	Trista Hall
4/30	Sunrise Christian Academy	Weather office/station tour	50	Mark Larson/Michelle Loss

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DATE ORGANIZATION EVENT ATTENDANCE EMPLOYEE

May 2009

5/2	American Cancer Society	Memory Walk at Northwest High School	40	Kim Setty, Speaker
5/4	KSU Media Communications	Resume Reviews	20	Laverne E Goering
5/4	Slate Creek Elem. Newton	WX Safety talk – 2 nd grade	90	Mark Larson
5/5	Wichita Collegiate School	Board Meeting	15	Joan Barrett
5/7	Wichita State University	Marketing Meeting	12	Joan Barrett
5/12	Sears, Towne West Square	Mobile DTV FCC Clinic	1	Lester E Bach
5/12	Wichita Collegiate School	Curriculum Meeting/Board	10	Joan Barrett
5/14	ICT – Benton Elem. 3 rd gd.	Severe wx safety talk	85	Mark Larson
5/14	Wichita Collegiate School	Marketing Meeting/Board	10	Joan Barrett
5/16	KWCH	Top of the Class	400	Michelle Loss-Speaker
5/22	Sunflower Foundation	Meet the Kansas Press	40	Joan Barrett

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DATE ORGANIZATION EVENT ATTENDANCE EMPLOYEE

June 2009

6/2	Wichita Collegiate School	Marketing Meeting/Board	4	Joan Barrett
6/2	Wichita State University	Spoke to a class	20	Megan Strader
6/6	Victory in the Valley	East/West Walk Run	1800	Kim Setty/ Speaker/ Event Honorary Chairperson
6/6	KWCH	Catch It Car Give Away	30	Michelle Loss, Shane Konicki
6/8	McConnell AFB	Summer school wx talk	55	Mark Larson
6/9	KAB	Board Meeting	10	Joan Barrett
6/11	Sedg. Co. Zoo	Summer Zoo Concerts	300	Michelle Loss, Shane Konicki
6/16	Andover Summer School	Weather talk	60	Mark Larson
6/19	KS-Neb Border Battle	Banquet Speaker	350	Bruce Haertl
6/20	Kansas Sports Hall of Fame	MC Induction ceremony	400	Bruce Haertl
6/20	KS-Neb Border Battle	In House MC	3500	Bruce Haertl
6/22	Adopt a School	Golf Tournament	100	Joan Barrett
6/25	Goodwill	Board Meeting	30	Joan Barrett
6/26	Wichita Collegiate School	Marketing Meeting/Board	4	Joan Barrett

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NON-BROADCASTING ENHANCEMENT

Joan Barrett, President & General Manager

Elliott School of Communications Advisory Board member
Kansas State University Miller School Journalism Advisory Board Member
Kansas Assoc of Broadcasters Board Chair
Carole Kneeland Project for Responsible Television Journalism Board Member
Carole Kneeland Project - Trainer
Kansas Food Bank Board Member
Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Board Member
Boy Scouts of America Volunteer
Collegiate Booster Club Volunteer
Wichita Collegiate School Board of Directors
Dress for Success Advisory Board Member

Laverne E. Goering, Director of Programming & Production

Newton Rotary Club Member
Harvey County Farm Bureau Member
American Quarter Horse Association Member

Kim Setty, Anchor

Deacon and Sunday School Teacher, Riverside Christian Church
Girl Scout Leader
PTO member, McCollom Elementary
Cub Scout Den Volunteer
Site Council, Wilbur Middle School

Mark Larson, Meteorologist

Risen Savior Lutheran Church Praise Team and Choir member
Mueller Elementary School Site Council Member and Secretary
Stuck Middle School Science Olympiad Coach
AMS/NSF Data Stream Program Teacher Mentor

Merril Teller, Chief Meteorologist

Kansas Children's Miracle Network, Advisory Committee
AYSO Volunteer Referee

Jeff Gibson, Engineer

C.E.R.T.
R.A.C.E.S. Emergency Operations Management volunteer
Brooks Leadership program
Northeast Magnet High School JROTC program.

Melissa Lock, Human Resource Manager

Bridgeport Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday School Teacher
SHRM National and Local

Ronda Schwab, Sales Assistant

Parent Teacher Organization, USD 262
Teacher Appreciation Week Volunteer (Organizer)
Big Brothers / Sisters Bowling Tournament Volunteer
WSU Alumni Association / Career Mentor
Friends University Alumni Supporter

Felicia Rolfe, Reporter

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. President of local chapter
Links Inc. member
Church volunteer-Saint Mark United Methodist Church
Wichita Collegiate Association of Parents- volunteer

Amy J. Wintz, Account Executive

HCC communications strategic planning board member
Morgan PTO
Morgan Head room mother
Big Brothers and Sisters Reno county volunteer
HCC Leadership Program Mentor Board Member
Delta Zeta Alumni Chapter President

Jason Massingil, Photographer

Young Life Youth Ministry

Casey Lowmiller, Photographer

American Red Cross Member

Kerri Baker, KBSD Local Sales Manager

DC Chamber Ambassador
Small group leader, Minneola United Methodist Church
Board of Directors Boot Hill Museum
Board of Directors, Management Committee, Dodge City Ford County Development Corporation
Chair, Administrative Council for Minneola United Methodist Church / Volunteer
Ford County 4-H Parent Volunteer
BEST Minneola Junior High Parent Volunteer

Tracy Crockett, Reporter

Girl Scout Leader

Joseph E. Miller, Controller

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Trustee Emeriti & Development Committee Chair
Wichita Arts Council, Emeritus Trustee
Wichita Kennel Club, Member
Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Member
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church, Finance Committee member

James M. Luce, Research Director

Mental Health Association Compeer Advisory Board
Outreach and Missions Ministry Team Leader, River Valley Community Church
Operation Noah Rescue, Team Leader

Chris Durden, Producer & Internship Coordinator

K-State Career Fair – Manhattan, KS
KU Career Fair – Lawrence, KS

Michelle Loss, Special Projects

Church Pianist and Youth Leader, Freedom Bible Fellowship
Circle Middle School, Career Day

Dominc Gauna, Production Manger

USD 259's Digital Production Advisory Committee-Vice Chair

John Salem, Account Executive

Board Member – Ballet Wichita (formerly Wichita Metropolitan Ballet)

Board Member – Higher Ground Substance Abuse Counseling Center

Screening Committee- Tallgrass Film Festival

Volunteer – Habitat for Humanity

Volunteer – Catholic Charities (Cruise Night)

Volunteer – YMCA (Denim and Diamonds fund raiser)

Aubrey Runquist, Account Executive

American Cancer Society's Cattleman's Ball Wichita, Co Chair

Central Plains Rodeo Association Volunteer/Equine Sports Massage

Marcus Wilkerson, Local Sales Manager

Wichita Wind Ensemble, Board Member

Positive Directions, Volunteer

Bank of America River Run, Volunteer

Woodlawn Village Homeowners Association

Brian McDonough

Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas Volunteer

MAYB Basketball Coach

Kapaun Mt Carmel athletics volunteer

Kim Hynes

Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer

KSCW
SECOND QUARTER
AM & 10pm
APR., MAY. & JUN.
2009

CRIME Q-2

04/01/09

8am

The FBI and Wichita Police have caught a woman they say robbed a bank on Monday. Authorities tell us a 27 year-old woman has been arrested in connection with a robbery at the Commerce Bank in the 23-hundred block of East 21st Street North. Police say she was taken into custody yesterday at a home in northeast Wichita.

04/01/08

10pm

He's a doctor and she's a pharmacist; together prosecutors say they teamed up to illegally distribute prescription pain killers. Tonight Dr. Lawrence Simons is in jail with no bond, considered to be a flight risk. He's accused of doling out drugs to people who were not his patients. Some of the 36 counts date back to when Simons worked at the Schneider clinic in Haysville, although prosecutors say the charges have nothing to do with the clinic. In one case, the indictment says Simons gave a man Oxycontin and Oxycodone prescriptions as payment for transporting a vehicle from Kansas City to Wichita. Prosecutors say Simons' accomplice in some cases is Constance King a former pharmacist at a Wichita K-Mart. She's charged with seven counts; King's ordered to appear in court when a hearing is set.

04/02/09

10pm

Claudia and Gisele Mijares' family wanted to make sure he'd never get behind the wheel again. This morning, a judge sentenced Gary Hammitt to nearly 40 years in prison. Claudia Mijares was dropping her 4-year-old daughter off for pre-school last October at Wichita's Gardiner Elementary when Hammitt flipped an SUV and hit them. Hammitt was driving 60 miles an hour with a blood alcohol level more than five times the legal limit. Claudia Mijares' husband and older daughter had a chance to speak. And Hammitt apologized saying he wishes the accident took his life instead of the Mijares'. The judge gave Hammitt more than 39 years in prison. Because of his age and health, prosecutors believe 55-year-old Hammitt will die in prison.

04/03/09

7am

A ConsumerWatch alert for you about a car warranty scam. The better business bureau says Kansans need to be on the lookout for the following. Scammers that have called hundreds of people warning them their warranty is about to expire. To prevent these calls join the DO NOT CALL registry. In some cases people received letters from service protection direct urging them to extend their warranty by buying fake contracts. You should ignore these notices and report any suspected fraud to the B.B.B. or the Attorney General's Office. The state of Missouri launched an investigation into the Saint Louis Company sending out the fake notices.

04/03/09

10pm

A day care provider will spend the next two years in prison; Jessica Cummings asked the judge to keep her out of prison for the sake of her two young children. Cummings left one year old Kailee Hundley strapped into a car seat that was too small. The child suffocated. Hundley's father asked for the maximum sentence 36 months in prison. The judge also ordered Cummings to pay more than 9 thousand dollars in restitution to the Hundley family.

CRIME Q-2

04/04/09

10pm

A Newton man is in trouble for making threats against former President George W. Bush. Eric Bradley is accused of telling secret service agents he would "strangle the life out of the former president" and saying he would "do whatever he could to kill President Bush." If convicted, Bradley could face five years in Federal prison and a 250-thousand dollar fine.

04/05/09

10pm

A shooting outside a Wichita nightclub sends two people to the hospital; it happened just before closing time at the club in the 61-hundred block of East 21st. Police say two groups started arguing in the parking lot. During the fight someone started shooting. One person was shot four times, another person walked into Wesley Medical Center with one gunshot wound. Doctors performed surgery on both men and there's no update on their condition tonight. Police have not made any arrests; investigators are looking for an older-model maroon four-door Buick or Cadillac. If you have any information about this case, contact Wichita Police or Crimestoppers.

04/09/09

7am

He heard the car, saw the headlights then got out of the way; a car comes crashing into this apartment at Pelican Point in Wichita last night. Two people were inside the home at the time, they were not hurt. They said the after the crash the driver looked disoriented then got into another car and fled the scene. The guys inside the apartment say they feel extremely lucky they weren't hit. Structural engineers looked over the damage before crews could remove the car. They wanted to make sure the building wouldn't collapse if the vehicle was taken out. Police are still looking for the driver this morning.

04/10/09

10pm

We open the CrimeWatch in Salina where police arrest a woman for leaving her five-year-old daughter home alone. A driver found the child near the intersection of Cloud and Roberts early this morning. Police say when the girl woke up and didn't find her mom, she went looking for her. The child is now in the custody of relatives. The mother is out on bond.

04/11/09

10pm

New at ten...an investigator say yesterday's fire at Joyland appears to be intentional. Arson investigators were back at the former amusement park this morning. Friday's fire destroyed the old opera house. Joyland's owner suspected arson when we talked to him yesterday. Police have not made any arrests. Joyland closed in 2-thousand-4 after 55 years in business. Various attempts to reopen the park have been unsuccessful.

04/12/09

10pm

One person is shot & several others are hurt at a party in northwest Wichita. This was the scene in the 23-hundred block of north burns late last night. Police say a fight started when a group of men showed up with knives, bats and chains. Someone shot a 16-year-old boy in the foot. Police say he'll recover. Officers have not made any arrests but are looking for 15 Hispanic men between 18 and 25-years old.

CRIME Q-2

04/13/09

10pm

Opening statements are expected tomorrow in the trial of this Wichita woman. Katie Cornejo is charged with first degree murder of 2-year-old Daytona Robertson. Jury selection in Cornejo's case began this morning. Police and prosecutors say she was the only person with Daytona when she was hurt last year. The girl suffered severe head trauma and shaking before dying at a Wichita hospital. Daytona's father says he'll be in court every day. Katie Cornejo's family says she's innocent; her mother told us today, "It's been a long hard wait, but the more we wait, the more we find out. We're confident Katie will get her justice. I know Katie would never hurt a child."

04/14/09

7am

The murder trial of Katie Cornejo is expected to get underway today. Cornejo is charged with the first degree murder of her 2-year-old step daughter Daytona Robertson. Jury selection in Cornejo's case began yesterday morning. Police and prosecutors say she was the only person with Daytona when she was hurt last year. The girl suffered severe head injuries and was shaken before she died at a Wichita hospital.

04/14/09

10pm

Paramedics say they found a tennis-ball size bump on her head and five days later two year old Daytona Robertson died. Her stepmother's now accused of killing her and jurors today heard the 911 call Katie Cornejo and a neighbor made asking for help. Defense attorneys say several people besides Cornejo could be responsible for hurting her stepdaughter. Cornejo is charged with first degree murder. Prosecutors say she was the only person with the girl when she was hurt and her injuries were from a severe blow to the head. Tomorrow, prosecutors expect to put Daytona Robertson's family members including her father on the stand.

04/15/09

10pm

Two-year-old Daytona Robertson's father takes the stand to talk about the day his girl suffered a severe blow to the head. We open the CrimeWatch in Sedgwick County court where prosecutors argue Daytona's stepmother Katie Cornejo was the only person with her when she was hurt. She's charged with first degree murder. Tommy Robertson told jurors he and Cornejo were fighting and talking about divorce when Daytona suffered her injuries. He said he still remembered driving to the hospital hoping his daughter would be okay. Cornejo's defense attorney says there are several people could be responsible for hurting the girl. For now, she says Cornejo does eventually plan to take the stand in her own defense.

04/16/09

10pm

We open the CrimeWatch at 25th and Madison where police say one teen stabbed another earlier this evening. Wichita police say two teens got into a fight. One of them pulled out a knife and stabbed a 15-year-old girl. Paramedics took the teen to a hospital in critical condition. Police interviewed witnesses at the scene. They've not made any arrests.

CRIME Q-2

04/17/09

10pm

A defense expert says two-year-old Daytona Robertson may have been hurt for hours before she had a seizure. Prosecutors say Katie Cornejo killed her stepdaughter in February of last year. They say Cornejo was the only person with Robertson when she suffered a severe blow to the head and shaking. A prosecution child abuse expert told jurors Robertson would have shown symptoms almost immediately. But a doctor testifying for the defense says Robertson was anemic when she arrived at the hospital because of bleeding on the brain. He said it takes much longer than minutes for tests to show you're anemic. Dr. Richard Gilmartin Jr., defense medical expert answers the defense question, "How long that would take to become anemic?" Gilmartin says, "That's really kind of difficult to say, but it would take at least hours or longer." Cornejo's defense expects to wrap up its case Monday. It's possible Cornejo will take the stand in her own defense.

4/18/09

10pm

The administration says it's "deeply disappointed" with the prison sentence of an American journalist. An Iranian court sentenced Roxana Saberi to 8 years in prison. The court convicted her of spying, a charge the U.S. and Saberi deny. The Iranians arrested Saberi in January for working without credentials.

4/19/09

10pm

Wichita Police are looking for a man who attacked two people outside of this nightclub early this morning. They say the man started beating his ex-girlfriend outside of Club Durango on North Broadway. A friend tried to help her by pulling the man off. The ex-boyfriend then tried to hit him as he drove off in the woman's S-U-V. She said the ex-boyfriend also stabbed her in the chest during a fight last month. Police later found the S-U-V.

4/20/09

7am

Wichita police checked nearly one hundred liquor stores looking for underage drinking violations. 13 establishments were found violating liquor laws. 103 containers of alcohol were seized during the checks and one minor was cited for possession of alcohol.

04/20/09

10pm

For the fourth time this year vandal's break into Joyland Amusement Park. The owners had boarded up the buildings to keep thieves out of the closed park, but this time thieves used bolt cutters and other tools to do damage. The owners say vandals have taken the joy out of owning the park. Joyland is for sale. Earlier this month a fire broke out there and investigators ruled it arson.

04/21/09

8am

Copper thieves return to Wichita. Wichita Police told us about the first major copper theft attempt of the year. The London Metal Exchange lists the price of copper at 2.15 a pound. The lowest price in the last year was just a little more than a dollar. Go to our website at www.kwch.com to find out the highest price copper hit.

04/22/09

7am

The process starts all over again June 8th. Katie Cornejo's case ended in a mistrial Tuesday. Jurors say there were too many questions left unanswered and they deadlocked. Cornejo was charged with killing her 2-year-old step daughter Daytona Robertson. After the mistrial was declared jurors explained why they couldn't come to an agreement. They tell Eyewitness News that most of them were ready to acquit Cornejo.

CRIME Q-2

04/22/09

10pm

Brooklyn Brown was just 10 months old when she died; tonight the man who killed her said he made a mistake and asks for forgiveness. Michael Janzen first told police Brooklyn fell and hit her head, he later confessed to beating the child. During his sentencing today Janzen told the judge he agreed to a plea deal because he didn't want to put Brooklyn's family through a trial. But her mother said it hurts to realize she'll never know her daughter. In the end the judge had some harsh words for Janzen and sentenced him to 10 years and three months in prison.

04/23/09

7am

Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies and Highway Patrol troopers all will have to go through new training. It's because of a Supreme Court ruling this week; that changes when police can search your car making it harder for them to get inside without a warrant. It's the first major change in the law in almost 30 years. Unless you're arrested the ruling won't affect you but it is significant for law enforcement. The laws are already complicated and officers are trained extensively, now they will have to be retrained. Since 1981 police have had broad authority to search cars whenever they made an arrest. This week's ruling says the officer can only search the car only if weapons are in reach of the person or if there's reason to believe the car has evidence related to the arrest. For example if the driver is arrested on a drug crime, the car could be searched for drugs.

04/23/09

10pm

Gunfire breaks out in a Wichita neighborhood with lots of people around. The shooting happened near 9th and Volutsia around seven tonight. Police tell us paramedics took one person to the hospital in serious condition. Officers at the scene spent the evening interviewing witnesses... trying to find out what lead to the shooting.

04/24/09

7am

Officers piece together the details of a shooting this morning. Someone opened fired near 9th and Volutsia around seven last night. One person was taken to the hospital in serious condition and officers spent the evening interviewing several witness.

04/27/09

10pm

He was charged with killing a man whose body was never found and today jurors find Jeffrey Salas not guilty of murdering Tony Epps. Epps disappeared more than two years ago and police said Salas was responsible. This afternoon, Salas walked out of the Sedgwick County Jail a free man. Prosecutors said Salas owed Epps a large drug debt and the two men were supposed to meet the day Epps disappeared more than two years ago. Both Salas and his mother told us they were waiting for this day. Jurors deliberated for several days last week before announcing today's verdict.

04/29/09

7am

Wichita Police continue to draft an ordinance to try and curb violence at bars and clubs. The Wichita city council reviewed the latest draft yesterday. It would put triggers in place so police could more easily write citations and even shut down bars and clubs that break the law. Right now because of the way the laws are written a bar can have close to 60 violations before being shut down. To read more details of the proposed ordinance go to our website at www.kwch.com

CRIME Q-2

04/30/09

7am

A jury continues deliberations this morning in the second murder trial for a Salina man. Cameron Nelson is charged with shooting and killing Mark Simpson last April. In closing statements yesterday prosecutors told jurors the evidence shows all the bullets came from Nelson's gun. But the defense argued that there is no proof to back up that claim. Jurors asked several questions, including asking for the testimonies of several witnesses to be read. They went home last night without reaching a verdict. Nelson's trial last December ended in a mistrial.

04/30/09

10pm

Many wondered if they'd ever see the former owner of Wild West World again, now Thomas Etheredge will soon be back in Wichita. As we first told you last night, Etheredge was arrested in Texas and faces securities fraud charges. Investigators say Etheredge misrepresented his finances when looking for investors for Wild West World in Park City. Many of those investors say they know they won't get their money back. One of them tells us he's already agreed to testify against Etheredge and feels the park owner lied to him. Dr. David Brown says, invested \$75,000, "He'd been in the banking business and this was such a wonderful opportunity and he'd have me paid back in six months." Carol Fowler, Former Park City Council member] says, "Now, I think they're going to be comfortable even if they're not going to get their money back that justice is going to be done." The Sedgwick County Sheriff's office has ten days to bring Etheredge back from Texas.

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05/01/09

10pm

Wild West World founder Thomas Etheredge arrives back in Wichita to face charges of securities fraud. Deputies flew Etheredge back from Texas this afternoon. He's now in the Sedgwick County Jail on a million dollars bond. Etheredge faces ten counts of securities fraud related to the amusement park's collapse. Police arrested Etheredge at the San Antonio airport earlier this week. He waived extradition back to Kansas; Etheredge will appear in court on Monday.

05/02/09

10pm

A man dies after a short chase with the Highway Patrol. A trooper tried to pull the driver over near Kellogg and Grove around one this morning; when he refused to stop police took off after him. The trooper suspended the case near Douglas and Hillside. The driver eventually crashed near First Street as he tried to avoid a pedestrian. Police say the driver, 28-year-old James Riggans of Wichita, died in the crash. No one else was hurt.

05/03/09

10pm

We open the CrimeWatch in south Wichita where a man is stabbed outside a strip club. It happened just before two o'clock this morning in the parking lot outside Jezebels. Authorities don't have many details but say someone stabbed the victim in the chest. Paramedics took him to Wesley Medical Center in serious condition. Police have not made any arrests.

CRIME Q-2

05/04/09

7am

Wichita Police are on the look-out for a man they say shot another man in the face Monday morning. Police say it started when he went to a house in the 17-hundred block of north spruce to pick up some things and began arguing with the shooter. After being shot he ran two blocks to a car lot at 17th and Grove. Police said the shooter got away; he's described as a black man, 20 to 23 years old, about 6 foot tall and very thin. He was last seen wearing blue pants and an orange and blue hoodie. Police do not know if the two know each other. The victim is in a Wichita hospital this morning.

05/04/09

10pm

Tomorrow we may find out if Wichita police caught a suspected serial rapist. This morning officers arrested a man they believe raped a woman at an Apartment Complex at Harry and Webb. Police say his M.O. matches other rapes at a nearby apartment complex. In less than two months, three women at Ashley Lane apartments reported sexual assaults to police. The most recent attack happened Saturday. Police say a man asked to see an apartment available for rent; the man raped the employee who took him into the vacant apartment.

05/05/09

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05/05/09

10pm

Wichita police say they got their man; they arrested the man they think is behind four rapes. Officers arrested a 31-year-old at the Fox Run Apartments on South Webb yesterday. Police said the victim gave them a good description and they tracked the man just a few blocks away. Investigators believe the man attacked three women at Ashley Lane Apartments. The last attack was over the weekend, when the suspect asked the apartment complex manager to show him an apartment for rent.

05/06/09

7am

A standoff ends in north Wichita; it started with a shooting near 25th and Arkansas that sent a man to the hospital with non life threatening injuries. The shooting suspects went into a nearby house where police say the standoff began. Two hours later, the two men walked out of the house. Police say the shooting is gang related.

05/06/09

10pm

Continuing coverage tonight on breaking news from last night; a shooting at a Wichita park that then led to a standoff. Police now say the shooting was gang related two people were in a car when a truck pulled up next to it and someone inside opened fire. Police found the truck a few blocks away, two men were inside a home there. It was two hours before the men surrendered. One person was shot but his injuries were not life threatening.

CRIME Q-2

05/07/09

7am

This man will spend almost 12 years in prison for sexually assaulting an elderly woman. Raul Monroy Junior was sentenced yesterday. He pleaded guilty to breaking into the cornerstone retirement home in Wichita and touching an 85-year-old woman last year. Police say before that he asked an elderly man for sex. Monroy was already a registered sex offender.

05/07/09

10pm

Prosecutors say he's a flight risk; tomorrow they'll argue their case against the former Wild West World owner in court and we may even get to hear from Thomas Etheredge himself. Etheredge and his attorneys want his one-million dollar bond reduced. But as we told you last night, prosecutors say since Wild West World went bankrupt while Etheredge travelled the world and didn't live where people thought he was. Etheredge is accused of taking investors money, putting it in his account and making it look like he invested his own savings into the park.

05/08/09

10pm

New at ten, Wichita abortion provider Doctor George Tiller asks the FBI to investigate attacks against his clinic. Tiller's attorney says vandals damaged the clinic last week. Dan Monnat said vandals cut holes in the roof and plugged up downspouts. Rain poured into the clinic during this week's storm causing thousands of dollars in damage.

05/09/09

10pm

Wichita Police are also looking for the three suspects that attacked a man overnight. Investigators say the man was attacked outside the Rack-em up Club on South Meridian. He suffered a skull fracture and bleeding in the brain. Paramedics took him to the hospital in critical condition. Police say they know who the attackers are but have yet to find them.

05/10/09

10pm

Jury selection begins tomorrow in an Osborne County murder trial. Prosecutors charged Kenneth Wilson with pre-meditated first-degree murder. Authorities say he killed Jeffery Scott Noel of Portis during burglary in March of 2008. Wilson made off with a cell phone and 50 dollars. The trial is expected to last two weeks. Wilson faces life in prison if convicted.

05/11/09

7am

The trial is scheduled to begin today for Megan Mott; prosecutors say Mott killed her three-month-old son while he was in a Wichita hospital. The baby was in the hospital with a respiratory virus when nurses found skull fractures. Police say Mott was the only one with the child at the time.

05/11/09

10pm

Neighbors say a Derby school board member exposed himself to kids. Tonight we know John Roberts was charged with three misdemeanor counts of lewd and lascivious behavior. Police said a neighbor called to report the allegations. Besides being on the school board Roberts is also an official with the Kansas High School Activities Association for football, volleyball and basketball games. The association said it will wait for the court process before making any decision on his standing. The school board cannot fire Roberts because he's an elected official.

CRIME Q-2

05/12/09

7am

Students at a Salina Elementary school say a substitute teacher hit them. Now police are investigating what happened at Meadowlark Elementary Friday. Students say the sub hit four students but none of them did anything wrong. Parents say the principal called to tell them about the incident and they want something done about it. The school district says it can't comment saying it's a personnel issue.

05/12/09

10pm

A Derby school board member resigns and admits it's because of his case with the law. John Roberts is charged with lewd and lascivious behavior. Roberts sent this letter to the Derby superintendent; Roberts said "Due to the publicity about my case I don't believe that I can effectively serve as a board member, I hear-by resign, effective immediately." Roberts was not at last night's board meeting. He'll be in court next month. The school board will decide how to fill his seat.

05/13/09

7am

Megan Mott will wait a little longer for her trial to begin; a judge delayed the case yesterday so Mott's attorney can review some new evidence. Mott is accused of killing her 3-month-old baby while he was in the hospital. A jury was seated and opening statements were supposed to begin when the judge ordered the delay. This means a new jury will have to be selected when the trial starts again in a few weeks.

05/14/09

7am

One man is dead this morning after he's shot near downtown Wichita. Investigators say a 44-year-old man was shot in the chest shortly before two this morning. The shooting happened in the 200 block of South Kansas, that's near Kansas and Waterman. Another man with injuries was also found on there, but police aren't sure whether or not he has anything to do with the shooting. Police are still looking for the shooter and one other person.

05/15/09

7am

Police are still looking for men responsible for a deadly shooting near downtown Wichita. It's an update to a story we first brought you yesterday morning on Eyewitness News. Police say two masked men walked into an apartment in the 200 block of South Kansas around 2 a.m. Police describe the apartment as a known drug house and say seven people inside when the shots were fired. A 44-year-old man was killed. His name has not been released yet. Police tell us another man was shot in the leg, but was not seriously hurt.

05/15/09

10pm

New at ten...deputies in Sedgwick County discover thousands of pot plants. Deputies made the find in a wooded lot south of Wichita. In all they seized nearly 11-thousand marijuana plants. The plants are valued at more than 8-million dollars fully grown. Deputies have not made any arrests. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Sedgwick County Sheriff.

05/16/09

10pm

We begin the CrimeWatch in west Wichita where a man is shot and a woman sexually assaulted. It happened around two this morning at a home near 25th and Hoover. Police say four men broke into the home demanding drugs and money. They dragged the woman outside, tied her up and sexually assaulted her. The intruders shot her companion in the chest and leg. Paramedics took him to a hospital in critical condition. Three children inside the home at the time; they were not hurt. Police have not made any arrests; they're asking anyone who may have information about the case to call 911 or Crime stoppers.

CRIME Q-2

05/17/09

10pm

Wichita Police arrest three people in the city's latest homicide. We open the CrimeWatch in the 5-hundred block of North Florence. That's where police say a 34-year-old man was shot to death Friday night. Neighbors report hearing an argument and then gunshot; officers arrested three men on Saturday. Each was booked into the Sedgwick County Jail on a charge of first degree murder.

05/18/09

10pm

Sedgwick County investigators still don't have any idea who was growing 11-thousand marijuana plants, take a look. Not only did investigators find the plants but a camp with lots of trash and food wrappers around a tent. It was all found south of Goddard. The land owner made the discovery. The marijuana plants were small and growing in pots. But once harvested they'd be worth almost nine million dollars. That makes this the biggest pot bust in Sedgwick County in at least five years.

05/19/09

7am

Wichita Police begin a two-week program to encourage drivers and passengers to wear seat-belts. Doctor Joe Nold says he frequently deals with patients who have head injuries from not wearing a seatbelt. He said wearing a belt could save your life if you're in an accident. The director of the Wichita Safe Kids Coalition said many children are injured in wrecks because of car seat issues. You can get your car seat checked by calling Via Christi or Wesley and they'll have trained technicians take a look at it.

05/19/09

10pm

He wasn't exactly who Sedgwick County Deputies were out looking for but this man got busted anyway for parole violation for drugs, theft and escape. We rode along with deputies on a warrant sweep today. 25 officers focused on people who have failed to pay child support. There were more than 200 warrants issued. We should know how many people were arrested, later this week.

05/20/09

7am

Wichita Police warn of a new scam to steal your personal information. They're text messages that claim to be from a bank or credit union. The text says your debit or credit card has been deactivated and asks you to call an 800 number to re-activate it. Police say when you call that number you'll be asked for personal information which the scammers can steal. Police say they've seen texts claiming to be from both sunflower bank and the telephone employee's credit union. If you receive one do not respond. Instead report it to both your bank and police.

05/20/09

10pm

A former Goddard Police Officer pleads not guilty in federal court; he's accused of sending nude photos of himself to a woman he arrested. Calvin Schaffer faces federal wire fraud charges. Prosecutors say he sent nude pictures of himself using a Goddard Police computer to a woman he arrested for DUI. He's also accused of offering to get charges dismissed against the woman in exchange for sex. The court ordered him not to have contact with her.

05/21/09

7am

A student is arrested after taking a loaded gun to class at the Towne West Education Center. District officials say the 17-year-old boy was working at a desk when the gun slipped out of his pocket. Another student noticed and told an instructor. The student was arrested and will face an expulsion hearing. The Town West center is an alternative school for students to work at their own pace toward a high school diploma.

CRIME Q-2

05/21/09

10pm

We know more about the man arrested in Mould's murder; he has no criminal record. As Jim said we have confirmed his name but we will not report it until he's charged in court tomorrow. But here's what we do know about him so far; he's 55 years old and was arrested at his home in Benton. This afternoon investigators search that home, they were there for at least two hours searching through plastic storage tubs in the garage. We saw one officer carrying out a brown evidence bag from the house. We do know the man listed Cessna as his employer on the booking sheet from the Butler County Jail. And we've confirmed through the Boy scouts that he served as a Scout Leader from 2002 to 2006. We also confirmed he has no criminal background. That information came through a KBI check.

05/22/09

7am

He used a fake badge to rape three women; and now he calls himself a victim. Thursday morning a judge sentenced David Gage to almost 30 years in prison. Prosecutors say Gage contacted women who listed themselves on the erotic services section of Craigslist. When he met them at Wichita hotels, he showed them a fake U.S. Marshal's badge and forced them to have sex with him. In court yesterday Gage continued to deny his guilt. In 1998, Wichita Police say they arrested gage when he tried to commit the same crime on an undercover officer.

05/22/09

10pm

A former Hutchinson basketball coach pleads no contest to having sexual relations with a student. Bradley Specht appeared in a Reno County courtroom this morning. Prosecutors say he had inappropriate relationship with a 16-year-old female student. Specht resigned as the boys coach at Hutch High after the allegations became public. He faces up to a year's probation; Specht will be sentenced in early July.

05/23/09

10pm

Wichita Police make an arrest after two men are beaten with a baseball bat. We open the CrimeWatch around midnight at Eighth and Green. Police say three men jumped the victim while he was out walking. They beat him and took his wallet. An hour and a half later another man was attacked at the same intersection. Police later arrested a 20-year-old man. They're still looking for 16 and 17 year old but say they know who the teens are.

05/24/09

10pm

Friends say it's impossible, they insist there's no way the man they know could kill a woman and set her body on fire. That's what prosecutors say Bill Moore did to Carol Mould. Her body was found in her Benton home in 2004. Police arrested Moore last week. His neighbors say they still can't believe what's happened and is standing by their friend. Moore will be back in court June first. He's being held on a 250-thousand dollar bond.

05/25/09

10pm

In tonight's CrimeWatch, Wichita's Swat team fires tear gas to get a man out of a house after he threatened police and set his own apartment on fire. The standoff started when a 27-year-old woman called 911 this morning saying she had a problem with her boyfriend. When officers arrived the man said he had a gun. Police also saw smoke billowing from duplex windows. Police say the swat team responded because of the man's threats. The standoff lasted more than two hours. Police tased the man an ambulance took him from the scene after he was dragged outside...but police say he wasn't seriously hurt. Officers say they did not find a gun inside the apartment.

CRIME Q-2

05/26/09

7am

A 12-year-old boy is shot and killed and the Wilson county Sheriff said it was an accident. The sheriff didn't give us much information but said two boys were involved. The other is a 14 year-old no word where the children got the gun.

05/26/09

10pm

Accused of kidnapping a convenience store clerk, this man's trial begins tomorrow. Robert Abner's charged with kidnapping, robbery and rape. Attorneys began picking a jury in his case today. They should be done with that tomorrow morning. Prosecutors say Abner kidnapped the viola woman from her job...held her hostage for three days and then released her. Abner's trial's expected to last about two days.

05/27/09

7am

This man pleads guilty to sexually assaulting women in downtown Wichita last summer. Police said Timothy Thompson attacked the women in broad daylight in front of many witnesses. Thompson pleaded guilty to four counts of aggravated sexual battery; he'll be sentenced late next month.

05/27/09

10pm

A Viola convenience store clerk will take the stand tomorrow to describe her three days in captivity. Prosecutors say Robert Abner kidnapped Joyce Patterson from her job last June. But Abner's defense attorney painted a different picture in court today saying Patterson went willingly with him. Patterson never got a good look at her abductor. Prosecutors say she chose to stay blind folded thinking if she didn't know what he looked like he would be less likely to kill her. Prosecutors said they had little to go on after Patterson showed up at her pastor's home. They say Abner then told his sister what happened and she called police.

05/28/09

7am

A carnival worker accused of inappropriately touching children while they suited up for a ride will not go to trial. James Jensen pled guilty yesterday morning to two counts of attempted aggravated indecent liberties and one count of aggravated indecent liberties. Police arrested Jensen back in 2007. Three teens say he touched their breasts while they were getting on a ride at Valley Center's Fall Festival. The court has not set a sentencing date.

05/28/09

10pm

Sheriff's deputies go underwater looking for clues in the murder of Carol Mould. A dive team searched a pond near her Benton home today. Butler County Sheriff Craig Murphy won't say what investigators are looking for. Divers used a grid system to search the bottom of the pond. Investigators searched around the pond after mould's murder in 2004 but never went in. Divers did not find anything today but plan to search the pond again. Authorities arrested Bill Moore last week; prosecutors charged him with first-degree murder. He lives not far from the Mould home and was friendly with the family. Moore is schedule to be back in court on Monday, he's currently in jail on a quarter-million dollars bond.

CRIME Q-2

05/29/09

8am

A former Wichita preacher will spend the next seven years behind bars. A judge sentenced Alfred Brown to prison. Brown pleaded guilty in April to charges he raped and molested a six and 15-year-old girl. He was arrested in late 2-thousand-7. Brown preached to people out of his Wichita home.

05/29/09

10pm

Closing arguments are set for Monday in the Robert Abner trial. Prosecutors say Abner kidnapped Joyce Patterson from a Viola convenience store last summer. Abner admits he robbed the store in viola and kept Patterson at his house. He says she wanted to leave with him. A detective testified Patterson told him she didn't want anything to do with Abner, but feared for her life. Eventually Abner told detectives he felt bad about the situation and decided to release her. Sedgwick county Sheriff officer Tim Myers says, "He could tell it was affecting her husband from watching the coverage. He could tell a lot of people loved Patterson and wanted her home." Abner chose not to testify. You can follow the case online, read past stories and replay Kim Hynes' courtroom blog at k-w-c-h dot-com.

05/30/09

8am

An update in the Robert Abner trial today, prosecutors say Abner kidnapped Joyce Patterson from a Viola convenience store last summer. Abner was given the choice to testify, but decided against it. Jurors did get to hear from a detective who interviewed him. He testified Abner admitted to robbing the convenience store and even keeping Joyce Patterson at his home. But Abner told the detective she chose to leave and stay with him. Tim Myers says he was told she got in after he told her to get in and she got in on her own. When asked if anyone said she was forced in the car, he answered no. When closing statements are finished Monday, the case will go to the jury. Follow the proceedings with our interactive courtroom blog at k-w-c-h dot com.

05/30/09

10pm

A school district in northeast Kansas suspends a teacher for alleged sexual misconduct. A 16-year-old student says she had a sexual relationship with a 44-year-old teacher. The teacher works at Basehor-Linwood high school in Leavenworth County. The relationship took place during the most recent school year. Police are investigating and no charges have been filed.

CRIME Q-2

05/31/09

10pm

A Wichita Abortion provider is gunned down this morning inside his church. Doctor George Tiller was known as one of the few physicians in the United States performing late-term abortions. He was 67-years-old. Tiller was serving as an usher this morning here at the Reformation Lutheran church on 13th and Rock Road. Police say he was in the foyer area when a man shot and killed him. They say Tiller died of a single gunshot wound, but didn't specify how many shots were fired. Tiller's attorney, Dan Monnat says Tiller's wife Jeanne was also in the church--she was with the choir at the time of the shooting.

Several hundred people come together in Wichita tonight at a vigil for Wichita abortion provider Doctor George Tiller. Tiller was gunned down in his church this morning and as this vigil wraps up in old town his suspected shooter is in custody being brought back to Wichita tonight.

06/01/09

7am

This is not the first time Tiller or his clinic has been attacked. Back in June of 1986, someone detonated a homemade bomb on the roof of his clinic on East Kellogg, no one was hurt. Five years later the clinic was targeted again. An anti-abortion group called Operation Rescue targeted the clinic in what they called "The Summer of Mercy". More than 27-hundred protestors blocked entrances to the facility until a federal judge ordered their arrest. In August of 1993, Doctor Tiller was shot outside the building; Tiller was wounded in both arms and returned to work the next day. A woman named Shelly Shannon was convicted of the crime and spent 10 years in prison for attempted murder. Shannon is now serving a 20 year prison term for arson; she set fire to several abortion clinics around the country.

06/02/09

7am

Roeder's family members say they are shocked and horrified by Sunday's events. His brother David released a statement yesterday. It said: "We know Scott as a kind and loving son, brother, and father who has suffered from mental illness at various times in his life. However, none of us ever saw Scott as a person capable of or willing to take another person's life." However Roeder's ex-wife has very different views. Lindsay Roeder said she's not surprised that her ex-husband could be involved in death of Doctor Tiller. She calls Roeder self-righteous and says he had no tolerance for abortion. Lindsey Roeder says Scott felt he was always right especially about his views on religion and the government. She said back in 1996, when police arrested her ex-husband for having explosives in his car, Roeder told family members he planned blow up an abortion clinic.

06/03/09

8am

We now know the details of funeral arrangements for Doctor Tiller. Services are set for Saturday morning at 10am at College Hill United Methodist Church. A spokesperson for the Wichita Police Department said they are still discussing how to handle security at the funeral; we could learn more about those plans today.

06/03/09

10pm

A school nurse admits she stole medication she should have been giving students. Tami Bradley was arrested in November; she worked at a Salina Elementary School. Today Bradley pleaded guilty to one count of felony drug charges. Parents we spoke to say they're satisfied with the plea agreement. Bradley could get jail time and a fine of 100 thousand dollars. She'll be sentenced late next month.

CRIME Q-2

06/04/09

8am

He's charged with killing Wichita abortion provider Doctor George Tiller. Now the attorney for Scott Roeder asks a judge to set bond. Roeder is charged with first-degree murder; prosecutors say he gunned down Tiller in the lobby of his church Sunday morning. Monday a judge ordered Roeder to remain in jail without bond. A hearing on the new bond request is set for Friday morning.

06/04/09

10pm

Police look for the person who shot a man earlier tonight; we open the CrimeWatch in south Wichita where police say a man in his twenties was shot in the back. It happened around 6:15 pm in the 300 block of West Hazel, that's near 47th South and Broadway. Paramedics took the man to Saint Francis Hospital in critical condition. Police are not saying what may have led up the shooting and investigators are not saying if they know who the suspect is.

06/05/09

7am

Police look for the person who shot a man early last night in Wichita. Police say a man in his twenties was shot in the back. It happened around six-15 in the 3-hundred block of west Hazel. That's near 47th south and Broadway. Paramedics took the man to Saint Francis Hospital in critical condition. Police are not saying what may have led up the shooting. Investigators are not saying if they know who the suspect is.

06/05/09

10pm

While the nation has looked on watching the murder of Dr. George Tiller, federal authorities are the latest to announce they're looking into his death. The federal probe will consist of a thorough review of the evidence and an assessment of any violations of the freedom of access to clinic entrances act. The FACE act protects abortion providers and patients. Federal authorities believe the law was broken last Sunday as Dr. Tiller was gunned down while serving as an usher at his church. Earlier this week, Sedgwick County district attorney Nola Foulston announced local prosecutors would handle the murder case, "The case will be managed by the office of the district attorney as a state's case, and it will proceed in this jurisdiction in this courthouse. The office of the district attorney has an ongoing murder prosecution. They'll have our full support, but there are federal crimes that occurred in this matter." Federal statutes say if the crime was premeditated and involved a gun. The death penalty is a possibility. Investigators also plan to look into whether more than one person was involved last Sunday, "If any other actors emerge, then certainly if they have violated federal statutes, then they will be charged appropriately."

06/06/09

8am

He's wanted for attempted murder and the Saline county sheriff doesn't know where he is. This is the man... 30-year-old Charles Barrand. Investigators say he's one of four men involved in an attack on a Salina man. The attack nearly cost the man his leg. The other suspects are already in custody. Barrand is not. He's 5-foot 11-inches tall... 190 pounds with blond hair and hazel eyes. If you have any information contact the Saline County sheriff.

06/06/09

10pm

We open the crime watch at eleventh and Market in Wichita. Police say a man was out walking around two-30 this morning when someone shot him. The man was hit at least two times. Paramedics took him to a Wichita hospital. Police have not made any arrests but are looking for a dark-colored suburban seen leaving the area after the shooting.

CRIME Q-2

06/07/09

10pm

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06/08/09

10pm

If you're getting job solicitations to become a secret shopper; beware. New at 10...the Attorney General's office calls some of those ads a scam. Here's why. The ad claims to give you extra income. When you respond you may receive a cashier's check for up to 4-thousand dollars. Your job is then to cash the check, pose as a customer and wire the money; often to a foreign address. The check is fake and when it bounces it leaves you liable for the money. The Attorney General said always be skeptical of offers asking you to wire money. Go to www.kwch.com for more tips.

06/10/09

7am

Dodge City police say a deadly shooting at this mobile home park is gang related. Police say 21-year-old Israel Peralta of Dodge City, was killed. Another man from Atlanta, Georgia was shot in the leg. If you know anything that could help solve this homicide, call Dodge City Police.

06/11/09

7am

The man accused of hitting and killing this Hawker Beechcraft worker is found not guilty Wednesday. Jeff Hart died while crossing the street on his way to picket last fall. Prosecutors said Barton Pasteka didn't brake and hit him because he was mad. Pasteka's defense attorney said his client just didn't see Hart because it was dark.

06/11/09

10pm

Nine pit bulls are now evidence in a criminal investigation but they're also in need of a home. The Sumner County Sheriff seized the dogs near Belle Plaine suspecting they were abused. Deputies found the animals chained up covered in sores and old wounds and without food. The sheriff believes they were forced to fight. Neighbors suspected the abuse. The sheriff must care for the dogs but the county has nowhere to put them. Other counties have offered to help but not for long. The Sumner County Sheriff has tried several times to contact the dog's owner. The county attorney will decide whether to file charges.

CRIME Q-2

06/12/09

6am

These dogs have missed out on for days. Their new caretaker is taking on a big responsibility that isn't his. Sumner county sheriff Gerald Gilkey seized the dogs Tuesday, "Some of the dogs are actually living in holes in the ground." Covered in sores and old wounds, police believe the dogs were kept to fight. Neighbor, Steven Darnall suspected the abuse, "We're pretty sure he hasn't been feeding the dogs, the water they get is probably from the rain." Considered evidence in the case, Sumner County must care for the dogs but they have no place to keep them, "It's been a big, big problem for me. I've been pulling my hair out." So, he's enlisted the help of surrounding counties. There are nine pit bulls being housed at four different locations. The quarters are so tight this shelter which is supposed to house two dogs is housing three. And the males have to be placed at either end to keep them from fighting. Sheriff says, "It becomes very expensive to maintain animals for an extended period of time especially for an agency like ours that is not set up to deal with this type of situation." PETA and other rescue organizations have been called but the dogs are still waiting for a temporary place to call home. In Sumner County, I'm Kara Sewell for KWCH 12 Eyewitness News.

06/12/09

10pm

New tonight, police look into a series of burglaries in northwest Wichita. There have been three or four burglaries near 9th and west recently. The latest incident happened last night. A woman reports two people trying to break into her home. She confronted both of them and they left. No one was hurt. Police have not made any arrests.

06/13/09

8am

The Volvo station wagon is a four door, gold in color. After Thursday night, it will stay parked in this lot for awhile. "I came out and I thought I just had a flat tire. When I go closer, I realize my car was all the way down, so it was all pretty much slashed." James says, "Oh those are not good signs, actually at all. Those are hate crime signs." Swastikas and the beginning of an insult in spray paint, but James isn't Jewish, he is a catholic from Uganda. He says, "We had about 10 cars in the parking lot. It was only mine vandalized." The Wichita police department says so far this year, 17 hate crimes have been reported. There have been seven against blacks. In 2008, the department worked a total of 32, more than half of those crimes were labeled anti-black. James says, "I get confused, you know why is it mine? That's the question I keep asking myself. Of all the people, why is it my car?" James says this is the second time someone targeted his car in the last two years. He says he plans to move once he can replace his slashed tires and remove the graffiti. In Wichita, Rebecca Gannon, KWCH 12 Eyewitness News.

06/13/09

10pm

Police investigate noise complaints and end up finding a body. The crime watch takes us to Salina where several people called 911 last night to complain about a party. When police checked on those calls, officers found one person dead. Police are treating the death as a homicide. Investigators questioned several people at the apartment complex in the one-thousand block of Johnstown. Police will not release the victim's name until family is notified. So far, police have not made any arrests.

06/14/09

10pm

We continue the crime watch in south Wichita where someone robs a payday loan office for the second time in as many weeks. The store is at 25-48 south Seneca. Police say a man with handgun walked into EZ payday advance around noon Saturday. He made off with less than 2-thousand dollars. An eyewitness describes the thief as a black man in his mid-30's... About 5-foot-8 and 185 pounds, the description is similar to the person who robbed the same store last weekend. That person also tried to rob a third loan store on north Woodlawn. Police will not say if yesterday's robbery is connected to the other two incidents.

CRIME Q-2

06/15/09

8am

Salina police release the name of a man killed early Saturday morning. The victim is 24-year-old Alfred Mack Junior. He was found in his apartment in the 1-thousand block of Johnstown. Police say several people called 911 early Saturday to complain about loud noises. When police checked on those calls, officers found the door to the victim's apartment forced open. Police have not made any arrests. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Salina police.

06/16/09

8am

A Sedgwick County Judge increased the bond amount for Scott Roeder. It went from five million dollars to twenty million. Prosecutors say Roeder made statements to the media showing he's a public threat. Roeder faces first degree murder charges in the death of Wichita abortion Doctor George Tiller.

06/17/09

8am

Officers shoot and kill a man in clay center who pointed a toy gun at them. Neighbors say it happened at a home in the 800 block of Lane Street. Officials say a police officer and sheriff's deputy were responding to a domestic violence call early Sunday morning when a man approached them with one hand behind his back. After officers told him to show his hands, they noticed he had a gun. Officers instructed the man to drop it; instead he pointed it at them. That's when they shot and killed the man. Only after their investigation did officers discover the gun was made of plastic. Those living nearby say officers did the right thing. The man is identified as 66 year-old Ronald Hughes. The KBI is investigating. Both officers are on paid leave.

06/18/09

8am

Scam artists change their methods so often it is hard to keep up. A Newton woman has discovered a new one. She received a call from someone claiming to be from a collection agency, claiming she owed them money from an old pay-day loan. They even threatened her with a lawsuit. Camille says they had it all, her phone number, social security number and even her friends' name. They wanted money, claiming she owed an outstanding debt for a payday loan. But, Camille has never taken out a payday loan-and when she questioned the person on the other line, she didn't get very far, "They did get nasty with me. I told him I wasn't going to fax my tax statement and he said I would hear from his attorney haven't heard anything. So we had Camille call the company back while we listened in. What's this call regarding? Ok you got a payday loan from the company, "Right now your total outstanding bill that you owe to the company is more than 800 dollars." After several minutes, I had a few questions for the person on the other line. "I'm curious where you got all of her information?" I never got a clear answer, but did get transferred to a supervisor. "This is Marcus how may I help you?" Once I told him who I was, here's how he responded. Shut up you moron and just piss off. The better business bureau says it's not surprised, it's seeing more scams in the down economy--and says the scammers are improving their skills. "It's amazing how convincing these people can be they're like actors trained to deceive you." Your best defense, don't talk to them, and don't give out your information. You shouldn't give anything out over the phone if they're calling you don't give them any information. Camille already knew that, but after researching the people who called her, wanted to warn others. There was a list of complaints so everybody is getting hit with it. Camille thinks they got her information when she applied for a credit card on-line. They even called a friend that she named as a reference on the credit application.

CRIME Q-2

06/19/09

8am

A teen is shot late last night after police say intruders broke into his home. Police say the 15 year old was shot in the shoulder area .he was taken to a Wichita hospital in critical condition, but is believed to have non-life threatening injuries. Officers responded to the call around 10-30 Thursday night in the 11-hundred block of south market. Police say at least four intruders with rags on their faces broke into the back of the home and started yelling at the teen.

06/20/09

8am

The better business bureau says salesmen are going door-to-door tricking owners of home security systems. The salesmen say they're with Pinnacle Security LLC. They claim Castle Rock Alarm Systems has gone out of business and that pinnacle has taken over their accounts. The homeowner is told their alarm box needs to be switched out. They're also asked for a voided check. The B-B-B says castle rock is still in business. Pinnacle is not licensed in the City of Wichita to sell or install alarm systems. If you believe you've been tricked, contact the better business bureau.

06/21/09

10pm

We're sitting here in this festivities and all of us are on Facebook just looking at the updates, looking at Twitter." Says Ali. Iranian-Americans are carefully watching the conflict in their home country. This man enjoyed the annual Iranian Festival in Seattle. But said this year was a more tense than normal. Many people attending the festival have friends and family in Iran. Another woman has cousins in the country who barely escaped police during a protest. "They're chasing him into the house, he's locking the doors, they're trying to break the door down to get him and basically he's okay right now, but if they would have broken the door down to get him, they would have killed him." Many people attending the festival didn't want to give out their last names, for fear of repercussions. A rally outside the festival calls for new elections and Iranian freedom.

06/22/09

8am

In the crime watch, a Wichita pharmacist accused of distributing controlled substances outside medical practice is expected to plead guilty in the case. Constance King is scheduled for a change-of-plea hearing today. The 47-year-old woman faces seven counts in connection to the case against Dr. Lawrence Simons, of Goddard. She is likely to get reduced charges in a plea deal. An indictment alleges King gave a man painkiller prescriptions written by Simons as payment for transporting a vehicle from Kansas City to Wichita for the doctor. Simons' trial is set for august 25th. He faces 36 counts, some of which involve allegedly writing prescriptions for people he had never met.

06/23/09

8am

New this morning Wichita police investigate a stabbing overnight that sends a man to the hospital in serious condition. It happened shortly before one this morning at an apartment complex on south hydraulic. Police say the victim went to the suspect's apartment and was stabbed during a fight when he tried to force his way inside. He was taken to a Wichita hospital for treatment. The suspect was taken in for questioning. Police say it's too early to know if charges will be filed.

06/24/09

7am

There is a warning this morning for anyone buying a cell phone for children. Parents in California accidentally put pornography in the hands of their 10-year old son. Oliver Boyse's parents bought a refurbished cell phone for him. When Oliver went to look for games and images, he found a large number of pornographic pictures had been downloaded by the phone's previous owners. His parents tried to take the phone back, but the store's owner says it's not his fault the images are on the phone.

CRIME Q-2

06/25/09

8am

In the crime watch, Wichita police try to sort out a carjacking. Ryan Delkert said "We were eating lunch in Spangles. And all I saw was -- all of a sudden a bunch of cops cars pulled over, guns drawn." Even police admit the situation was confusing. They say two trucks rammed another one in this parking lot near Pawnee and Broadway then ran over the woman inside. She'll be ok. Officers caught up with the two trucks involved but still don't know why they hit the other vehicle. On top of all this a witness got out of her truck and someone stole it. Police have found the vehicle.

06/26/09

7am

A robber targets the same bank twice in a week and succeeds the second time. Police are trying to figure out if the man who held up this Commerce Bank at 21st and Grove is the same one who tried to rob it earlier this week. Yesterday, the man handed tellers a note demanding money then jumped over the counter to grab the cash. Police say the money included a dye pack and they found a stain on the ground about half from the scene. If you know anything about this robbery, call 911.

06/27/09

10pm

Police investigate the shooting death of a woman in south Wichita. It happened around three-thirty Saturday morning near I-35 and Harry. Police say a 20-year-old woman was getting a ride home with friends when another vehicle pulled up. Someone inside the car fired four to six shots at the car. The woman was the only one hit. She was taken to Saint Francis in critical condition, and later died at the hospital. Police aren't sure if the shooting was random. So far no arrests have been made.

6/28/09

10pm

Clay center police officers are cleared of wrong doing after shooting a man who pointed a toy gun at them. Today the Kansas Bureau of Investigation said the officer's actions were justified. The shooting happened on June 14th. Investigators say 66-year-old Ronald Hughes pointed a gun at them, so police opened fire. They later discovered the gun was made of plastic. Both have been cleared to return to work after a mandatory leave.

06/29/09

8am

Wichita police investigate a shooting that killed a teenager. It happened just after five yesterday in the 22-hundred block of south Ellis. Police aren't releasing many details about what happened, but they are calling it a homicide. Friends of the victim tell Eyewitness News he's a 15 year old boy. "He's a little skinny guy, no gang-banger. We play soccer and he goes to school. That's about it." Police have taken several people in for questioning.

06/30/09

8am

Beginning tomorrow, pit bull owners in Wichita will face tougher restrictions. All pit bulls must be micro chipped, they'll have to be spayed or neutered unless the owner has a breeder's license and a person can only own two. Rebecca Medicus will never forget the day her grandson Jaydin was attacked. Two years later, Jaydin who was attacked by a pit bull, he still has one more surgery to close up a scar on his head. Jaydin's family is paying close attention to the new restrictions. Medicus supports the new ordinance, but questions whether it can be properly enforced. Still, she doesn't think an all out ban is necessary. "I would like to but I don't think that's fair a dog of any breed can be safe a dog of any breed can be dangerous." To see the new ordinances regarding pit bulls, and other changes for dogs owners...go to our web site at kwch dot com.

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/01/09

8am

The city of Wichita is getting recognized for being All-America; Wichita is one of 32 finalists for the 2009 All-America City award. The city's application featured three community projects: the 21st Street Opportunity Drive Youth Empowerment Zone, Mennonite Housing services and Visioneering Wichita. Representatives from the city will go to Tampa, Florida, in June and explain why Wichita should be put in the top ten. Wichita has been named an All-America winner three times, in 1961, 1993 and 1999. The city has been a finalist three times, in 1990, 1997 and 2002.

04/01/09

10pm

Three developers turn in proposals to build casinos in Sumner County; but they're open to other locations. Two of the three submitted plans for more than one site; all three have an option to build near Mulvane. Go to www.kwch.com to get details on those plans. Developers now have three months to get endorsements from Sumner County. The State Lottery Review Board will eventually pick which casino goes up in Sumner County and the earliest that will happen is August.

04/02/09

7am

Advance voting starts today beginning today you can vote in advance of Tuesday's election. More than a dozen sites across Sedgwick County will be open today. You'll vote on candidates for city council. School board and in some places mayor. Go to www.kwch.com for voting locations.

04/02/09

10pm

The Haysville school district says it's not responsible for yard signs popping up all over town; new at ten tonight, the signs urge voters to approve a one-percent increase in the district's budget. The money would go primarily toward all-day kindergarten. If the increase is approved property taxes on a 100-thousand dollar home will increase about six-dollars a year. The district says an independent group is paying for the signs.

04/03/09

7am

The Kansas African American Museum names its new Executive Director. Wichita Eagle Columnist Mark McCormick takes over next week. McCormick has written for the Eagle fourteen years. His columns are a mix of local news and perspective. McCormick said he's never been afraid to write about sensitive or controversial issues. His work has sparked community discussion and at times, prompted change. You can catch one of McCormick's final columns in this Sunday's Eagle. Don't expect it to be about him he said; there are too many important community issues to write about.

04/04/09

10pm

There are only seven in the world and one of them makes a stop in Kansas. This moon rock is among only a handful that people are actually allowed to touch. N.A.S.A. is hauling it all over the country as part of the 40th anniversary of the first moon landing. Hundreds came to the Kansas Cosmosphere today to touch a piece of history. The moon rock will be making its way to Wichita, along with several other stops in the state. For a list of dates and times go to www.kwch.com

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/08/09

7am

There is a new place for rock and roll lovers at least for four days this summer. Wellington City Lake will host the summer concert series "Midwest Rock-Fest". But it almost didn't happen; local church leaders spoke during city council meeting, saying the alcohol sold there would lead to under-age drinking. Organizers say they'll be vigilant about drinking and security. Residents say this is a chance to show a different side of the town. To find out which bands are playing and how to get tickets log onto our website at www.kwch.com

04/08/09

10pm

If you plan on going to Wichita's Riverfest this year, listen up; a disagreement over insurance means there may be less police officers on hand and that could affect your security. A new city ordinance means officers will work for the festival itself instead of the city. The police union worries that will lead to problems, like if an officer gets hurt at the event and has to file for workers comp. City officials said officers will have full worker's comp, but police union leaders don't think the contract says that. This evening, we spoke with Wichita's City manager, who says he's surprised he thought they had taken care of that issue last week.

04/09/09

7am

A grass fire in Cowley County kills a man. The fire started as a controlled burn in a pasture southeast of Winfield. Fire investigators say flames jumped a gravel road and destroyed a thousand acres. Two ranch hands in a flatbed truck were out tending to the fire when they got trapped by the flames. Officials said the man who died was burned over 75 percent of his body. At last check, the other victim was in fair condition at the St. Francis burn unit in Wichita. Authorities have not released their names. The fire burned for three hours before it was put out.

04/09/09

10pm

New at 10, the Wichita Eagle is reporting the first restaurant to say it was coming to Wichita's water walk has pulled out. It's been two years since the Saddle Ranch Chop House said it will open up here. Waterwalk's President told the Eagle another tenant will replace the chop house but wouldn't say who. The newspaper says other restaurants both local and national are finalizing details before they open up at the waterwalk.

04/10/09

10pm

If you drive west along Highway 54, chances are you've noticed some big changes. Work has started on a ten mile stretch of the highway between Kingman and Pratt; taking it from a two lane road to a four lane road. The project is a decade in the making and carries a price tag of about 40 million dollars. And while the four lane stretch won't connect to Pratt or Kingman just yet, K-DOT engineers say doing the project in pieces makes more sense. The ten mile stretch is expected to be finished in two thousand eleven there are no dates set for when the next phase of the work will start.

04/11/09

10pm

Hundreds of pounds in candy were handed out at the Sedgwick County Zoo's annual Egg-stravaganza. Children also participated in an egg hunt. Most showed up at the zoo with an Easter basket, those who didn't got one for free. The zoo thinks several thousand people to come out to today's event.

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/12/09

10pm

A missing Garden City girl is found. Police say 15-year-old Ileana Saucedo is safe. Police asked for help in finding the teen on Friday because they were worried she'd hurt herself or others. Police are not saying where Saucedo was found or who she was with.

04/13/09

7am

April 15th that's the deadline for having your 2009 taxes filed. But this year tax preparers say many people already have a head start. Tax advisor Susan Chacon says because of the current economy people are filing earlier to help them budget in case of a job loss. She also says more people are filing at home then coming to see her for a second look. Chacon says many wind up getting a bigger return than they expected. But for those who end up owing money, Chacon says don't hesitate to file, you will pay penalty costs. For more tax information and tips log onto our website at www.kwch.com

04/14/09

8am

One of the selling points of the Wichita school bond was the creation of local jobs. Now controversy erupts surrounding that topic, after the Wichita school board hires a Texas company to plant turf for football fields. But the district's Athletic Director, Bill Faflick is choosing to work with a company from Texas called "Hellas Construction". Faflick's decision forced one local bidder from ATG Sports out the door. Bill Faflick admits Hellas Construction is not the cheapest bid, but it's also not the most expensive. He and a turf committee looked for turf with the most longevity, durability and best warranty.

04/14/09

10pm

A van drives off with a toddler hanging off the ladder on the back off it...tonight that 2-year-old has minor injuries after falling off. Police said relatives had no idea the 2-year-old climbed on the van until a couple of blocks away when the child fell off. Another driver had to flag the van down and tell the people inside what happened. Police say, this was an accident and don't expect any charges.

04/16/09

10pm

Wichita's Delano district got a little wild tonight; elephants, tigers and clowns marched in formation down Douglas. The Shriners put on the circus parade. The shrine circus starts tomorrow at the Coliseum. It runs through Sunday.

04/17/09

10pm

A dream comes true for a Wichita seven-year-old. Braeden Gilbert has been battling leukemia for two years. Through all the chemo and radiation, he's held on to his dream of being a firefighter. Today, Braeden got to put on the uniform, and go through training with Sedgwick County fire crews. He says his favorite thing was the badge they gave him, but he was also impressed with all the high tech equipment. Braeden Gilbert says, "They have a lot of computers and they have a lot of stuff. So don't be coming here, they have too much stuff. You can't believe it." Braeden's special day is thanks to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, and the firefighters of Sedgwick County.

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/18/09

10pm

New at 10pm, friends and former colleagues honor Sharon Fearey in Old Town. Fearey spent eight years on the Wichita city council. She had to step down this year because of term limits. Alana Fearey, her daughter, helped organize the event. Several hundred people were expected to come out, "I think it's a show of how many people she did touch of the past eight years and how much people have really enjoyed working with her." Feary represented district six in northwest Wichita. Janet Miller won her seat in the April 7th election.

04/19/09

10pm

Local charities say their counting on the event to spur volunteerism. Catholic charities honored their volunteers this afternoon. Volunteer Jimmy Jordan helps out at the charities food bank. He says he's seen the number of volunteers increase. Since people can't give money they're donating time. People are going to give one way or the other if they can't go out and buy the groceries for us they're going to come out and give their time. Catholic Charities is now seeking even more volunteers. Budget cuts forced the organization to reduce paid staff members so; they're using volunteers to fill some of those positions.

04/20/09

7am

An important programming note for you; KWCH 12 will power down its transmitter at ten this morning. This will allow workers to install new digital equipment; it is for the worker's safety. During that time people who get our signal off the air may not see us. Those of you in the Wichita area with Cox Cable or Dish Network will not be affected. Broadcasts will continue as normal for KBSH, KBSD, and KBSL. We should back up to full power in about an hour.

04/20/09

10pm

Soon you'll be able to get liquor-to-go in Wichita. New at 10...the governor signs a new law letting cities like Wichita lift restrictions on drinking alcohol in public. That means the city will likely let you have a cocktail on city streets and sidewalks in some areas and during some events. Walk around here tonight drinking a beer and you'd better hope there are no cops around; but in a few months a lot of people might be doing it and it'll be no big deal. The Wichita City Council now gets to decide whether alcohol use on streets and sidewalks in certain areas should be allowed. And judging by the way local leaders lobbied the state to give them that freedom, expect to see some changes. Old Town, the Intrust Bank Arena and Riverfest are some of the places people may be able to walk around with a drink; although it won't happen at this year's Riverfest. The law doesn't take effect until July First; more than a month after Riverfest ends. Still we talked to several people here in Old Town who say this change is worth celebrating. Meanwhile Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer says the law is a significant step toward a more progressive social atmosphere in the city of Wichita. Earlier this year, Mayor Brewer testified for this law saying the goal is not to get people to drink more but to use alcohol in a controlled setting. Mayor Brewer says Wichita is competing with Oklahoma City and Kansas City to create a social environment for young people.

04/21/09

10pm

Where and when? Wichita city council members plan to study where to build more railroad overpasses and in what order. The city will use consultants and spend up to one million dollars to study a railroad master plan. City officials already know K-15 and Pawnee is a problem; it's considered the most dangerous train crossing in Wichita. Angel Montenegro lives nearby and hopes the city makes it a priority. The city says it needs the plan to apply for Federal funding in the future. The consultants are expected to take eight months to study the issue.

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/22/09

7am

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04/22/09

10pm

New at 10pm...Boeing said it's willing to share a tanker deal with its European rival. Boeing and EADS have been competing for the 35-billion dollar contract. The Secretary of Defense says replacing these old K-C 135 tankers is one of the top priorities. Now Boeing executives say they'll support whatever decisions the Department of Defense makes even if that means sharing the contract. EADS said it's willing to share too.

04/24/09

7am

We continue coverage this morning; a Benton woman did not survive a horse accident. Butler County dispatchers told us the woman died late last night from her injuries. Last night we told you emergency crews rushed her to a Wichita hospital after the woman fell off her horse.

04/24/09

10pm

Wichita dedicates its newest fire house tomorrow; Station 20 sits near Kincaid and Greenwich in east Wichita. To staff it; the department moved people from other stations. As a result six other stations will now have four firefighters and one truck. That's down from the five firefighters and two trucks they currently have. The city says the shift won't impact response time.

04/25/09

10pm

Today is the start of National Infant Immunization week. The goal is to boost immunization rates across the country. In Sedgwick County the health department will hold clinics for parents to get their children vaccinated. The clinics will be next Monday through Friday at 2716 West Central. For more information health to www.kwch.com/health

04/26/09

10pm

Some 5-thousand people in south-central Kansas are without power tonight. 15-hundred are in Sedgwick County and another 14-hundred are in the dark in Butler County. 4-hundred people are without power in Marion County. While 3-hundred are out in Harvey County. Power crews are out working but it will be awhile before all the lights are back on.

04/27/09

7am

The National Weather Service is concerned about rivers in our viewing area. If you're near the Whitewater River near Towanda be careful because it's getting ready to crest. The flood stage is 22 feet, which is what it's sitting at. Forecasters expect it to reach over 25 feet this afternoon, and fall back below flood stage tomorrow morning.

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/27/09

10pm

A one-dollar gift turns into a 200-thousand dollar prize for a Wichita woman. For fun Patricia Gray's mother-in-law bought her a Powerball ticket at a South Wichita Laundromat Saturday. When the Haysville school custodian checked it yesterday the attendant gave her some paperwork and told her to go to Topeka to pick up her prize. Turns out gray's ticket matched every number but the Powerball. Gray says the money will help pay a lot of bills. She also plans to give some it to her mother-in-law.

04/28/09

7am

Two major roads in Belle Plaine are back open this morning because of high water. K-DOT workers blocked off Highway 55 last night, heading west out of town and Oliver Street heading south out of town because of water over the road. The Ninnescah River rose all day Monday, and a voluntary evacuation order was put into effect for people living near the water.

04/29/09

7am

Salina's tougher smoking ban will begin Saturday; despite efforts by opponents to get city leaders to delay or repeal the new rules. A group against the smoking changes has collected signatures on a petition, calling for a public vote to repeal the ban. Salina city commissioners took no action Monday after being asked to support a public vote.

04/30/09

7am

The American Lung Association has released their annual report on America's most polluted cities. Kansas City was listed as one of the worst 25 cities in the country for ozone pollution, they ranked 22nd. The good news; overall pollution is down in 2009.

04/30/09

10pm

The latest tonight on swine flu as it causes some schools to cancel trips to Mexico. Friends University cancels this year's study abroad program. Ten Friends students were scheduled to go to Cancun, Mexico for four weeks, but the school says it had to cancel the trip because it's concerned about students' health. The University of Kansas is looking for an alternative for 16 students enrolled in its study-abroad program in Puebla, Mexico, that trip's also been canceled. We also checked with Wichita State, it also has a program in Puebla, no word yet on whether this year's trip has been canceled.

05/01/09

10pm

Dozens gather in downtown Wichita to pray for immigration reform. Members of Sunflower Community Action organized tonight's candlelight vigil. They want congress and the president to fix the country's immigration system. President Obama said any reform must begin with border security. The president says he plans to work with congress on immigration reform later this year.

05/02/09

10pm

New at ten...loved ones of those killed by gang violence meet in Wichita. Today's "Save Our Children" rally took place indoors at McAdams Park. The event centered on mother and families who lost their children to gang violence. David Gilkey helped organize the event. Gilkey said a lack of responsible adults can often lead to more violence. Speakers included Keith Peters; a gang member killed his son in 2007, when he tried to break up a fight.

COMMUNITY Q-2

05/03/09

10pm

Five years ago a Kingman man found a message in a bottle. To this day he's still trying to find out who's behind it. The bottle washed up in the Ninnescah River at the Kingman city Park. C.E. Sinnett picked it up and read the typed message. It said winner of the 50 thousand dollar message in a bottle contest. It also lists the address and phone number of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber said it doesn't have any recollection of a contest and that it's probably a hoax. The bottle is epoxyed shut and was painted red. Sinnett thinks it's at least 20 years old.

05/04/09

7am

Two years after a tornado destroys much of Greensburg, the city is making a comeback. 220 new homes have been built since the E-F five tornado hit. Many of which are environmentally friendly. The town is now calling itself the Greenest town in America. Within the past few months, a new Dillon's has opened that is three times as large as the one destroyed by the tornado. Mayor Bob Dixon is impressed with how quickly the town is returning. Construction is just beginning on a new school; it should be open by the beginning of the 2010 school year, and a new courthouse should also be completed in a few months.

05/07/09

7am

A bus full of children ends up in a ditch giving students quite a scare. The Valley Center school bus crashed into the ditch near 85th and Seneca yesterday afternoon. Seven children and the bus driver had minor injuries they went to the hospital as a precaution. A blown tire may be to blame investigators are still trying to figure that out. Parents were relieved it wasn't worse. About 20 kids were on the bus at the time. The school district contacted parents immediately. All but one of the children was released from the hospital. The one was held overnight for observation.

05/07/09

10pm

The smoke could be seen for miles; a building goes up in flames near 49th and Broadway today in Park City filling the air with smoke and causing several explosions. It happened at J.M.M. t trucking when a bucket of oil started on fire. Crews considered evacuating parts of the area because chemicals were burning inside the building but the health department said that wasn't necessary. However the chemicals did make fighting the fire more difficult for fire firefighters; no one was hurt. Firefighters had the fire under control within a few hours.

05/08/09

10pm

Everyone here is saying the same thing there couldn't have been a nicer day for Riverfest to kick things off. And that's showing in the amount of people we have seen out here this evening. By three o'clock families were already checking things out and getting things ready for tonight's events. All the classics are still here, the games, the face painting and of course the food. A lot of festival goers told us tonight the food is one of the main reasons they come out here.

05/09/09

10pm

Wichita mail carriers collected food today; in addition to letters and packages. The post office teamed up with the Kansas Food bank for the 17th Letter Carriers Food Drive. People placed non-perishable food items in a bag near their mailbox. Postman Rick Sauer delivers mail to 6-hundred homes. He says most people left out several bags of food. The event is the one of the largest one-day food drives in the nation. Mail carriers collected more than 155-thousand pounds of food from just the City of Wichita.

COMMUNITY Q-2

05/10/09

10pm

The sun wasn't out and it was a bit chilly, but that didn't stop families from visiting the Sedgwick county Zoo for Mother's Day. As always the babies were a big hit. Mom's got in the zoo for free.

05/11/09

7am

Still have questions about D-TV? This week's your chance to have your questions answered. The FCC will host a series of D-TV clinics around the state. Experts will answer your questions about hookup, converter boxes and more ahead of the June 12 digital transition deadline. Today's clinic will be in at the central library in downtown Wichita; it runs from three to eight. For a complete list of other clinic locations and times head to www.kwch.com/D-TV

05/11/09

10pm

Voters in Sumner County want a casino; and today commissioners endorsed three of the five proposals there. Here's a look; two the proposals endorsed would build a casino near the Mulvane exit of the turnpike. The Chisholm Creek Casino includes two-thousand slots and eight restaurants. The Lakes Kansas Casino also has two-thousand slots and three bars. Commissioners also endorsed the Lakes Kansas Casino proposal for the Wellington area. The gaming floor would be more than 100-thousand square feet.

05/13/09

8am

Dozens come to Wichita City Hall to honor local officers killed in the line of duty. This ceremony honored the 28 Wichita Police Officers and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputies who've died while serving the public. Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams said the list hits home every year. Work continues on a local fallen officer's monument. Organizers are about 50-thousand dollars away from completing fundraising. Go to our website, at www.kwch.com to find out how you can help.

05/13/09

10pm

Too many questions and a lot of money force Sedgwick County commissioners to hold off on a deal to buy this land in Bel Aire. The county wants to use the 800 acres for an industrial park. If commissioners vote to buy the land next week, the county would install utilities to make the land shovel ready. Economic developers say it's necessary to compete with other communities. The land's worth six and half million dollars. The commission will hold a public hearing on the issue before voting next Wednesday.

05/14/09

7am

We're just under a month from the official transition to all-digital television. The f-c-c is making its way across Kansas this week to answer your questions. The FCC mobile D-TV clinic will be at Towne East Square in Wichita between 10 and 2pm, and at the Dodge City Public Library from Noon to 4pm. You can get more information on the digital transition by calling 1-888-DTV-2009 or going to www.kwch.com/dtv

05/15/09

10pm

He's run Exploration Place for the past three years; now museum President Alberto Meloni is calling it quits. Meloni said it's time for him to move on. After bringing a number of popular exhibits including a "T-Rex Named Sue" and "Our Body, The Universe Within" to Wichita, Meloni says it's time for a new challenge. Meloni's last day is June fifth. Exploration place will name an interim president until a permanent one is found.

COMMUNITY Q-2

05/16/09

10pm

To cut costs K-DOT will cut less. This summer, the Department of Transportation plans to cut less grass. The goal is to reduce fuel and labor costs by 20-percent. Along interstates crews will only make one pass instead of mowing to the fence. The exception, if a house or business is close by; grass between medians will still be cut.

05/18/09

7am

You may face a new inconvenience on your way to work this morning; K-DOT begins bridge repair work at the Kellogg I-235 interchange. It will be done in two phases; the first phase will close the exit ramps from Kellogg onto I-35. Both directions of Kellogg will be reduced to two lanes and the speed limit will drop to 50. The second phase begins in November. The I-135 ramps onto Kellogg will close during it. The official detour will be along I-235. But drivers say this improvement will still be a hassle. K-DOT's official detour is I-235 but most people we spoke with plan on using side streets. In all, K-DOT will repair 15 bridges and expand ramps linking Kellogg and I-135 to two lanes.

05/19/09

7am

The Prairie Sky Casino tells Sumner County it's willing to build a hotel. Prairie Sky is the only developer commissioners didn't endorse last week. At first all casino developers planned to phase in a hotel after building a casino. After commissioners expressed concern Lakes Kansas and Chisholm Creek each added hotels to phase-one of their proposals. Commissioners endorsed those plans allowing them to be considered by the state. Prairie Sky wants another chance at an endorsement but commissioners haven't decided whether that will happen.

05/20/09

7am

Tracking severe storms, chasing tornadoes and forecasting your weather with the latest, high-definition technology this week, go behind the scenes with Chief Meteorologist Merrill Teller. Watch "Eye on the Storm" in HD, Thursday night at 7pm on KWCH-TV 12.

05/21/09

7am

The Sedgwick County commission once again delays a vote on buying land to build an industrial park. The county wants to spend six and a half million dollars to buy these 800 acres from the city of Bel Aire. During a public hearing Wednesday, seven people spoke out against the land deal. Many were land developers; they told commissioners the county shouldn't use tax dollars to buy land that will likely sit vacant for a long time. Rod Stewart suggested the county buy 100 acres and put options to buy on the rest of the property. He says that way tax payers wouldn't lose out of so much. The County Commission deferred a vote on the issue for at least a month.

05/22/09

10pm

Nearly sixty-years ago thousands of Americans received toxic doses of radiation; they were soldiers taking part in the testing of atom bombs. Today K-DOT dedicated a stretch of highway in their honor. The Atomic Veterans Memorial Highway is an 18 and a half mile stretch of highway 400 west of Leon. Many say the highway is recognition long overdue. Effects of the radiation left many veterans with cancer and other degenerative diseases. Their work was so top-secret... The vets couldn't talk about it until the late 1980's. The vets hope to convince Congress to create an Atomic Veterans service medal. There are 130 Atomic Vets living in Kansas.

COMMUNITY Q-2

05/23/09

10pm

For one Kansas family this Memorial Day will be a bittersweet holiday. Lieutenant Edward Schwartz died in the Korean War. His remains weren't recovered until 2000, but weren't identified until January. Schwartz was laid to rest this weekend in Hoisington with full military honors. Eyewitness news was on hand for the homecoming; we'll show it to you tomorrow on Eyewitness News at 10.

05/26/09

8am

A Wichita family finds an unexpected guest in the backyard Monday. They saw something running around the back yard and thought a dog had gotten through the fence. It wasn't a dog it was a deer. They don't know how it got in the yard but it stayed for about an hour. It ran around and tried to get in the house even knocked out a window. Police came and told the family to open a gate and let the deer go. It ran off leaving them with an interesting story to tell at the holiday BBQ. The family called Animal Control and Wild Life and Parks. Those officials said the same thing just open the gate and let the deer go.

05/26/09

10pm

New at ten...another casino proposal gets an endorsement in Sumner County. Commissioners voted to endorse the Prairie Sky Casino which would go up at the Mulvane exit of the turnpike. Originally commissioners didn't pick Prairie Sky because it didn't include a hotel in the first phase of the project. The developer recently added a hotel. Along with today's endorsement commissioners had already endorsed proposals for Lakes Kansas and Chisholm Creek meaning the state can now consider them.

05/27/09

7am

Zoo officials in Great Bend know a little more about how a 150-pound mountain lion escaped from its enclosure. The zoo says the mountain lion got out Sunday night because a staff member made a mistake during feeding time. Zoo officials say they quickly got all visitors out of the zoo and went to work trying to catch the animal. The director says the situation was not taken lightly and the decision to kill the animal was a tough one. Officials say they spent twenty minutes trying to lure the mountain lion back into its enclosure, before the decision was made for police to shoot and kill it.

05/28/09

8am

Like any second grader she was looking forward to spring break. Instead a Wichita elementary student learned she had cancer. Eight year old Krystal Castorena was diagnosed with Leukemia. Yesterday about 30 staff members from Washington Elementary hosted a Red Cross blood drive in her honor. Krystal has received four blood transfusions. After giving blood herself, Krystal's teacher thought the drive was a good way to bring awareness to the importance of giving blood. Krystal is still receiving treatments for the cancer, but went back to school earlier this month.

05/28/09

10pm

It's not his job but it is his dream; Lorenzo Robeless learned about the restaurant industry first hand today. The Derby eighth grader says he'll one day be a chef in his own restaurant. This afternoon, he got some practice at Connie's Mexico Café in Wichita, making recipes, and trying out his work. Robeless got the culinary experience through a local program. He says his as yet-unnamed restaurant will serve cuisine from all seven continents. But he has to make it through high school and culinary school first.

COMMUNITY Q-2

05/29/09

8am

A Winfield playground rises from the ashes. Yesterday was opening day at the Island Park playground. Workers spent the past three months rebuilding the wooden playground after it burned to the ground last fall. This is what the playground looked like in October. Flames burned for days after teenagers started a small fire that quickly got out of control. The new playground resembles the original design with a few modifications, like wheel chair accessibility. Volunteers raised thousands of dollars through a Christmas light show to help pay for the new playground.

05/29/09

10pm

John Engelland and his neighbors consider their irrigated farmland some of the best in the state. That's why they want to protect it. Engelland says, "We feel that our irrigated land is extremely valuable to the community and it's very limited on how much there is so we would just like some input to where the road goes." He's talking about highway 96. A study by k-dot is looking at moving the road right through Engelland's and several other farmers land, something they are actually in support of, as long as officials will at least take their valuable land into consideration. He said it will help them perhaps determine a route that would be less detrimental our water value. He says K-DOT just wants to simplify things. Here's a good example, the small town of Nickerson there is no less than one, two, three, four, five, six, seven K-96 signs guiding you just to get through this town. The new route would be more direct connecting Nickerson and sterling without all the turns and curves. Engelland says, "We always try to minimize impact to homeowners and land owners but we also have to serve the communities that these highways go through or by so there always is a balancing act." The plans at this point are just part of a study...there is no money set aside to start the changes anytime soon. So until they do Engelland says he just hopes the farmers in this area will get a say in what happens, "We have a bunch of young farmers that have committed themselves to this area and we'd sure hate to see their livelihood cut into."

05/30/09

8am

So you're on your family vacation, you take a hike, you don't know where you are and you don't know how to get back to your campground. Maybe you just need to backtrack, that's the name of this hand held GPS device. For \$80 it's supposed to take you back where you started from, whether you're looking for your hotel, your car, or your campground. Step one: connect with the satellite, hey there we go, it knows where we are. We're at the Great Plains Nature Center. We hide a red handkerchief on the door of the outside men's restroom and tell the Backtrack that this is spot we want to come back to, there we go, and we're set. Now let's go find our guys, "our guys" are Blake and Ian, two local boy scouts. Their job: find that handkerchief using just the Backtrack. When they turn it on, that way toward the geese (how far?) 235 yards, okay you're on a mission! I think that's cool, yeah it's awesome about 153 yards, kind of bearing that direction. Blake, wait up nine yards, just steps away, women's restroom? No not that bathroom giggling, but seconds later, location found. Found it full arrows zero yards, perfect right in the right spot, awesome. Aren't you glad it wasn't in the women's restroom? Yes! Yes! He didn't even have to pull out the old fashioned compass you can be honest. Which one is more fun to use? This one! I got to get one of these, so do I (what was that reaction dad?) I think I'm going to save up for the birthday then! Yes, it works. It works, on scouts honor!

COMMUNITY Q-2

05/30/09

10pm

The perfect custom color, the classic fuzzy dice, and a touch of chrome pretty much everywhere you look. We always put a new trick in them, always. The rumble in Delano Saturday brought out the past of the American auto industry. They're all here. Buick, check, Cadillac, check, and yes, Ford, check, "The first new car I ever owned was a mustang." So a few years back Bob Zimmerman bought a 64 and a half Mustang to restore. Bob says, "It's just a hobby for us old guys; revert back to our childhood I guess." Hearing General Motors, a company that made many of the cars shining on display expected to file for bankruptcy leaves these owners to question if any of the cars made today will even be worth restoring. Robert says, "We've had a lot of unique styles in the past and we've gone by the waist side on a lot of the styles. I honestly think the cars of today are all throw-away cars." Alana says, "No, the American car companies of today aren't cranking out the classics, like they used to, but everyone here we talked to says they know they'll make a comeback." Sonny says, "I believe they'll come back stronger than what they were." Robert says, "I think they'll make better cars and have fewer cars. Even with the automakers going out of business, I think there's always going to be people that love cars." A love they'll continue to showcase. In Wichita's Delano District, Alana Rocha, KWCH12, Eyewitness News.

05/31/09

10pm

The last survivor of the titanic has died. The Titanic International Society says Millvina Dean died in her sleep in England. Dean was just two months old when she and her family boarded the doomed luxury liner in 1912. Her family was on the Titanic because her father wanted to open a tobacco shop in Wichita. Just a few weeks ago, the stars of the movie Titanic donated money to help pay Dean's medical expenses. Dean was 97-years-old.

06/01/09

8am

A memorial to Doctor Tiller continues to grow; pro and anti- abortion groups have contributed to the memorial. The Kansas Coalition of Life left a sign this morning saying they quote "respect every human life, including the life of abortionist Tiller." A clinic staff member told Eyewitness News this morning that Doctor Tiller's Clinic will remain closed this week. Staff will hold a private memorial service today to remember doctor tiller.

06/01/09

10pm

Anti-abortion protesters say they'll fight to keep their movement from getting the blame for Dr. Tiller's death. Operation Rescue and its then leader Randall terry were part of what became the "Summer of Mercy", in 1991 protests outside Tiller's clinic. Operation Rescue condemned Tiller's death, but Terry said anti abortion activists are not to blame. Terry said the anti-abortion movement is a peaceful one.

06/02/09

10pm

Dr Tiller's family has finalized funeral plans and the public is invited. Dr Tiller's funeral will be held at College Hill United Methodist Church Saturday morning. Attorneys for the family said the funeral will be open to the public. The family chose to have the funeral at this church; it holds about 800 people. Wichita police tell us, they're talking about how to handle the funeral. Dr. Tiller's funeral is set for Saturday morning at 10am, at College Hill United Methodist Church.

COMMUNITY Q-2

06/03/09

7am

The Wichita city council approves paying for street improvements around the Intrust Bank Arena. The Council approves paying for street improvements around the Intrust Bank Arena. The repaving of four streets and improving sidewalks will cost just over eleven million dollars. Sedgwick County will pay almost eight million. The city will use special tax dollars and utility funds to pay for the rest. The streets include parts of Emporia, Topeka and Saint Francis.

06/03/09

10pm

It's a nutritious, free meal that's very much in demand these days. Wichita Public Schools Free Summer Meal program started yesterday. Organizers say given the area layoffs, they expect to hand out more meals than ever. People interested just need to show up at a school that's offering the program; there's no paperwork to fill out, making the process easy for everyone. Those 18 years old and younger are eligible for both breakfast and lunch through the Free Summer Meals program. Find more information including a map of locations at our website www.kwch.com

06/04/09

7am

They've pushed for police car dash cams the last four years, now a community action group says it had a positive meeting with city leaders Wednesday morning. Sunflower Community Action has campaigned for dash cams since 2005; saying it would make citizens and police more accountable. The group met with city manager Bob Layton, city council member Lavonta Williams, and a representative from Congressman Todd Tiahrt's office. Sunflower hopes Federal money or grants might be available for the city to install more dash cams and says the meeting went well. City leaders say they agree dash cams would be a good thing for Wichita; but the struggling economy makes it a difficult time to get more without receiving new grants. Wichita Police currently have eight patrol cars testing the cameras.

06/04/09

10pm

The fate of the Wichita Boathouse will be decided next week; the city council will decide whether to move the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame into the boathouse. The city closed the boathouse five years ago because of construction at water walk. Since then it's debated what to do with the building. Bill Koch's proposed renovating the building and relocating the sports museum. The city says that's the best option on the table and the council will vote on it Tuesday.

06/05/09

8am

In a neighborhood that will soon be filled with hundreds of people. Seven Wichita police officers met to walk the streets and warn neighbors. "I was waiting because I heard it on the news that they were going to be having his funeral at the church, and I was wondering waiting for someone because I have a day care to come and let me know." Patricia Simpson runs a day care just a block from College Hill Methodist church the site of Dr. George Tiller's funeral Saturday morning. Tiller was murdered Sunday while serving as an usher at his own church. With two children planning to spend Saturday at Simpson's day care, she was relieved to hear from officers, "I know there's going to protesters and people all over the place, and I just want to be okay." Wichita police handed out flyers to around 50 houses near College Hill Methodist. They say they know this area isn't designed to handle the hundreds if not thousands of people planning to be here for Dr. Tiller's funeral, neighbors say that's why Saturday morning, they're staying in. Neighbor says, "I might just probably just stay out of the way. I might peak over, and get a look." Jon Eaton started building the new fence around his house last weekend but finding out dr. Tiller's funeral would be nearby along with protesters was all the incentive he needed to finish. "I mean, it definitely was in the back of my mind. It's like, man! I'm glad I'm putting this fence up now. Cliff Judy, KWCH 12 Eyewitness News.

COMMUNITY- Q2

06/05/09

10pm

There was a bit of fire tonight at Wichita city hall. But not to worry, it was all planned. The flames were part of the 29th annual law enforcement torch run for the Kansas Special Olympics. Runners met at city hall, and headed to the Wichita State campus. After the cauldron was lit at Cessna stadium, the games are ready to begin. They run tomorrow and Sunday and are free and open to the public.

06/06/09

8am

Some people tried to stop it but the show will go on. The first ever Midwest Rockfest is set for today in Sumner County. As eyewitness news reporter Jim Grawe shows us, organizers are taking concerns about underage drinking very seriously. Check out the website it's the Midwest Rockfest sponsored by Miller Lite. Along with Miller Lite will be Great White and several other big 80s bands. It's a day-long concert at Wellington Lake that had some people worried because beer will be for sale. Rev. Michael Wolff says, "Our concern was what kind of security they are providing, what kind of background check they are doing, how closely they monitoring underage are drinking." Organizers say they've dealt with those concerns which were brought before the city council in April. There are some very specific steps in place to not only prevent underage drinking, but also to help ensure legal drinkers don't overdo it, and have responsible fun. Cross says, "Our concerns are the same as their concerns. We don't want underage drinking there will be no toleration and we have a security team here and we are working hand in hand with Sumner County and the city of Wellington on keeping it patrolled." They say everybody coming through the gate will be id'd, meanwhile there's a special area for those who drink too much where they can hang out after the concert and sober up before going home. Martha Wedd says, "It's going to be awesome, I can't wait for the music, it's going to be awesome really." As people from across the country flock to the park, organizers know they'll be scrutinized over the alcohol issue. But they say they are up to the challenge and plan to put on a great show. Cross says, "We're bringing huge bands, over a million dollars worth of bands are going to come through this Wellington Lake this summer bringing the bands, having a good time, something to do in Kansas for all age groups." Jim Grawe Fox Kansas Eyewitness News.

06/06/09

10pm

D-DAY remembrances took place in Kansas as well. Battlefield re-enactments drew this crowd to Forbes field in Topeka. Kansans that took part in D-DAY shared their stories at the Kansas National Guard museum. Doug Jacobs, Kansas National Guard Historian says, "I think it's a tribute to them to honor them in this way also historically it's important because as you know we are losing the resources the assets now. World war two veterans are passing away quite quickly." Experts estimate that one-thousand world war two vets die each day. Sixteen million Americans or 12-percent of the population at the time served from 1941 to 1945.

06/07/09

10pm

In continuing coverage on the fate of the Wichita Boathouse; the city council decides this week whether to move the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame to the empty building the hall owes the city 100-thousand dollars in rent on its current location. Bill Koch says he'll pay for boathouse renovations then lease the building to the museum for one dollar a year. The city council votes on Tuesday.

06/08/09

8am

Miss Flint Hills is the new Miss Kansas. Becki Ronen defeated Derby's Alexandra Miller to take the crown Saturday night in Pratt. Ronen is from Buhler and is majoring in music at K-State. She will represent Kansas in the Miss America Pageant; the competition takes place in January.

COMMUNITY- Q2

06/08/09

10pm

With a vote tomorrow, the Wichita Boathouse could have a new tenant. Council members will vote on whether to put the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in the boathouse. The deal would save the museum tens of thousands of dollars in rent because Bill Koch would lease the boathouse to the hall of fame for one dollar a year. Koch has also offered to renovate the boathouse. If council members approve moving the Hall of Fame from Old town the museum will still have to pay its 100-thousand dollar rent due later this summer.

06/09/09

7am

Wichitans see trains all the time but Monday they saw a train that rarely travels through the city. An Amtrak train was rerouted through Wichita earlier last night cheered on by a group of passenger rail supporters. The Northern Flyer Alliance supports passenger rail expansion for economic development the proposed route would go from Kansas City to Fort Worth with a stop in Wichita. The state is seeking 20 million dollars from the federal government to help with upgrades on the route. K-DOT and Amtrak are conducting a study to see if it's possible. Officials expect to complete the study by fall. Supporters said if everything works out Wichita could have a stop within two years.

06/09/09

10pm

Their contract is up in about a month; new at 10...engineers at Spirit Aerosystems begin contract negotiations today. Leaders with the SPEEA union have been talking with Spirit since earlier this spring but main-table talks began today. Wages and benefits are among the contract issues.

06/10/09

8am

It's a done deal; the Wichita boathouse will now be home to the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. City council members approved the deal which would save the museum tens of thousands of dollars in rent. That's because Bill Koch will lease the boathouse to the hall of fame for just one dollar a year. Koch has also offered to renovate the boathouse.

06/10/09

10pm

He died almost four years ago but his story continues to help other abused animals. There is a garden memorial to a dog named Magnum outside Heartland Animal Hospital. He died after he was found badly burned inside a dumpster in 2005. Donations left over after his death are now used to help other abused or neglected animals like this one. Red Rocket's leg was amputated after he was hit by a car. The hospital used the last of Magnum's fund to pay for red rocket's surgery. Even without money in Magnum's fund, vets say they will volunteer to help animals like Red Rocket. Go to www.kwch.com to learn more about adopting him.

06/11/09

8am

The survey takes place every two years; in one day, hundreds canvass streets and shelters across the state. It's a snapshot of homelessness which agencies use to find a solution. One solution the homeless task force came up with gives more long term support than shelters. They've expanded a day center which provides counseling for drug and alcohol abuse and career services. Housing first, a program developed last year, takes that support even further by finding people permanent homes. Hanrahan says chronic homelessness uses 80 percent of funds spent on the homeless population. By taking those people off the street, money can be freed up to use for other kinds of programs. The United way says historically the economy doesn't affect homeless numbers because those who lose their jobs still have a place to live. And they say most homeless people struggle with mental health and alcohol abuse issues.

COMMUNITY- Q2

06/11/09

10pm

One company for an entire town and now a Derby trash hauler is trying to stop the city from franchising its trash. Derby recently approved that everyone in town use Waste Connections and pay the same price. Now hauler Everett Reese worries he'll go out of business because 70 percent of his customers are in Derby. So he started a petition for the city to overturn the ordinance or put the issue to a public vote. The Derby city manager says Reese's petition is invalid and plans to take it to court.

06/12/09

5am

If you're looking to adopt a cat or dog, the Kansas Humane Society says now's the time. The Humane Society will host an adoption fair this weekend. It's all in preparation for its move across town to k-96 and Hillside. The Humane Society would like get as many animals adopted as possible before the move, "It's a really stressful situation for them being transferred to a new facility and taking that drive. So if we can do a great thing for them by getting them a home, then that's less animals we have to transfer and it's just better for everyone." The adoption fair starts today and runs through Sunday at the Humane Society's current location on Southeast Boulevard. For more on the Humane Society's move and the events leading up to it, head to KWCH.com.

06/12/09

6pm

There were a lot of little animals at the Sedgwick County Zoo today. The little animals happened to be little people and they were getting very wet. The zoo today kicked off wet-n-wild days. It allows kids to take a break from the heat and get cooled off thanks to the county fire department. So was it scary to see the big trucks and firefighters? One girl says, "No! It was just it's just for fun to get wet! Wet-n-wild days continue each Friday afternoon through August 7th, from 1 to 4 pm. The zoo also offers face painting, and a chance to meet the real animals."

06/13/09

8am

For a long time, we've been telling you the switch to digital t-v was coming. It's now here. As part of the process, KWCH moved from a u-h-f station to v-h-f. But we've heard from a lot of our viewers who are not able to get the new signal. If you're watching this, you are all set. But if you know anyone who lost channel 12 Friday - here are some suggestions, If you're using rabbit ears, shorten them to about two feet - instead of extending them all the way out. Also, make sure the face of the "v" is pointed toward Hutchinson. Once you've done this - rescan. We've also increased our transmission power which should help until we can pinpoint and correct the problem. For more help go to [KWCH dot-com slash DTV](http://KWCH.com).

06/13/09

6pm

New now, the Hartman arena may be newer, but thanks to hundreds of volunteers the Kansas Coliseum looks nearly like it did the day it opened. About 500 people scrubbed, and steam-cleaned the Coliseum today to prepare for a Jehovah's Witness District convention. Nearly 16-thousand people are expected to attend the event next weekend. "This is something we want to do to not only give something back to this facility that has worked with us in the past but to the people of Sedgwick County we appreciate having our convention here." Volunteers came from all over Kansas and parts of Oklahoma. Organizers say it would have cost the coliseum tens of thousands of dollars for this type of cleaning. The volunteers did it for free.

COMMUNITY Q-2

06/14/09

10pm

New now, the state fairgrounds in Hutchinson get a new tenant. For the next three years the Kansas high school rodeo finals will call the fairgrounds home. The state fair recently remodeled livestock facilities to attract more regional and national livestock shows. The state finals currently takes place in Topeka and the move will also make the event closer for competitors in the southern half of the state.

06/15/09

6am

The humane society considers this weekend's pet adoption fair a success. 242 cats and dogs found new homes during the three day event. Some people waited in line for hours. In fact, there are only 14 cats left. They will be moving to the new humane society and animal services facility in Northeast Wichita, which opens a week from today.

06/16/09

8am

Wichita is alive with the sound of organ music. More than 200 people have come to Wichita for the American guild of organists' regional convention, also known as "pipes on the plains." The highlight of the bi-annual convention is the organ competition. This year, 4 organists played their best in hopes of being named winner. Each competitor plays 3 songs from different time periods, and 1 hymn. The competition is part of a 100 year old tradition. It's real music in real time. There is nothing quite like it. It's a little nerve wracking at times, but it's a wonderful experience. Pipes on the plains continue this week, wrapping up Thursday.

06/17/09

8am

The Wichita city council votes to defer raising your water and sewer rates. The water department wanted to raise base rates by one dollar for each water and sewer. It says the increases are needed because record rainfall had resulted in a budget shortfall. The revenue generated goes to help pay for the cities aquifer water storage system. Council members say this is not the time to raise rates. They say citizens are essentially being penalized for wet weather and conserving water. They asked the water department to come up with other alternatives.

06/18/09

8am

Casino developers presented their plans to the lottery commission and two of Sumner County's casino developers want to join forces. There are three developers for Sumner County. Lakes Kansas has proposals in both wellington and Mulvane. The Chisholm Creek and Prairie Sky casinos both want to build at the Mulvane exit of the turnpike. They told the state they'd be willing to jointly build a casino at the Mulvane exit. Next week the lottery will approve casino contracts, that's needed for the proposals to be considered by the lottery review board. A final decision on which casino will be built will come later this summer.

COMMUNITY Q-2

06/19/09

8am

A San Francisco area company is looking to hire some talent and you won't believe some of the benefits they are offering. Mike Sugerman looks at how this young company is doing it. The internet boom of 10 years ago burst with explosive force, leaving an industry and jobs in its wake. "There's one place that still parties like it's 1999, or at least the workplace is like that free lunch and dinner bring your dog, can't hire fast enough and it's the last place you'd look, especially if you're going alphabetically. It's called, Zynga." "When I heard I was going to interview a CEO I never expected this." "Yeah, it's like a beanbag sleep-over party." 44 year old Harvard Business School grad Mark Pincus is turning conventional wisdom on its head. He is a yoga enthusiast. "How many jobs have you created in the last year? 330." Many of them with six figure incomes and shares in the company and at the moment there are 90 additional openings for flash developers, artists, engineers, to work on Zynga's stable of games for social media. It had 100 million dollars in sales and is making a profit. It's not based solely on advertising but having people buy things in the virtual world. "We started playing with ideas to let you buy virtual items in our games, and let you buy currencies and power ups and things that let you move along faster because you have no time." People are spending money on few things these days but apparently they'll drop a couple of bucks to move up in games they play on line. A lot of people are spending a little bit of money and making a lot of money. Zynga wants employees to work hard, so it makes life easy for them. Chris Makarsky creates Texas HoldEm Poker, "So you come to work with ski-goggles and a bathrobe?" "Yeah, I mean you've got to be comfortable at work as long as at the end of the day we get the job done." But don't way this sounds a lot like web 1.0. They might not know what you mean. Justin Cinicolo created Mafia Wars, "The vast majority of folks here are under 30, so a lot of us were in high school when all of that was going on."

06/20/09

8am

Operation Rescue will hold a vigil at noon outside of Dr. George Tiller's clinic. The clinic closed less than three weeks ago...after tiller was shot and killed while attending church. Operation Rescue says the vigil is to pray for healing...from abortion related violence. The National Organization of Women is planning a counter vigil.

06/20/09

8am

A resolution to a story we've followed for several weeks. To save money, the city of Lyons began sending all non-emergency 9-1-1 calls to an answering machine. Many believed the change would put people in danger. Yesterday, the city council re-instated full 9-1-1 service through the end of the year. Those who pushed for the reinstatement say they'll continue to fight for it after that. The controversy prompted a hearing-impaired woman to file a lawsuit. It claims the city and county violated the Americans with disabilities act. Her attorney says Friday's decision does not change her case. She plans to continue with the lawsuit.

06/21/09

10pm

The curtain closes on a Wichita landmark. Hundreds came out for the final show at the Crown Uptown dinner theater. Owner Karen Morris says she decided to close the theater in part because of the bad economy. She says it became harder to run the 450 seat operation after her husband died last year. Morris still plans to use the theater for private parties and weddings. Tonight's final performance was of Disney's "High School Musical."

06/22/09

8am

The new Murfin Animal Care campus opens at k-96 and hillside today. The new campus includes both the Kansas Humane Society and Wichita Animal Services. A public open house is set for ten this morning.

COMMUNITY Q-2

06/23/09

8am

Nothing can stop one Oklahoma farmer from doing his job and that includes his age! James Garrett is 90 years old and works from sunrise to sunset. His two children have retired, but their dad just keeps on going. Garrett says the key to long life is not smoking or drinking and good genes! His father lived to be 111.

06/23/09

10pm

School resource officers future is in question. It's now the city's turn to discuss plans to move them out of some Wichita schools. Police chief Norman Williams proposes cutting the school resource officer staff in half--- leaving officers only for the high schools. It could save close to a half-million dollars. Students say they're concerned about not having an officer at school, "They don't just break up fights. They help in the hallways getting people to class and they stop things before they can get started up." Last night the Wichita school board added the S-R-O's to its list of potential cuts. It proposed keeping a few officers for middle schools to share. Combined; the city and school board need to trim their budgets by at least 20 million dollars.

06/24/09

8am

New information is out this morning on the swine flu outbreak. Scientists say there are signs that the h-one-n-one virus is starting to mutate. Germany's federal agency for infectious diseases warns the disease could spread in the coming months in a more aggressive form. Currently the disease is fairly mild. Experts say they are particularly concerned with how the flu is developing in Australia and South America. Here in Kansas there have been 113 confirmed cases of swine flu. The latest was found in an adult in Shawnee County. Seven cases have been confirmed in Sedgwick County, four adults and three children. There have been no deaths reported.

06/25/09

7am

Wichita talks trash -- and considers franchising to close an 8 million dollar gap in its budget. The city manager says charging haulers a franchise fee would generate one million dollars a year. Under the proposal, the city would contract with certain haulers at a set price for customers. It's not clear yet how the process would work...but the city manager believes franchising would also save you money. Residents have mixed feelings. William Sims says "I don't know why the city is interfering with the system that's running fine right now." But, Kent Nichols says "It could be a good thing if we get one price for everybody. It would be good." Council members will ultimately decide whether to change trash service. They'll vote in August.

COMMUNITY Q-2

06/26/09

8am

As news of his death spread through Wichita, requests for Michael Jackson songs came pouring into radio stations. Eyewitness News reporter Rebecca Gannon takes us inside the studio to hear the songs and the stories people in Wichita have about the "king of pop". On Thursday, top 40 radio stations became tribute and talk radio stations. "I mean, rock with you was a great song, but then again, which one of his songs can you not dance to? You know?" He gave rhythm to a lot of folks. As more people learned about Michael Jackson's death, they turned to the place he found fame - the radio. Sammy Suarez, a DJ at Channel 96.3 says "It's still the end of an era. Michael was pop music." "I miss him I know, but he shouldn't die, I miss him. "First boyfriend I know a lot of girls can relate to this -- he was very first boyfriend." "Jacket and glove I am not going to lie to you, either. I had the red leather jacket. Yeah, and I had the glove." "You're ten and you want to hear Michael Jackson." "Yeah, I like him. "Did your mom tell you to call?" "Yeah I'm trying to explain to my 14 year old kid right now what this man meant to me. " From 10 year olds calling radio stations for their mothers to mothers calling radio stations for their kids, everyone has a story about Michael Jackson, and a song that they relate to him. As for the studio, they say if it wasn't for Michael Jackson and his songs, they wouldn't be here. "He made us what we are. I mean, quite simply, there's not a definitive artist that you can say - aside from Michael Jackson - that is pop. He will always be the king of pop. And out of the hundreds of song requests -- one topped the charts. Man in the mirror- a song about reflections. In Wichita, Rebecca Gannon, KWCH 12 Eyewitness News.

06/27/09

10pm

We have continuing coverage of a Kansas gymnastics team raising money to save their program. Tonight you can help them and catch a baseball game. Tonight the Wingnuts hosted a Newton community night. Part of every ticket sold went to the Newton gymnastics team. They have to raise 11-thousand dollars before July 15-th to keep the team going.

06/28/09

10pm

Over the last year, retailers have been hit hard by the economy. People are spending and shopping less to try to save money. Today, one shop had people lining up before the doors even open-ready to buy. Eyewitness News reporter Kara Sewell tells us why. Too hot to garage sale, Sunday, bargain hunters moved indoors. "There's a lot of bargains to be found here." " We had a line out the door this morning when we opened." The line is made mostly of moms. For good reason, everything on sale *here* is geared toward kids. "Everything is cheap here and it's nice to walk around and find cheap baby stuff." Between friends' consignment event allows parents to sell their gently used clothes and toys and at the same time, buying others at discount prices. Dawn Pfannenstiel is heading it up. "Our business is a recession proof business. Everyone is always looking for a great deal and families are always looking for a way to add more money to their family budget." Pfannenstiel says *this* year more than ever. Her amount of buyers and sellers has doubled. "My husband works in the aircraft industry, he luckily still has his job but it's nice to have and buy things that are a little cheaper, especially when kids grow so fast. Stocking up on three dollar shirts, shoppers are buying for back to school and Christmas. "They can save off to 80% off of retail." "Really good for me because I work at a school so during the summer I don't have a job except if I babysit." Shannon Ramsey is preparing for her first child. "We kind of need to know about stuff like this for later." Because bad economy or not, Ramsey, like others, plan to continue saving. In Wichita, Kara Sewell, KWCH 12 Eyewitness News. The just between friends consignment sale will continue over the next two days. Tuesday, everything will be an additional half off.

COMMUNITY Q-2

06/29/09

7am

The fourth of July is a week away and it isn't just a chance to celebrate America's Independence. For a group of high school seniors, it's a time to make some money. But the teens nearly lost that opportunity. And here's why. For *these* high school seniors, in Douglass, the days leading up to July fourth mean hard work. "We had to get tables, and we had to inventory all the fireworks and price all of them." "It is a big project." Fireworks went on sale Saturday morning-by 10 Douglass' class of 2010 is busy pushing sparklers and smoke bombs. "Most of us, we have summer jobs to. So, we're going straight from here and going back to work and then we come back after words to go back to work here." But *this* job is a fundraiser-students work for free. The stand is set up next to the high school. Wholesale Fireworks provides the tent and inventory and high school seniors do the rest, they share the profit. "This is the sole money maker that has been used for years to give these kids an after graduation party, a safe place to go. Parents, like Helen Shawver, supervise. Students volunteer in shifts. The city of Douglass charges a three-thousand dollar fireworks tent fee. Last month they raised it to five thousand dollars. When the seniors heard about that they knew they would never sell that many fireworks to pay the fee and make a profit. "We were going to be working for nothing." If they could work at all. "We were concerned because wholesale was probably at the point to where if they would have kept it at five thousand, they would have looked for another place to put it." Until the same parents volunteering under the tent, went to council members to try and reverse the decision. They did. "I was glad they decided to lower it instead of raise it." Every fireworks stand, in Douglass got the same privilege. Students say they now appreciate every dollar. In past years, parents say seniors have raised between five and seven thousand dollars. That's enough to cover their post graduation party and part of the senior trip.

06/30/09

7am

A ride to the hospital in an ambulance can already cost a lot but in northeast Kansas, it could cost even more depending on your weight. American medical response is the ambulance provider in Shawnee County commissioners there approved doubling the rate for a ride to the hospital for patients who are obese. If you weigh more than 350 pounds, A-M-R will charge 11-hundred dollars up from 629 dollars. A-M-R says the reason...is not discrimination but safety, "We see patients often who are 3-350 pounds, often up to 7 or 8 hundred pounds. 8.46.41 and these are patients that need resources that are stronger, to support them, wide to support them, but also allow us to move them in a safer manner." A-M-R says obese patients can use a special gurney that holds up to 850 pounds -- and it has an attachment that helps paramedics move the patients safely. A-M-R only operates in northeast Kansas.

06/30/09

10pm

Fans say farewell to Farrah tonight but they had to say their goodbyes from across the street. Family and friends held a private funeral for Farrah Fawcett inside a catholic church in downtown L.A. Her longtime partner, actor Ryan O'neal was one of the pall-bearers. Fawcett's only child was also there Redmond o'neal was released from jail for the funeral, he's in on drug charges. Fawcett died last week after a long battle with cancer and she was 62.

ECONOMY Q-2

04/01/09

7am

Cessna adds to its lay off numbers; the company announces more jobs will be cut in addition to the 46 hundred so far, and it has employees worried. Many employees found out in an email from Cessna's CEO, Jack Pelton. Company officials expect to use the next month to look at production and decide where cuts can be made. We're told the layoffs will affect all pay levels across the company.

04/01/09

10pm

It raised your electric bill just a couple of months ago; now at 10, Westar's asking for another rate hike. It wants to increase rates by 80 million dollars over the next year to pay for its transmission system, environmental upgrades and wind farms. The Kansas Corporation Commission already approved part of that increase and will consider the rest of it late this year. There is no word tonight on how many the latest rates would cost on your monthly bill.

04/02/09

7am

Bombardier Aerospace says it is cutting three thousand jobs by the end of the year. The plane-maker said demand for its business aircraft has fallen dramatically and things don't look to turn around any time soon. Bombardier says it expects to deliver 25-percent less business aircraft this fiscal year. Cuts will be made at facilities in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Northern Ireland. These layoffs are in addition to the 13-hundred announced February, 5th.

04/03/09

7am

The stock markets have been on the rise lately, but that doesn't mean employment numbers are following suit. Businesses are still laying off workers at a fast pace. The Labor Department is expected to release a report today showing 654-thousand jobs were lost last month. The nationwide unemployment rate is expected to jump four-tenths of a point to eight and a half percent.

04/06/09

7am

A record number of consumers are falling behind or defaulting on loans. It's a problem that some economists say will only get worse this year as more people lose their jobs. According to USA Today a record four-point-two percent of consumer loans were behind at least 30 days in the fourth quarter. Another four-percent of loans had already been written off by lenders because of non-payment.

04/06/09

10pm

From the streets to the parks, the city of Wichita needs to cut six and a half million dollars from its budget. The question is what? Here's a look at potential cuts...the city manager will present to the council tomorrow. 100 thousand by reducing mowing at area parks and one million from the street maintenance fund. The street fund is already short but the public works director is hopeful stimulus dollars will off-set any budget cuts. But for some residents the city can't spend enough on street improvements. The city council will eventually decide what to cut. To see the manager's presentation go to our website at www.kwch.com

ECONOMY Q-2

04/08/09

10pm

Stock prices for Cessna's parent company almost double today; behind it, word that a Middle Eastern company may buy out Textron. A Kuwait newspaper says a group of companies is ready to buy Textron -- Cessna is the company's largest division. Over the last year Textron's stock dropped almost 80 percent. A business expert at Wichita State said when that happens it opens up companies for takeover but it's too early to speculate what impact the sale could have on Wichita. As for Cessna employees they say they're watching stock prices and media reports. Cessna and Textron aren't talking.

04/10/09

7am

A group of international companies may be ready to buy Textron the parent company of Cessna. Cessna is Textron's largest division. Textron is commenting saying it doesn't respond to market rumors. A Wichita state business expert says in struggling economies large companies can be targets for take-over. But he said until more details are available it's too early to speculate about what a sale would mean for Wichita. Longhofer says buyouts can benefit communities. He pointed to Onex buying Boeing and starting up Spirit.

04/11/09

10pm

The overall job market is tanking but police departments in Kansas are hiring. Wichita police say applications jumped 60-percent during the first three months of this year compared to last year. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office has seen a 70 percent increase. Nationwide police, fire and paramedics are seeing a record number of applicants as people look new careers.

04/13/09

7am

April 15th, that's the deadline for having your 2009 taxes files. But this year tax preparers say many people already have a head start. Tax advisor Susan Chacon says because of the current economy people are filing earlier to help them budget in case of a job loss. She also says more people are filing at home then coming to see her for a second look. Chacon says much wind up getting a bigger return than they expected. But for those who end up owing money, Chacon says don't hesitate to file, you will pay penalty costs. For more tax information and tips log onto our website at www.kwch.com

04/14/09

10pm

Hawker Beechcraft plans to lay off more workers but it won't say how many. Hawker has already announced plans to cut 23-hundred jobs in Wichita by the end of the year. But in a letter to employees today the company's CEO said the bad economy will mean more cuts because demand for new planes keeps dropping. His letter says the cuts will happen across all levels, including senior management.

04/15/09

7am

The company makes cards for everything even losing a job. Now some of those at Hallmark are being let go. It's cutting 750 jobs; that's about eight percent of the workforce. The Kansas City based company blames the layoffs on falling sales.

04/15/09

10pm

If you haven't filed your taxes yet you have less than two hours to do it. But since the post office is closed you're only option left is to E-file. The post office used to stay open until midnight but because so many people are filing electronically now days the post office in Wichita closed its doors several hours ago. Last pickup was at eight o'clock in Wichita.

ECONOMY Q-2

04/17/09

10pm

The state unemployment rate goes up again. The jobless rate hit six-point-five percent last month. That's two percent higher than it was a year ago. Kansas is still well below the national unemployment rate. That stands at eight-point-five percent. Statewide, job losses are highest in manufacturing, construction and the service industry. Hiring in government and health care remain strong as well as jobs in education.

04/18/09

10pm

The recession forces some businesses to close. Others struggle to get by. In Florida, one Orlando restaurant has come up with a unique way to get people in the door. On the brighter side shows you how the small restaurant is borrowing from the concept in the movie, "Pay it Forward" to help customers. When the owner saw his dinner business disappearing due to plumbers and electricians losing their jobs, he decided to open for breakfast and lunch and tell customers to pay what they can for breakfast. Business is booming this day at the All American cafe. "We have two veggie omelet's up, one is no onions. Just take a look at the sign out front it says breakfast lunch and dinner. We used to serve dinner, but we had to close dinner down because of the economical times. That dinner included a full menu, plus pizza. Something All American's owner and native New Yorker Tommy Collura thought would attract new customers. But, with most everyone saving instead of spending - fewer people are going out to eat. What we've noticed especially the last year and a half none of plumbers none of the electricians none of the builders come in here no more cause they all lost their jobs. So to help his customers out - and admittedly - possibly stir up some new business - Tommy's decided to allow people to pay what they can - for breakfast. Tommy isn't expecting everybody to take advantage of this - just those going through tough times. I think at this point and time we find it in our hearts all American Cafe needs to do something to help people out and this is the way we are going to do it. Jared Alleman moved into the neighborhood a few months ago. He's one of the many regulars who help keep All American in business...and he thinks the pay as you go could become a type of pay it forward. Hopefully it will be an encouragement for others. You know a lot times when someone else steps out... It will encourage others. Barbara sharp is a small business owner herself... She knows firsthand what it's like trying to make it in a recession. I think it will bring people closer together and lift their spirits in the troubles times we're in. We want to reach out to people because people need help.

04/19/09

10pm

President Obama is also trying to encourage volunteerism. He's expected to sign a bill that would triple the size of Ameri-Corps. The agency offers a small stipend to people who sign up for the program. It requires you volunteer 40 hours a week and offers a wide range of opportunities.

04/23/09

10pm

How much do you owe in credit card bills? Are you struggling to pay it off because of your credit card company? Help may be coming; congress is considering the credit card bill of rights and President Obama supports it. The bill would extend credit card billing cycles, cap many fees and give you 45 days notice for any increase in interest rates. Credit card companies told the president today they plan to make their contracts simpler to understand. But some of them argue tougher rules for banks may make it even harder to give out credit. A Wichita credit counselor tells us it's not fair for companies to change their rates whenever they want but he said ultimately it's up to you to spend responsibly. The U.S. House should take up the credit card bill of rights issue next week.

ECONOMY Q-2

04/24/09

8am

Wichita Cessna employees find out their company's probably not for sale after all. The CEO Cessna's parent company said it's highly unlikely that Textron will sell the plane maker. Textron liquidated its financial services earlier this year; the CEO said that sale brought in enough money to avoid a sale of Cessna or Bell Textron's helicopter maker. Our news partners at the Wichita Eagle report that Cessna is handing out 60 day notices on Wednesday; as many as 28-hundred people may be laid off.

04/24/09

10pm

The city of Greenburg works to bring business back to their community. City leaders cut the ribbon for Greensburg's new incubator this morning. The building gives businesses a temporary place to set up their shops while a permanent location is still under construction. Greensburg's city manager says helping small businesses rebuild was a big concern following the tornado that wipe out the city nearly two years ago. He feels this building accomplishes that, along with bringing commerce back to the community.

04/25/09

10pm

Kansas lawmakers face a host of issues when they return to Topeka next week; among them, fixing the state's budget. Lawmakers from south-central Kansas held their final legislative forum in Wichita this morning. One teacher wanted to know if she would be held responsible for falling test scores if legislators cut education funding. Another wanted to know what smaller programs could be on the chopping block. Kansas faces a projected 3-hundred-28 million dollar budget deficit for the next fiscal year. Lawmakers return Wednesday to wrap up the session.

04/30/09

8am

FactFinder 12 breaks down the number of layoffs at other Wichita aviation companies with the economic downturn. Hawker Beechcraft has announced nearly 28-hundred layoffs worldwide; the majority of those are in Wichita. Bombardier announced more than 43-hundred layoffs worldwide, 820 are at the Wichita plant. And Boeing will lay off a total of 800 workers in Wichita by the end of the year.

04/30/09

10pm

Lawmakers already disagree on how to balance the budget. For the first time today, new Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson told them how he'd like to get it done. But his ideas are meeting resistance, with little time to come up with a solution. During a joint session of the house and senate, he asked everyone to find common ground. Parkinson discussed energy, education, and health care. But his primary focus is the state's economy, and the 3-hundred-28 million dollar budget deficit. Governor Parkinson says, "It's time for us to do what our ancestors have done when faced with great adversity. We will roll up our sleeves, work hard, make the tough decisions and move forward. Not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Kansans, to solve the problems we face." This is Parkinson's second full day on the job. He took over for Kathleen Sebelius on Tuesday. She resigned to be secretary of health and human services.

05/01/09

10pm

New now; the Kansas House said no to cutting the pay of state employees. The Appropriations Committee suggested the cuts yesterday. Members say it would have saved the state 40-million dollars. However many lawmakers including new Governor Mark Parkinson said it wasn't necessary. Kansas employs some 42-thousand workers.

ECONOMY Q-2

05/04/09

8am

The Boston Globe threatens to shut down; management has demanded twenty million dollars in cuts, but the union is fighting back. The newspaper's owner says the union has been given a copy of a 60 day shut down notice that officials are prepared to file in court today. The union was given a midnight deadline to make concessions and says it's being bullied. The Boston Globe is expected to 85 million dollars this year.

05/07/09

10pm

Despite cuts to schools lawmakers still have a budget gap to close. Senators passed a bill tonight that would raise 61-million dollars through taxes. It would let the department of revenue waive penalties to get more Kansans to pay back taxes. It would also give you less time just one year to see income and sales tax refunds. It also cuts income tax credits for businesses. The state house will vote on this plan tomorrow.\

05/08/09

10pm

Discount carrier Air-Tran marks seven years in Wichita. Factfinder 12 discovered that since Air-Tran came to town air fares have dropped. Wichita used to have the tenth highest ticket prices in the nation. Now it's not even in the top 25 and fliers couldn't be happier. Air-ran has received 22 million dollars in subsidies to stay in Wichita. The city says the money is worth it. Officials say passengers have saved nearly twenty times that amount in fares alone.

05/10/09

10pm

Stamp prices are on the rise; tomorrow the cost of a first-class stamp goes up two-cents. Mailing a letter will cost you 44-cents. The postal service says the increase is necessary to make up for rising costs. But first class stamps aren't the only things going up in price. Mailing packages will also cost more. For a complete pricing list head to www.kwch.com

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05/13/09

7am

More fallout from cuts in the state budget; the budget cuts about 11-million dollars from the courts and the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court says that could mean 30 days of court closures and unpaid furloughs next year. Chief Justice Robert Davis says the only way to avoid that is for the legislature to approve additional funds in January.

05/15/09

8am

Nearly 800 dealers will no longer be associated with Chrysler; the company let them know by a letter delivered by UPS. In Kansas 16 dealerships found out they were on the company's list. Among them are dealers in Salina, Wellington and Wichita. For a complete list, go to www.kwch.com

ECONOMY Q-2

05/15/09

10pm

It remains tough for Kansas farmers to get credit. The Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City said the availability of credit lines tightened in the first quarter of this year. For months farmers have faced rising costs and falling commodity prices. The Federal Reserve Bank also says the number of people failing to repay existing loans continues to rise.

05/16/09

10pm

New at ten...an aerospace company cancels its expansion plans. Decrane Aerospace says it won't move into the former Collins Industries building in Yoder. The company said it may reconsider when the economy improves. Decrane makes interiors for airplanes. The company plans to return 25-thousand dollars in incentives it received to move to Yoder.

05/18/09

10pm

Starting tomorrow morning laid off Wichita workers can ask for help. United Way operators will start taking appointments for the help center that opens in June. Several local organizations will be on hand to offer support for groceries, finance tips and mental health issues. Call 211 through Friday to make your appointment. The layoff- help center will stay open a few days each month.

05/19/09

10pm

By the end of the week more Hawker-Beechcraft employees will find out whether they're out of a job. Hawker's Vice President sent a letter to employees today; saying about 150 people will get a layoff notice Friday. Very few of them will be hourly employees. The layoffs are part of the 23-hundred jobs Hawker plans to cut by the end of the year.

05/20/09

7am

More stimulus dollars are coming to Wichita; this time it's for projects that promote energy efficiency. The city will receive three and a half million dollars. It wants to spend the money on five projects. They include things like synchronizing traffic lights and constructing another portion of the McAdams bike path. If the projects are approved, they'd have to be finished within 36 months.

05/26/09

10pm

The odds are against new college graduates looking for a job in this economy; but it turns out someone are hiring, the government, if you can make it through the process. Over the next four years, the government has to fill 600-thousand federal jobs and competition is tough. Monthly hits on this government recruiting website have spiked and the online application process is teaching applicant's one thing they've heard about the government; it's red tape. A non-profit group that matches talent with government jobs said the government must fix the federal hiring system. The office of Personnel Management said they plan to rework the website and the application process.

05/29/09

7am

Temporary layoffs are coming to the Rubbermaid plant in Winfield. They'll be broken into three sessions of six weeks each between June 6th and October 9th. Workers *will* be able to get unemployment during the period. Company officials blame a drop in demand for the outdoor products the plant produces. The company hasn't said how many workers the temporary layoffs will affect. The factory employs 490 people.

ECONOMY Q-2

05/29/09

10pm

The state's continuing financial problems mean some of you will have to wait for your tax refunds. The Department of Revenue stopped mailing refunds on Tuesday. A spokeswoman says the delay could last a month. This past winter lawmakers borrowed money from other state funds to pay out refunds and cover employee salaries. Kansas' budget director says the state will also delay 1-hundred-30 million dollars in payments to public schools. School districts may have to dip into their own funds to pay salaries and other expenses. The state will delay the payments until the new fiscal year starts in July and the new budget takes effect.

05/30/09

8am

Customers of Westar Energy will soon be paying more on electric bills. People living in Salina, Topeka and points north can expect to start paying about three dollars more a month starting Monday. Customers in Wichita will shell out a dollar extra. The company says the increases will pay for upgrades to pollution control equipment.

05/30/09

10pm

For these high school athletes, it's all about the race to the finish line. But for Wichita businesses, well they're just trying to keep up with the thousands of extra people in town for the big meet. One athlete says, "Well we had to eat lunch so we went and ate at Applebees and then we took the nieces to the mall." From the crowds having to use the sidewalks at Sonic, to the extra staff called in at Jason's Deli, the meet may mean extra work, but it also means extra dollars. One worker says, "It's normally a slower time right after Memorial Day and it helps out quite a bit." But money generated by the track meet isn't only going into the cash registers at restaurants people are looking for a place to stay too. Actually we have been booked up for both nights last night was a little more difficult but it was very full. The Wichita Inn welcomed in entire teams and this year's event could even help them next year as well. The schools are already booking for next year it's just going to be another fun event. So whether these high school track stars came away winners, a lot of Wichita businesses are doing some celebrating of their own. I know we came and spent extra money that we normally wouldn't spend so. In Wichita, Megan Strader KWCH 12 Eyewitness News.

05/31/09

10pm

General Motors will soon travel down an unfamiliar road. Sources say GM will file for bankruptcy tomorrow. As Teri Okita reports from Detroit, GM's circle of executives, employees, investors, and related businesses are bracing for the days and weeks ahead.

06/01/09

10pm

It came as no surprise; General Motors filed for chapter eleven Bankruptcies today. The carmaker's plan calls for up to 20-thousand more job cuts, the closing of plants and thousands of dealerships. After an infusion of 50-billion dollars of taxpayer money, the federal government would be a 60-percent stakeholder in the new GM.

06/02/09

10pm

Just one day after filing for bankruptcy-- GM gets rid of one its brands. General Motors is selling Hummer to a Chinese industrial company. GM executives say the sale will help the company keep some three thousand jobs at hummer factories and dealerships around the US. Hummer may not be the only brand up for sale. GM also trying to sell Saturn and Saab.

ECONOMY

06/03/09

7am

Wichita loses a homeless shelter; the man who runs it said he's giving up because he no longer has the money to help get people off the street. For eight years, Joe Wortham says he's worked 16 hours days as a maintenance man to fund his own homeless shelter. The "Friend to Man" ministry operated five homes in a neighborhood near Lincoln and Oliver, helping up to 48 men, women and children at a time. There were just a few rules including showering and participating in Bible study. Wortham says the ministry helped nearly 4-hundred people turn their lives around. But he's no longer able to earn money to keep it going and there are not enough volunteers to help. Wortham had plans to convert a downtown warehouse into a shelter big enough to handle all the homeless in Sedgwick County. But he couldn't raise enough money to get it done. As a former drug addict, Wortham said he feels a kinship with the homeless, he is proof anybody can make a difference if they just try.

06/03/09

10pm

New at ten, the number of Kansans on unemployment goes up again. The Bureau of Labor statistics said the jobless rate in Kansas grew to si6.1% percent in April. Wichita reported the largest unemployment spike of the state's largest cities. Its unemployment rate is now 7.1%. Lawrence, Manhattan and Topeka saw their numbers increase as well. The national rate is 8.5%.

06/04/09

7am

For the fourth time this year Westar Energy is asking for a rate increase. The company wants to increase its electric rates by 20 million dollars. That would mean about a \$1.43 more for residents in the north and .71 cents for customers in the south. Company officials say the extra money would cover investments in wind farms and a natural gas-fired power plant near Emporia. The request still needs approval from the Kansas Corporation Commission.

06/04/09

10pm

Employees will find out by June 19th if they will keep their jobs; CEO Jack Pelton blames the recession and a continued drop in plane orders for the cuts. The new layoffs will include engineers, workers on the production line and those involved in the company's day-to-day operations. Cessna has not said how many people will be let go this time. The company has laid off nearly 7-thousand people since the recession began, most of them in Wichita.

06/05/09

7am

One sector of the economy that is doing well is community colleges. Three area community colleges report increased enrollment. Summer enrollment at Butler Community College is up 25 percent from last year. Workers at this registration office say June used to be one of their slower months, but now there's a steady stream of people wanting to sign up for classes and officials say things may stay this busy for a while.

06/05/09

10pm

Hundreds of Cessna employees learn they'll soon be out of a job. The company delivered 7-hundred layoff notices today. Most of the 60-day notices went to salaried employees. Cessna announced these layoffs back in April when it suspended work on the Citation Columbus. Yesterday Cessna's CEO said more layoffs are coming. Those workers will find out by June 19th. The plane-maker has laid off nearly 7-thousand employees since November mostly in Wichita.

ECONOMY- Q2

06/06/09

8am

We are just a week away from completing our transition to digital television and many of you will have to make changes one more time. Early Friday morning, those of you in Dodge City and Goodland will have to rescan your D-T-VS or converter boxes to receive our new digital signal. We will stop broadcasting in analog in those locations. We are also changing frequencies for K-W-C-H and K-S-C-W in Wichita. You too will have to re-scan one more time. For more on this switch, head to K-W-C-H DOT-COM SLASH D-TV.

06/06/09

10pm

Residents in the mid-west don't get to hear the phrase lights, camera, and action very often. But movie magic is spreading fast across parts of Oklahoma. Film crews have invaded the town of Cordell in the southwest part of the state. They're shooting a movie called "The Killer inside me" starring Kate Hudson and Jessica Alba. Residents watched their small town become a movie set. Crews repainted signs and store fronts to give Cordell a 19-50's feel. Many residents are getting to play extras in the film but you won't see the Mayor on the big screen. Alex Damon, Cordell mayor says, "I don't really have a nineteen fifties kind of look, so they've just decided to, let me, uh, keep my role as, as the Mayor here, and take it that way." Filming will continue in Enid, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. It could be a temporary boost the economy in southwest Oklahoma.

06/07/09

10pm

The sale of Chrysler to Italian car-maker Fiat could be in jeopardy. Three Indiana pension and construction funds want the Supreme Court to block the deal. They claim the deal puts the needs of stakeholders ahead of those for debt holders. Chrysler filed for bankruptcy protection in April. A bankruptcy court approved the Chrysler-Fiat deal on Friday. It will be final tomorrow unless the court steps in.

06/08/09

10pm

She loves her private jet and admits it. Now Oprah's comments lead to a proclamation of support from Sedgwick County. Oprah made the comment during her commencement speech at Duke University last month. Sedgwick County commissioners took notice; Wednesday they'll vote on this proclamation supporting the aviation industry in Wichita. It talks about layoffs because of the lack of orders from private jets and says Oprah's comments are necessary at a time when businesses are criticized for having jets.

06/09/09

7am

Nearly 10 thousand unemployed Kansans may qualify for a new round of "jobless" benefits. The state Sunday became eligible for a second tier of unemployment benefits after reaching an unemployment rate of 6 percent for more for 13 straight weeks. These benefits are for those who have exhausted their original benefits or whose benefits are about to end. Those who qualify could possibly receive benefits for an additional 13 weeks beginning on June 13th.

06/09/09

10pm

Buy a new home in Newton and get paid to do it. New tonight, the city council approved an incentive program giving four thousand dollars to people who buy new homes. The city, the builder, the developer, and the realtor each will give one thousand dollars. Home buyers must buy a new home not an existing home. And they must do it soon this trial incentive lasts until the end of the year.

ECONOMY- Q2

06/12/09

8am

One company for an entire town, now a Derby trash hauler is trying to stop the city from franchising its trash. Derby recently approved that everyone in town use waste connections and pay the same price. Hauler Everett Reese worries he'll go out of business because 70 percent of his customers are in derby. So he started a petition for the city to overturn the ordinance or put the issue to a public vote, "We want to leave it up to the citizens of Derby. If the residents feel they want to franchise, it should be their decision." The Derby city manager says Reese's petition is invalid and plans to take it to court.

06/12/09

10pm

We open the aviation watch with more layoffs at Cessna. The plane maker will cut an additional 13-hundred jobs. Cessna has now slashed half its workforce since the recession began. The first 8-hundred layoff notices will go out in the next week. That will be followed by previously scheduled furloughs for most employees. When they return in July another 5-hundred notices will go out. A company spokesman will not say how many of the cuts will happen in Wichita. The spokesman says while recession may have hit bottom. The aircraft industry is among the last to recover.

06/13/09

8am

More people bidding for fewer projects. Some city leaders say it's a good time to spend money because contractors need the work. Some cities taking advantage of a market short on contracts. Whitson says he doesn't expect bids to be low much longer. Once construction starts from the Wichita School bond, contractors should have plenty of jobs to keep their workers busy.

06/13/09

10pm

There are some very disappointed people in Colorado tonight. They had been notified they were getting a hundred dollars from the Colorado lottery, simply for filling out a survey. Problem was, the e-mail was supposed to go only to 20 people, but it was accidentally sent out to about 37-hundred. One of those was Tom Yanosko, "At one o'clock I was a winner. At six o'clock I wasn't a winner. Disappointment? Big time!" Lottery officials apologized, saying it was a computer glitch.

06/14/09

10pm

The official start of summer is still a week away, but many people already know their plans the next few months will keep them closer to home. That's good news for city parks departments. Eyewitness news reporter Alana Rocha shows us why. They always find something to do. Whether it's diving or pennies, or rings or gutter ball. Bernadette Glidewell is grateful her kids never get tired of going to the pool and she says for the money, you can't beat it. It went up to 95-dollars, but we come three days a week and I have four kids. That would add up really quick. Glidewell buys a family pass to the Valley Center city pool every summer and with just a quick glance around the deck, Glidewell knows she's not alone. In fact, memberships are up, "People aren't going as far out so it's a good thing to do. Stay at home." Everyone gets to hang out and it's kind of the only place to hang out in Valley Center so it brings a pretty good crowd. It's not just Valley Center. We called around to several of the nearby cities here in the Wichita metro area. Pretty much all of the Rec centers have seen an increase in memberships for this summer. Lora Neal says both Sophia and Isaac would rather hang out at the city pool -than anywhere. Area parks officials say participation in both baseball and softball leagues have remained steady.

ECONOMY Q-2

06/15/09

8am

Las Vegas has one of the worst housing markets in the nation. Foreclosures are up while home prices are down. Some say you can even get a house for the price of a car and, as Betty Nguyen tells us, some realtors are taking the low prices to the bank! Martin calls this her foreclosure safari. It's a hunt through one of the nation's worst housing markets, Las Vegas. First stop, an 18-hundred square foot home in a gated community now priced at 93-thousand dollars. "I really love the high ceilings. It's amazing that places are going for such steals right now. It's really amazing." better be - or Jessica Thomas isn't interested. Check out her price range. "Cheap, car cheap, what does that mean? It means I'm not going pay more for a house that I would for a car right now." By that, she's talking \$25-thousand dollars or less. It might be difficult. Next stop a home that was once listed for 255-thousand dollars. House hunter Ciara Byrne is impressed by today's price. "This place here is 109 thousand and it's about 1400 square feet. There is no way you can get that anywhere in America. Certainly not in a big city, there are a lot of reports that Vegas is the best market, the cheapest market to buy a home, is that a reality? It is, yes because we're number one in the nation for foreclosures. The banks are in competition with themselves so they've got to keep on reducing and reducing until someone buys it." That's made some places dirt cheap - even car cheap. Remember Jessica? Well, this is what she can get for 25-thousand dollars. "I wasn't sure what we were going to find but this is a pretty big place." "Yeah, this place is huge. Yeah, I think it's huge." "Is it better than what you imagined it would look like?" "Yeah, especially as far as size goes and this is like double what I thought it would be." "Do you think you could see yourself in a place like this?" "Oh for sure, yeah it needs work but martin says with a 7-thousand square foot lot - you could even tear down the house and eventually make money on just the land." Still, when it comes to real estate, location is key. Last stop, a condo complex near the Vegas strip called the meridian. "From 400 to 700 thousand dollars down to 60 to 90 thousand dollars, two blocks from the strip, this is the best value in Vegas by far right now." Martin says these condos are selling faster than she can write offers, but there is one catch. "Its cash only, cash only." So if you want a good deal, it's best to come to Vegas fully prepared to put your money on the table. Betty Nguyen, CNN, Las Vegas.

06/16/09

8am

How does a guaranteed government loan of 35 thousand dollars, interest free sound to you? Struggling businesses can now apply for it. Eyewitness news reporter Rebecca Gannon shows us who can get it and why the federal government thinks it'll help the American economy. You can call Ash-rawf Hamada's business small. The owner is the only employee on the Computech floor Monday afternoon. In between phone calls and fixing computers, he's also looking for a fix for his income, "All businesses are really hurting. Even if you're still surviving, you're still opening your door, but you're still not generating income." When he heard about a new loan offer, he immediately started planning. While Computech may know how to fix computers, the Federal Government and the small business administration think they may know how to fix the economy with American Recovery Capitol Loans. ARC Loans are 35 thousand dollars given to a small business interest free for one year. "This is a temporary bridge loan program." On another computer, in another part of Wichita, Wayne Bell checks for any new ARC applications, "They'll get some breathing room with this loan in the way of the cash flow - and they could use it to pursue another income stream." He expects this will save companies and jobs and possibly create new ones, "The hope is that we're going to save some jobs" The owner of Computech says he'll fill out his application tonight, "I think it's going to be great for anyone who applies for it. In Wichita, Rebecca Gannon for Eyewitness News. You can find an application for an ark loan, along with the loan qualifications and a list of participating banks on our website, k-w-c-h-dot-com.

ECONOMY Q-2

06/17/09

7am

After endorsing three casino proposals in May, Sumner County commissioners now say-one is better than the others for bringing in money, economic development and tourism. Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution today stating a preference for a casino at exit 19 on the turnpike, that's the Wellington exit. Commissioners already endorsed one proposal for that location-submitted by lakes Kansas. It calls for a gaming floor of more than 100-thousand square feet.

06/18/09

8am

Congressional leaders are promising to push forward president Obama's proposed overhaul of the nation's struggling financial system. The president plan includes the creation of a consumer protection agency to guard against credit abuse and other problems. Senate banking committee chairman Chris Dodd says the legislation will be completed this year.

06/19/09

8am

Sedgwick County's division of human services will lose 2 point 5 million dollars from its budget. That means cutting back services for people who depend on help from the county to stay in their homes, "I'd really make it bad, but there's nothing I can do about it. At this point I'm really concerned about all of them. I've never been in a situation where all of them have been hit this hard at one time." The division of Human Services asked the county to supplement some of its state cuts. It also includes Comcare and developmental services.

06/20/09

10pm

A Wichita landmark plans to close after more than 80-years in business. The Crown Uptown Theater's last show will be tomorrow night. Its owner says the decision to close was hard but necessary. Eyewitness news reporter Megan Strader has more. These doors have welcomed thousands with Karen Morris welcoming a good majority of them herself. She and her husband bought the Crown Uptown Theater more than 30 years ago, but when he passed away late last year...she knew she would eventually have to make the decision she'd been putting off, "I could see our numbers falling and I think people were feeling like they could not afford to come here not knowing if they were going to have a job next week and I finally decided this was the time." This weekend will mark the last time a cast will take the stage to a sold out audience under her ownership, "We've had a very loyal base of customers and they're kind of like family so I'm sad I'm losing that part of my life." Rooted in this 81 year old building are memories that go beyond good performances the theater was where Morris and her husband had their first date and where Joan Hearne was entertained long before she was a grandma. Now she's bringing her grandkids back for one last show. "I'm gonna miss it." A sentiment that's echoing as loud voices on the stag but with this end, comes hope that the historic theater could someday see a new beginning, "Ideally I would like to see it continue as a theater." Keeping a piece of Wichita's history lit, Megan Strader kwch 12 Eyewitness News.

06/21/09

10pm

The Winter Olympics are still seven months away. But hotel rooms are already booked to provide some extra space. The city of Vancouver plans to use cruise ships. Four ships will provide thousands of extra rooms during the two week event. Like many rooms in the city, the floating suites won't come cheap. Each one will cost several thousand dollars. The floating hotel will offer the amenities of a typical cruise even though it's not moving. The Winter Olympics start February 12th.

ECONOMY Q-2

06/22/09

8am

Couples getting ready to walk down the aisle are cutting back on spending that means cutbacks on spending on cakes, dresses and even the number of guests. Thalia Assuras has the story from the gowns and tuxes to the cake, a couple's wedding is often a fantasy fulfilled. Not this wedding season. For couples like Keeva Moye and Jeff Scrivner, the recession is squeezing out the romance. "Here we are all blissfully happy, wanting to get married, and going, Um, I don't have as much as I thought I did." Tight savings and a short period of unemployment have forced them to stick to a \$5,000 budget, honeymoon included. No band and fewer guests, "We wanted between 100 and 150, but we've cut back to 75." And plenty of bargain hunting, it retailed for a thousand dollars and I got it online for \$299 if you can believe that. Keeva and Jeff are not alone. They're definitely cutting back. They're cutting back in so many different ways on so many different services. Wedding planner Sharon Lewis says attendance at her shows has shrunk. Research shows a quarter of brides-to-be plan to slash their budgets in half. And from a peak of just under 29,000 dollars in 2007, the average wedding tab is just 19,000 this year -- a more than 30 percent drop. "We've cut our price points from the year prior by about 30 percent," says Vera Wang. Even high-end designers, like Vera Wang, are feeling the pinch. She says her brides usually come to her right after getting a ring, but not anymore. They're shopping around instead, and many are spending less, "One would think that maybe bridal would be the last to suffer but it really has suffered I think for the whole industry." Still, Keeva move is looking past the wedding planning woes and finding blessings in a smaller bash. What's more important is saving that money to make sure our marriage lasts. A sure sign that love can be recession-proof.

06/23/09

8am

Boeing will delay the first flight and delivery of its new 7-87 Dreamliner. The company made that announcement this morning. Company officials say the aircraft needs more work. The first flight was scheduled for June 30th. No new date has been set.

06/24/09

10pm

The city of Hutchinson has its own ideas to save money among them it could start charging admission to the Hutchinson zoo. The zoo is free right now but the city council's talking about charging one dollar per person. It thinks it could make 50-thousand dollars a year that way. That's just an idea right now council members haven't approved it yet. They're also taking about ending the city's contract with the fox theatre to host events at memorial hall.

06/25/09

7am

After years of trying, Kansas' minimum wage is about to go up. Starting next Wednesday the minimum wage increases from 2.65an hour to 7.25 an hour. Supporters say the change is long overdue. Opponents fear it will increase employer costs at a time when businesses can least afford it. Right now Kansas has the lowest minimum wage in the nation.

06/26/09

10pm

Tuition is going up across the state starting next month and some students looking at higher education and looking for lower costs. Rachel Shannon will be an 18-year-old junior at Wichita State this fall. She saved more than 76-hundred dollars by taking community college courses during high school. She got two years of college out of the way at the same time, "It's going to be weird that I'll be done two years ahead of time, but they way I look at it - it's two years that I saved that I'll be able to put into my career ." Wichita State's admissions director says he expects to see more high school students arriving on campus with more college credit. In part because students want to put more on their college applications, and partly because parents realize four year schools are becoming more expensive.

ECONOMY Q-2

06/27/09

8am

The U.S. House passes legislation yesterday aimed at changing the way the nation uses energy. The bill would impose limits for the first time on greenhouse gases from power plants, factories and refineries. Supporters say the bill will also generate millions of jobs in a new *green* economy. But opponents say it will ultimately *cost* jobs and force energy prices higher. The senate isn't expected to take up the issue until the fall.

06/27/09

10pm

The fourth of July not only gives people a chance to celebrate America with fireworks. It also gives groups a chance to raise money by selling those fireworks. High School Seniors in Douglass use the opportunity to raise money for their after-graduation party. The party is meant to be a safe place for kids to celebrate. But just last month the city of Douglass raised the fee to have a fireworks tent by two-thousand dollars. The seniors were afraid they wouldn't be able to pay the fee and make a profit, "We were going to be working for nothing. I was glad they decided to lower it instead of raise it." Parents went to the city council and convinced them to lower the fee back to where it was.

06/28/09

10pm

Over the last year, retailers have been hit hard by the economy. People are spending and shopping less to try to save money. Today, one shop had people lining up before the doors even open-ready to buy. Eyewitness news reporter Kara Sewell tells us why. Too hot to garage sale, Sunday, bargain hunters moved indoors." There are a lot of bargains to be found here. We had a line out the door this morning when we opened." The line is made mostly of moms for good reason, everything on sale *here* is geared toward kids, "Everything is cheap here and it's nice to walk around and find cheap baby stuff." "Between friends consignment event allows parents to sell their gently used clothes and toys and at the same time, buying others at discount prices. Dawn Pfannenstiel is heading it up, "Our business is a recession proof business. Everyone is always looking for a great deal and families are always looking for a way to add more money to their family budget." Pfannenstiel says this year more than ever and her amount of buyers and sellers has doubled, "My husband works in the aircraft industry, he luckily still has his job but it's nice to have and buy things that are a little cheaper, especially when kids grow so fast." She's stocking up on three dollar shirts. Shoppers are buying for back to school and Christmas, "They can save off to 80% off of retail." Mom says, "Really good for me because I work at a school so during the summer I don't have a job except if I babysit." Shannon Ramsey is preparing for her first child, "We kind of need to know about stuff like this for later." Because bad economy or not Ramsey, like others, plan to continue saving. In Wichita, Kara Sewell for KWCH 12, Eyewitness News.

06/29/09

10pm

Can layoffs ever be welcomed? It depends on what's cut and in one Kansas town people are happy about certain cuts from certain businesses. Eyewitness news reporter Cliff Judy went looking for the brighter side to layoffs. If you're coming to downtown Arkansas City expecting bad attitudes or people who won't help you find what you're looking for, look somewhere else because here they're not taking that anymore. A local store owner told neighboring businesses about an idea to put posters in their front windows that due to the down economy: doom, gloom, and bad news are laid off. The posters have spread to several store fronts each customized to fit the business. Workers tell us customers talk to them all the time about the signs and they know there's no point in having a bad attitude in tough economic times. "You know, we all have different reactions. We all have different ideas about things, but that doesn't mean you have to be down and out about them." None of the businesses told us the posters have led to more business or more customers but they say the positive vibes they're getting out of themselves and their customers has made everything worth it. In Arkansas City, Cliff Judy, kwch 12 eyewitness news.

ECONOMY Q-2

06/30/09

8am

Nearly every wheat farmers in Kansas has begun harvesting their crop and those that haven't will start soon. The northeast corner of the state is the only area where the harvest has not started. Farmers are just getting started cutting their wheat in northwest Kansas. The vice chairman of the wheat commission says some white wheat is now averaging 64 bushels per acre.

EDUCATION Q-2

04/01/09

10pm

Too much snow leaves behind too much damage for one school; new at 10, students will now have to move to another building. Pratt received more than two feet of snow over the weekend. Now the secretary at Sacred Heart Elementary and Holy Child Preschool tells us the storm left behind almost three inches of water in the basement. Now school officials worry about mold. Classes were supposed to resume tomorrow but now students don't have to go back until Monday and they'll be moving to a new building; to the central office Board of Education building on North Ninnescah, parents can call the school with questions.

04/02/09

7am

Wichita teachers and principals met their new boss; John Allison is the incoming Superintendent for Wichita public schools. He faces a challenging budget year on top of the new job. The school board voted unanimously to hire Allison. Today he'll tour Marshall Middle School and continue to meet with staff and students.

04/03/09

10pm

A group of Wichita middle school students have their sights set high. This was the action today as students from Stucky Middle School tried to qualify for the Team American Rocket Challenge. They've been building the rockets at school over the winter and they have just days to qualify for the nationals. The challenge is for the rocket with an egg packed inside to reach a certain altitude then come down with the egg unbroken. Some were successful today while others are enjoying omelets this evening.

04/07/09

10pm

New teachers will admit the job is overwhelming. Now the profession may take another hit. Across the country teachers are retiring; the Department of Education said in Kansas almost 50 percent of teachers are age 50 or older. And that's the case in more than 35 states. The problem, who will mentor the new generation of teachers? One veteran teacher said transferring experience is crucial. That may be key to keeping new teachers. Numbers show one out of every three new teachers quits within five years because of frustration and low pay.

04/08/09

7am

Schools across Kansas are asking people for money; here's a look at a few of those school bond issues. Voters in the Ell-Saline district had two questions on the ballot. The first is for 6-point 8 million dollars to pay for improvements to elementary, middle and high schools. 54 percent voted for the bond issue passing it but the second question on the ballot didn't pass; it was for 385-thousand to build a new office building, this question failed with 56 percent of the vote.

EDUCATION Q-2

04/10/09

10pm

Five Wichita high schools will soon have new turf on their fields; new tonight, the Wichita school board picks the company to install the turf. It's the first project the bond issue will pay for; money you approved last fall. But tonight's decision came with controversy. School board members picked a Texas company for the job. That controversy erupted from both sides of the auditorium tonight. Board members voiced concern that the district's athletic director was choosing to work with a company outside of Kansas. If you remember, one of the district's key points during the bond election was that passing the bond would mean new jobs for Wichita and that left one local bidder who attended tonight's meeting outraged.

04/15/09

10pm

It's not what you'd expect to find kids doing at a library; but it's actually turning kids onto reading. The Ark City library has started a new program that lets kids play Wii games for a few hours a day. He catch is that in order to play, kids have to check out at least four items a month. Since starting last month, more than 40 kids have signed up for the program. The library has already purchased several games for their Wii and plan to continue to expand their collection as more kids sign up.

04/16/09

10pm

Continuing coverage of the state's budget problems; tomorrow economists will tell state lawmakers what kind of revenues to expect. State Senator Jean Schodorf says schools could be affected. Schools have not had to cut as much as other agencies, but Schodorf says lawmakers are running out options. That means many schools may have reduce staff, but right now they don't know. Lawmakers will vote on an amended budget April 29th. Schools have to notify teachers by May 1st whether they will have a job next year.

04/17/09

10pm

Kansas legislators made the announcement they feared. Duane Goosen says, "328 million dollars of solutions of some kind need to be applied in order to bring the budget that has been passed up to an ending balance of zero at the end of fiscal year 2010." After already approving a trimmed down 2010 budget, new revenue projections will force a much bigger swing of the axe. That means education, which makes up half the state's 13 billion dollar budget, is a prime target. Carolyn fair says, "I'm worried about that. Whether its athletics, or academics, Fair says her kid's education is priceless and 80 percent of the money spent on education pays salaries. Fair says, "These teachers don't get paid enough with all they have to put up with and then you end up with good teachers that are out there for the kids and so you lose those them what have you got." Senate education chair Jean Schodorf says education has already taken a 24 million dollar hit. She says some additional cuts may be unavoidable, but is hoping her colleagues don't try to erase the entire budget deficit through school cuts. Schodorf says, "If we do that the cuts will be drastic. There will be jobs cut, programs cut, class sizes increased, some of the rural school districts may not make it."

04/18/09

8am

The state's budget deficit keeps growing; Kansas now faces a deficit of 328 million dollars for the next fiscal year. That comes after new numbers show an expected 744 million dollar drop in tax revenues through June of 20-10. That will force legislators to revise the 13-billion dollar budget approved for the next fiscal year. That budget included across the board cuts, but used federal stimulus money to keep schools largely untouched. Since schools eat up half the entire state-budget, many say they will likely face bigger cuts. The governor has offered some alternatives, although the state education chair says there may not be any way around cutting education spending. House and Senate committee will meet next week to come up with some plans. The legislature won't vote on a revised budget until at least April 29th.

EDUCATION Q-2

04/19/09

10pm

The flower exchange, pinning on the boutonniere (having a hard time), the nervous smiles. The camera wielding parents, this is the traditional high school prom. Only James Dwork and his date Ashlea Talley have an unconventional story. James got much more specific when he posted this ad for a prom date on Craig's list. He described himself, "All A's right now, except for pre-calc that's a tough class." And the way he pictured his perfect date, because he, "didn't want someone to look like my mom ha ha that wouldn't be funny to do." He weeded out the responses and found Ashlea, "I didn't know if he was serious or not, but I was pretty excited." So they met and matched outfits. James says, "We went with the standard uniform. Black, white and a white dress. That looks good." James says his friends already had dates by the time he asked, so Craigslist seemed like the next step. If nothing else, they've both made a new friend and picture perfect prom night memories.

04/20/09

7am

A group of Wichita students are heading to Washington. We first told you about a rocket competition with students from Stucky Middle School a few weeks ago; Saturday those students and others competed outside Argonia. They also watched amateur rocket-makers in action. In all two teams from Kansas are heading to nationals. That competition takes place May 16th.

04/22/09

7am

High schools with high dropout rates show some improvement. A new national study says the problem is getting better in some big cities where dropouts are most severe such as Philadelphia, Tucson, and Kansas City. But the study also shows a serious decline in graduation rates in about a dozen cities, including Wichita and Omaha. According to the study, Wichita's graduation rate dropped 18-points to just under 55-percent. Last year, Wichita schools criticized a similar study for the way it categorizes dropouts.

04/23/09

10pm

As schools across Kansas wonder what's next...new at 10pm...another Legislature bill cuts money from education. This evening, a Senate committee passed a bill that cuts 75-million dollars from public schools, that's about 2-and-a-half percent. The goal is to balance the state budget. Yesterday, a House committee passed its own bill which cut more than 3 percent from schools. That's why school districts like Newton prepare for the worst case scenario. Newton already made changes to save money but school administrators say they may not fill 14 teacher jobs so they won't have to take even more drastic steps. The House and Senate will have to come to a compromise on a final vote next week.

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EDUCATION Q-2

04/24/09

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A Kingman High School class gets an eyeful of inappropriate material. The psychology class was using an internet website to take a test. But an outside hacker had changed the material and replaced it with pornography. As soon as it appeared, the teacher shut down the computer. The school district has a computer filtering system but the website got past it. Administrators have manually blocked the site so it can't come up again. The district sent home a letter explaining the situation to parents and apologized for what happened.

04/27/09

10pm

Wichita schools will have to wait for new turf; school board members unanimously voted to resubmit for bids after controversy over their last pick. Earlier this month board members voted for a Texas company to do the work at five high schools. One local bidder protested and the district's administrative review team recommended that the school board seek competitive bids on the turf.

04/30/09

10pm

It's education for young ladies. Michelle Obama is already the first lady, and as if that's not historic enough, she now gets her own comic book. Take a look, a Vancouver company released its latest in its "female force" series of comics. This issue features the story of the first lady's life with little tidbits like did you know Mrs. Obama once worked with Barney the dinosaur? The idea behind the comic book series is to showcase powerful women. A lot of women buying for their daughters, female empowerment, they can become president of United States or anything they want to be. All 50-thousand copies of the first lady comic book issue already sold out but there will be more printings. The same publisher also did comics on Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin and is working on issues about Princess Diana and Oprah.

05/03/09

10pm

A note for parents in Colwich; Saint Mark's Charter School will be closed tomorrow. A water pipe broke in the school and flooded the building. School officials will decide tomorrow whether they will have school on Tuesday or not.

05/11/09

8am

Students at Southwestern College in Winfield graduated yesterday. Hundreds walked across the stage to receive their diploma, but many say they don't plan on joining the workforce, at least not right away. Some students tell us because of the county's poor economic state they plan to look for summer work and put off their job search until things improve. Graduate Charles Wells says he plans on staying in school. According to the National Association of Colleges and employers, this year's grads will face fewer jobs with lower starting salaries. Still, the ones we spoke with today say they're ready for the challenge.

05/15/09

7am

A male teacher at a Salina Middle School is hurt by a female student. The 55 year old teacher was trying to remove the girl from his classroom because he says she was disruptive. That's when police say she kicked him in the leg. He had to seek treatment for his leg and is now recovering; the student was sent to Juvenile Detention.

EDUCATION Q-2

05/17/09

10pm

Tomorrow is your chance to discuss next year's budget for Wichita's public schools. The Board of Education will host a meeting Monday night. The event runs from seven to nine at Washington Elementary on North Pennsylvania. Parents and concerned citizens are invited to learn about the budget priorities and give board members feedback. Budget cuts at the state level could leave the district about 21-million dollars short.

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A good sized crowd showed up to offer their thoughts as the school board starts to decide how to cut 21 million dollars from its budget of more than 600 million. There are only a couple months to decide on all this since the Legislature just cut school funding less than two weeks ago. Most of the people who spoke at this meeting tonight were school district employees. Aside from a few suggestions to start school later to save on air conditioning costs or shorten the school day.....most comments were about what they don't want cut.

05/22/09

10pm

No local companies will be in on the bidding to install artificial turf at 5 Wichita schools. The new turf is part of the bond issue approved in November. The Wichita school board originally picked a Texas company to do the work-but a local business protested and the board agreed to a second round of bids. All five of the companies pre-approved to bid are from out of state- and include the original winner. The district says the turf but should be ready for the start of the season.

05/27/09

10pm

New at 10pm...Hutchinson teachers will now vote on a contract offer with the district. A tentative agreement calls for pay increases for teachers...depending on their credentials and how long they've been with the district. The district will also pay more towards health insurance. Teachers will vote online; if they approve the contract, the Hutchinson school board will then have to vote on it too.

05/28/09

10pm

She's finished in the top ten for the past three years and tonight, a Kansas girl is the country's champion speller. 13 year old Kavya Shivashanker of Olathe claimed the National Spelling Bee title. The word, layoddihseean means lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics. Kavya takes home more than 40-thousand dollars in cash and prizes; Kavya hopes to be a Neurosurgeon someday.

EDUCATION Q-2

05/29/09

7am

Summer vacation is a care-free time for many kids, but many of their teachers may be a little stressed. Most will have jobs in the fall, but don't know what those jobs will pay. Rodriguez says, "I heard somewhere that stay at home moms are worth about 120 thousand dollars a year and teachers are probably worth at least that much." But it's not a matter of what they're worth; it is a matter of how much money their school district has. And this year they all have less. Contract negotiations that are normally wrapped up by now are at a standstill in many cases. Dave Kirkbride of the Kansas National Education Association says in his 30 years, pay agreements have never been this tough to make. Kirkbride says, "I think there's empathy on both sides. I think everybody understands this is a really tough time." Kirkbride says he thinks some school boards are being more cautious than they need to be. So far only two of the 16 districts in Sedgwick and Harvey Counties have settled and neither gives teachers a raise. Right now many see that as a BEST CASE scenario. One teacher says, "This is just not the time to ask us to take a pay cut." Last week, teachers pleaded with the Wichita Board to find somewhere else to save money. In many districts, negotiations are now on hold until September 20th. That's when final enrollment numbers will give schools a better idea of how much money they'll get from the state. In the meantime teachers and students might focus on what they can control, and that's enjoying the summer. Jim Grawe KWCH 12 Eyewitness news.

05/29/09

10pm

The choice of KU's new chancellor makes history in more ways than one. The Board of Regents named Bernadette Gray-Little to oversee the school of 30-thousand students. Gray-Little becomes the first woman and the first African-American to hold the post. She is currently executive vice-chancellor and provost at the University of North Carolina. Gray-Little replaces Robert Hemenway who plans to return to teaching at K-U.

05/30/09

8am

Budget cuts, layoffs. Now money used to pay special education teachers will be delayed. 130 million dollars from the state is due Monday but won't arrive for several weeks. The lag is supposed to help Kansas avoid a budget deficit. But it's leaving local districts looking for ways to pick up the slack.

05/30/09

10pm

School's out in Newton but for teachers this summer will likely be tense. 130 million dollars scheduled to arrive Monday-wont. Money used to pay special Ed staff and teacher salaries. Teacher, "people obviously expect to pay their bills on time and they expect to be paid on time. After Friday's news, special education director Sherri Rawlins, worries how the district will do that. So does her boss. "I think this caught everyone off guard as I understand it." That's because Dr. John Morton, Newton's superintendent, just finished district budget cuts. "We've reduced our budget next year by 1.2 million already and then you put those additional kinds of things on top of it, it becomes very problematic for us." 110-thousand was taken from special education. Rawlins worries more bad news will deter good teachers from entering the field. Teacher says, "We're also experiencing and have experienced a shortage of professionals in special education so you want to avoid stressing the professionals that you employ making their job a reasonable job. Our payroll does not go out until June 25th, so we may be fine by then. We pay on the 25th of the month so we just paid at the end of school." If money doesn't come in by then, the district will use reserve funds to write pay checks. But with less than a half million dollars in the fund, they won't have much for long.

EDUCATION Q-2

06/01/09

10pm

Wichita school leaders try to figure out how to cut nine million dollars without putting children's education in jeopardy. Eyewitness news reporter Kara Sewell was at tonight's meeting for a look at the options. Fewer teachers, supplies and less training. Wichita board members consider how to cut over 9 million dollars from next year's school budget. In a special meeting tonight board members reviewed ways to reduce the budget. Items on the list include consolidating the district's daycare facilities, eliminate a 15-hundred dollar teacher bonus for those who teach in low income schools, and reduce the amount of teachers hired in middle school and elementary. Many of these items sparked debate amongst board members and teachers. Board president Lynn Rogers says he understands they can't please everyone because there is something on the list for everyone to dislike. Board members met in executive session to review in the options in private. A final decision on what to cut will be made in July.

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7am

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06/03/09

7am

Proposed school cuts in the works in Newton. Gymnastics could be cut from the Newton School District's budget as it attempts to save one-point-two million dollars. The school district says it costs about 11 thousand dollars to maintain. Newton is one of 13 school districts in the state with a gymnastics team. Its closest competitor is Emporia, two hours away.

06/03/09

10pm

A school nurse admits she stole medication she should have been giving students. Tami Bradley was arrested in November. She worked at a Salina Elementary school. Today, Bradley pleaded guilty to one count of felony drug charges. Parents we spoke to say they're satisfied with the plea agreement. Bradley could get jail time and a fine of 100 thousand dollars. She'll be sentenced late next month.

06/05/09

6am

These days, mathematics takes center stage both in class and out. The Wichita school board says it needs to subtract 21 million dollars from its budget. It could do so at the expense of kindergarten teacher Cathie Hoops, "We just cannot take a cut in pay." The school district would shorten her work calendar which would also shorten her paychecks, she says, "I'm nervous, I'm anxious. Frankly, I'm a little scared about how I'm going to fill that void." The average teacher in the district makes about 45 thousand dollars a year. Trimming back the work calendar would cut about 2 percent of a teacher's salary to about 900 dollars a year. The Wichita School Board President didn't want to go on camera today, but in a statement, the school district says its new teacher salary is the highest in Kansas and the overall average salary is the second highest in the state. "We can't agree to reducing teacher salaries. We can't have them going backwards." Paul Babish represents the teacher's union in negotiations, "Taking thousands of dollars out of the pockets of teachers is a cut in every one of the classrooms in Wichita. And we do not need to be cutting from classrooms." He says that will impact students in those classrooms. Provided those good teachers stay in the classroom even without an addition to their salary. In Wichita, Rebecca Gannon, KWCH12.

EDUCATION Q-2

06/05/09

10pm

Continuing coverage of a story we first told you about Tuesday night. Newton high school can keep its gymnastics program if the team pays for itself. The school district says it needs to cut three-percent - more than one-million dollars - from its budget. It says that means some programs will have to go, possibly gymnastics. The team has until July first to raise the money. If you're interested in helping, go to our website. K-W-C-H DOT-COM.

06/06/09

10pm

The goal is to improve high school athletic facilities. This morning someone drove off in a new car... Thanks to our back on track program and Davis-Moore. Sharlene Slaughter from Belle Plaine picked the number four key. She says she was confident because it's the same number last year's winner picked. "Any special plans for this car? You going to go hot rod around town? I'm gonna cruise downtown Belle Plaine." This is the second year for Back on Track. Last year's event helped Caldwell High school buy new lights for the football field. This year, with the help of Back on Track, the Wichita Heights softball team raised more than 25-hundred dollars in three weeks for new uniforms, and new equipment. To learn more about back-on-track and how you can still help log on to Catch it Kansas dot com.

06/08/09

10pm

Wichita school board members make their first cuts to next year's budget; after talking about it for months. Board members terminated their lease with the Urban League of Kansas for the district's learning center to save on rent. The learning center will then move to Dunbar. The daycare there will close except that for 4-year-olds; which will move elsewhere. These cuts will save the district more than 200-thousand dollars. Board members said they make every decision while thinking about how it would affect teachers and students. Board members will continue making cuts at next week's meeting.

06/12/09

7am

Some popular books about vampires have fueled rumors in a Washington State school district. Some kids say there was a vampire attack at a park in Lake Stevens. The popular "twilight" book and movie series is set in Forks, Washington which is about 150 miles away. School officials say a girl hugged a boy in the park and he didn't want the hug. Rumors soon spread that the reason he didn't want it is because she bit him. But, Officials say there was no evidence of a bite.

06/12/09

10pm

Continuing coverage of budget problems facing Wichita schools: to make money. The district plans to sell ad space in and around some high school campuses. Stadiums, gymnasium walls and programming on the district's TV channel will be available. Half the money raised goes to the district, the other half to the group selling the spots. The money will be divided equally among 5 participating high schools, "The dollars that we raise will be raised for those students, it will not necessarily raised just for athletics but will be used at the discretion of the buildings that the money will be given to." A pilot program at northwest high brought it 34-thousand dollars last year. K-W-C-H 12 is among the businesses to receive a request to buy ads. For more information about this project, log on to K-W-C-H DOT-COM.

EDUCATION Q-2

06/13/09

10pm

New now, Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina has a new interim president. The board of trustees named Craig Willis. He replaces Philip Kerstetter who resigned in April. Willis is a college administrator at a small school in Pennsylvania. He'll serve while a committee looks for a permanent successor. It's not known if Willis will seek the post.

06/14/09

10pm

It's a race against the clock. The Newton gymnastics team has just two weeks left to raise 11-thousand dollars. If it doesn't, the school district will likely end the program due to budget cuts. In our continuing coverage, Eyewitness news reporter Kara Sewell looks at what the team is doing to raise the money. Sunday, most students were working hard inside Newton high school's gym. The rest, a few hundred yards away at the concession stand. Gymnast Jamie Hansen and her team mates are under pressure to sell candy and so are their parents, "We have no people out there that are just going to drop money in our lap, so we have to earn our money." They need 11-thousand dollars, to pay for coaching and transportation fees or Newton high's gymnastics program gets cut. They have just two more weeks left to raise the money, "We don't have a lot of time to mount fund raisers and try to get support from the community." This weekend's Mid-America youth basketball tournament gave the team that opportunity. The girls and a parent took shifts selling concessions. They get to keep most every nickle and dime. People were concerned about the gymnastics being cut and they asked a bunch of questions and most of them could be answered by these posters hanging in the halls, asking patrons to donate-many did. "It's really useful for them to understand the importance of what it is they're doing and understanding the value of what they have gotten in the past years." The team doesn't expect to make a lot of money this weekend. Still, they say they're grateful for every dollar, "Just like the gymnastics girls we're not going to say we can't, we're going to say we'll try and every dollar counts." In Newton, Kara Sewell KWCH 12 Eyewitness News.

06/15/09

8am

A high school student in New York is under arrest after he blocks teachers' access to the schools grading system. Police say the 16-year-old designed software that made it impossible for teachers to enter grades. The school had to get technical support get the software off.

06/17/09

8am

A teenager from Des Moines, Iowa is the new national texting champ! 15-year-old Kate Moore credits her quick-moving thumbs for helping her beat 20 other finalists. Not only does the top texter in the country need speed and accuracy, but she also can text blindfolded and while maneuvering through an obstacle course. Moore wins bragging rights and 50-thousand dollars.

06/18/09

8am

A North Carolina student calls it street art. But police call it vandalism. Joseph Carnevale chopped up three stolen orange and white traffic barrels from a construction site. From the pieces, he created a massive sculpture of a roadside monster thumbing a ride. The barrel monster has developed a large following online. Even a construction company has become a fan, and wants the 21-year-old to create a replica of the figure that led to his arrest, "They expressed they had no desire to press charges, nor did they have any desire for me to pay for the barrels. They actually want the sculpture back to use it for their own advertising." Carnevale said he's not sure what he'll do next, though he's interested in creating a T-Rex sculpture out of barrels.

EDUCATION Q-2

06/20/09

8am

New this morning, an audit reveals questionable transactions during the administration of retiring Kansas State University president Jon Wefald. The Kansas Board of Regents released the audit, which was down to assist the new administration at the school. Among other things, the audit raised questions about how employees in the athletics department were paid. That included questions about former vice president and athletic director Bob Krause. A secret deal between Krause and former coach Ron Prince came to light in May.

06/22/09

7am

The Kansas board of regents will decide Thursday how much to raise tuition for the next school year. Last month the regents said an additional 17-million dollars in budget cuts had to be made up with higher tuition.

06/23/09

8am

School resource officers at middle schools could be on the chopping block as the Wichita school board looks to trim 21 million dollars. The idea was number seven on the board's list of possible money saving cuts.

06/24/09

8am

President Obama wants to make getting college aid a little easier. Today he's expected to unveil a plan to streamline the federal college aid form that some call more complicated than a tax return. You can find more news on kwch dot com.

06/25/09

7am

Some Kansas students may have to pay to ride the bus to school. Andover's school board approved the charges as one solution to the district's budget problems. The charges apply to children who live less than two and half miles from school and choose to ride the bus. The cost is a hundred dollars per student per year. For families the max will be 150 dollars for all students living at the same address. The state already pays the district to bus students who live farther away from school.

06/26/09

10pm

As the cost for college keeps going up across the country, we wanted to know how Kansas compares to other places? Eyewitness news reporter Michael Schwanke breaks down the numbers for Factfinder 12. Tuition isn't cheap and the latest numbers from the college board show it keeps getting more expensive. Nationally, college students will pay more than 65-hundred dollars a year on in-state tuition at a four-year public university. Kansas isn't far off, where students pay a little more than 61-hundred dollars a year. Compare that to the states around us: You'll pay more in Missouri, more than 71-hundred dollars. But it's less in Nebraska and Colorado at about 59-hundred dollars and even cheaper in Oklahoma at 56-hundred. If you're looking for the best deal try Wyoming where in-state students pay about 36-hundred dollars a year and be glad you don't live in Vermont where the average in-state tuition will run you more than 11-thousand dollars a year. Go to our website k-w-c-h dot com for a breakdown of this week's tuition hikes.

EDUCATION Q-2

06/27/09

10pm

Continuing coverage tonight of a Kansas gymnastics team who is raising money to save its program. Tonight you can help them and catch a baseball game. Tonight, the Wingnuts hosted a Newton Community Night. Part of every ticket sold was donated to the Newton Gymnastics Team. They have to raise 11-thousand dollars before July 15-th to keep the team going.

06/28/09

10pm

Congratulations to some former Wichita high school athletes. Today, Matt Byers from Wichita East High school, placed second in the junior nationals javelin throw with a throw of 2-14-9, a season best for Byers and it qualified him for a spot at the Pan Am games. Also, Kansas native and Olympian Christian Smith takes 4th at the USA track and field championships this afternoon, clocking a 1:46.92 in the 800 meter final less than two tenths ahead of Wichita's Tevan Everett.

06/29/09

8am

If you head to the playground during these hot summer days, remind your children the swings and slides can get very hot. Paramedics used a heat gun on this rubber swing to show how hot it was after sitting in the sun all day. It was 136 degrees and children's skin is more sensitive to heat than adults. They could easily be burned.

06/30/09

8am

Sunshine kept a teenager from Wisconsin from going on a class trip to Peru. Sunshine being the boys' Golden Retriever. Officials at an airport in Miami told Jon Meier he couldn't fly with his current passport because the dog chewed on it to the point where some numbers weren't identifiable. Meier couldn't get another passport in time to join his classmates, so he had to stay behind. Meier says he doesn't blame sunshine because he loves her too much.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

04/01/09

7am

The government will set up a testing center at a Wichita school after it sees an increase in a specific toxin in the air. The principal at Colvin Elementary said parents shouldn't be worried. The EPA said it's found an increase in Chromium-Six in the air around Colvin so it will test the air at the southeast Wichita school for 60 days to learn more. Parents say they'll be interested in the findings. The EPA will monitor 62 schools in the US over the next few months. Colvin is the only school in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, and Missouri involved in the study.

04/06/09

10pm

Tonight's record cold could put Kansas wheat crops in danger; experts predict some damage and are worried this could be a repeat of 2007 when much of the state's crop was destroyed. Experts say it could take a week before they know how badly the wheat crop is damaged.

04/08/09

10pm

You probably noticed the haze outside today and smelled the smoke. Many of you called our newsroom wondering what's going on. 911 dispatchers told us they've also received a lot of calls. You can blame it on controlled burns. Today alone the county handed out more than 100 burn permits and dispatchers say crews checked out any reports of smoke that weren't tied to a controlled burn. The national Weather Service even sent out a warning tonight, concerned about visibility because of the smoke especially coming from this area, the Flint Hills. Farmers and ranchers are catching up on the annual tradition of burning their fields. The smoke is hanging thick in the air because there's a little wind.

04/10/09

7am

One of the drawbacks to controlled burns, they can increase air pollution. That's what happened in Sedgwick County yesterday evening when this smoky haze covered Wichita. There are four ozone monitoring stations in the county and each one exceeded federal pollution limits. The reading at the health department reached its highest level since two-thousand. Wichita normally sees its highest ozone readings in July and August. Kansas City and Oklahoma City also saw high ozone levels yesterday. You can keep track of the ozone levels in Wichita on-line, click on this story at our website at www.kwch.com

04/10/09

10pm

Firefighters mop up hot spots in Oklahoma a day after wildfires destroyed hundreds of homes. Just east of Oklahoma City investigators say teenagers intentionally a fire that ravaged an entire community. Fires in Oklahoma hurt dozens of people. Three people died across the state line in Texas. People returning home today found little left. Strong winds and dry grass fueled the fires which burned well into the morning. The fire danger will remain high across the southern U.S. through the weekend.

04/12/09

10pm

The rain helps firefighters in Texas and Oklahoma. Authorities say the storms are drenching fires that have burned for days. The fires destroyed hundreds of homes and killed three people in Texas. Things are improving so much that many of the firefighters who've been battling flames for days are now going home.

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ENVIRONMENT Q-2

04/13/09

10pm

No more burn permits until further notice. Tonight Wichita city officials worry because of high ozone levels. And if they get worse you could end up paying. This was the haze you saw last week during controlled burns; ozone levels exceeded Federal standards then and came close again over the weekend. Wichita's allowed four days of ozone levels above Federal standards, if it goes over the state could mandate gas stations sell a cleaner and more expensive blend of gas. Now the city's trying to keep the ozone levels under control by no longer issuing burn permits and revoking outstanding permits.

04/17/09

10pm

For the first time, the E-P-A blames man-made pollution for global warming, calling carbon dioxide and five other green house gases a "danger to public health and welfare". The Supreme Court ordered the EPA to decide if emissions linked to climate change should be limited under the Clean Air Act. The findings could lead to new regulations-limiting emissions from tailpipes, smokestacks and power plants.

04/18/09

10pm

Let's rewind about two months, dry conditions had this Haysville wheat field looking more like a dried out dirt field. Since then, things have greened up for Jeff Giefer, but his crops really aren't in better shape. At first glance a field like this can be a little deceiving; looks pretty green with the exception of a few brown leaves burned by last month's sleet but the real damage is inside the plants. March's winter-like weather hit at a point when Giefer's wheat crop was mature enough to be damaged, turning the plant's heads to mush. But it's taken until now to realize how extensive the damage is. Early guesses are that about 95 percent of this field will die in the coming weeks. And farmers south of the Haysville area will likely see even worse damage. Too dry, too cold, both too much for this field to handle again.

04/19/09

10pm

You know where to find the air temperature, but where do you go to get the ground temperature? Eyewitness news anchor Roger Cornish answers back. We try to provide a lot of information...in news, weather and sports, but I guess you can never provide enough. Caller from Tampa, Kansas asked, what is the ground temperature? Can you add ground temperature to your weather info? I checked with Merrill and while that's not something we provide, he does tell me that the eagle's weather page, which we produce, has the 4-inch depth soil pressure every day. So knock yourself out. Even when you do provide information, it isn't always up long enough...listen to this. Another way we provide information is our new, improved text-me-12.you can get breaking news, weather alerts for your county, school closings, sports scores and more. It's free of course, and you can sign up at kwch-dot-com. Have a great week.

04/26/09

10pm

Storm team 12 storm chasers have been all over the state today. Lance Ferguson captured this tornado near Lake Afton around six this evening. It was on the ground for only a short time; the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office said two people were hurt when their camper flipped over; it was parked along the lake when the storm hit.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

04/27/09

7am

There's much more flooding in the Wichita area; here are some new areas to avoid or watch out for if you're out in the county or in the metro area; 71st Street from 263rd west to K-42, Oliver between 37th and 29th Streets, 1st street south from Meridian to Broadway, and Maple between 215th to 183rd Street west. There's still flooding between Harry and Kellogg on Woodlawn between 9th and 13th. Murdoch is flooded near downtown Wichita as is Douglas and Bleckley. Take a look at this video from Douglas and Bleckley. Emergency crews rescued a van that has its whole front end under water, and water covering the van's wheels. You can see one worker walking his way knee deep just to get through.

04/27/09

10pm

People living near the Cow skin spent the day watching the water rise. This is what Sean Kleven woke up to this morning at his home near Central and Maize. But he was in a much better position than his neighbor whose house became surrounded by water. The creek crested around one this afternoon at three feet above flood stage. Flooding has become a way of life for people living near the Cowskin. Residents along the Cowskin Creek always compare flooding to the 1998 Halloween flood; this time the creek didn't rise as high.

04/28/09

7am

One house that's all this E-F-1 tornado touched down Sunday near Lake Afton. The Vaughn family is fortunate no-one was home. The tornado tore the roof off the home and that caused more damage when water leaked down through the floors. The Vaughn's now wait to hear whether they can stay in the house while crews repair the damage.

04/29/09

10pm

Finney County authorities are driving around tonight looking for damage where there were several brief tornado touch downs. Heather Mastin took this picture looking south from Garden City; you can see funnel clouds forming. Finney County Emergency Management said the tornado and winds downed some power lines in the area and some people may be without power. That also caused a stretch of Highway 83 from south of Garden City to Sublette to close. The storm also caused some damage at a dairy near Garden City and to a barn and a grain bin at a farmstead near the dairy. Besides the tornado the storm also caused some big hail. Check this out from Stacy Bownes in Holcomb. Stay with us for more updates to severe weather and go to www.kwch.com to sign up for custom information through Text Me 12, it's free.

04/30/09

10pm

Some people are just now seeing the flood damage to their homes especially those at Ponderosa Estate outside Belle Plaine. The Ninnescah River overflowed earlier this week. This is the third flood the Kier-zek family's dealt with in 10 years, they say, its three floods too many, "What we have here is after just being renovated from the September flood of 2008. It's too much! My husband spent six months working on this house - replacing walls, replacing everything we own, replacing the plumbing and the walls and everything that got contaminated and damaged." Their mortgage requires the family to have insurance but they also want FEMA to help; find out if you qualify by going to www.kwch.com

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

05/02/09

10pm

The rain may be winding down but Butler County is just starting to assess the damage left over from this week's flooding. Volunteers went door to door today to survey the damage and find out if the homeowners have flood insurance. The information is added to a damage report that will then be sent to the state. If the losses are big enough Butler County may be eligible for aid from the Federal Government. Volunteers visited nearly one-hundred homes. More than half have some type of water damage. Because flooding continues in the far eastern part of Kansas the state will likely wait until the water goes down everywhere before asking for government help.

05/04/09

10pm

Former Governor Sebelius fought against it for years; tonight the new Kansas Governor approves a coal plant for western Kansas. Sunflower Electric wants to build the coal plant in Holcomb. And the governor's office said Mark Parkinson reached out to Sunflower Electric the day he was sworn in, less than a week ago. The two sides compromised; the company wanted to build two plants but will now only put up one. The agreement also means Sunflower Electric will build a wind farm. The deal will only go through if state lawmakers pass a new energy plan that gives incentives for renewable energy sources.

05/05/09

10pm

Imagine poison coming out of your faucets. It's been happening for more than a decade in one Kansas town. But nobody's gotten sick so far. Eyewitness News Reporter Jim Grawe traveled to Great Bend to talk to those who wonder if their drinking water will ever be drinkable again. Staying hydrated is a must for the hard working employees at Hugo Repair Services. But the water has to come out of a bottle because drinking from a faucet here is an H2 no no. "The water was good and now it's not so what are we going to do about it?" Hugo Younker has been asking that question for years. Ever since the Kansas Department of Health discovered this former metal plating factory in the Great Bend's industrial park was poisoning the ground water. State Health officials first ground water contamination here back in 1991 and took steps to deal with the situation. Then when this plant closed in 2005 they found more problems. Officials discovered several tanks of a plating solution, called chromium, were left abandoned and leaking. "I was disgusted for somebody to that." Fortunately the number of people impacted is small-just a few businesses and one home. "The majority of the public are drinking water the city provides and they have eight water supply wells they draw from only one of them has a small amount of chromium in it. The risk to the public drinking municipal water is minimal." but for there's no telling when danger will disappear. Officials say it's too expensive for the state to do on its own. They want the federal government to dig up contaminated soil from the site and pump out polluted groundwater. "I think that needs to be done." The project is high in cost but not high on the EPA's priority list it could take more than a decade; meanwhile those affected must steer clear of the tap.

05/13/09

10pm

Our crew was caught in the middle of this hail storm in northeast Cowley County. Hail larger than quarter-sized and brief torrential rain southeast of Cambridge. A tornado also touched down in this area but after we called around, there were no reports of damage.

05/14/09

7am

Crews from the Kansas City stations caught this tornado while flying in their chopper yesterday. This tornado touched down near Burlington in northeast Kansas. This is the second touch-down they saw out of this storm which broke out over Emporia earlier last night and moved northeast. The twister is at times hard to see because of all the rain around it. So far we haven't heard of any reports of damage or injuries.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

05/29/09

8am

Residents and business owners are cleaning up today after a 7-point-1 earthquake hit Honduras yesterday. At least six people were killed and dozens more injured. The quake toppled houses, schools, churches and bridges. Now here's mark with your forecast.

05/29/09

10pm

Fire crews let a fire at mobile home burn itself out. The fire broke out about 6-30 this morning in the 26-hundred block of south West Street. No one was inside the home at the time. Brothers Eduardo and Ismael Ramirez live next door. They were sleeping when their father spotted the fire and woke them up, "I went outside and I saw the flames and I was like whoa what's that then I got kinda scared right there." Dispatchers say investigators were called out to the same home last night. They haven't said if the two calls are connected.

05/30/09

8am

It should be a good weekend to get out in the garden. If you're still trying to get things planted, you may be looking at annuals. The folks from Kansas State Research and Extension have a few tips that can help you get more flowers and more growth during the summer.

05/30/09

10pm

Health officials say they know what killed fish at Veterans Park in Great Bend. The K-D-H-E says the fish died after being caught and released back into the lake. Experts tested the acidity of the water, its temperature and oxygen levels. But, they didn't find anything wrong. At least a dozen fish died in the lake during the Memorial Day weekend.

06/02/09

10pm

Not only did some people watch as the storms went through, they took pictures. Ed O'Neal sent us this photo of a wall cloud from Garden City; this is looking southeast earlier this evening. And Dedria Ashworth sent us this one from Arlington around six tonight. You can see the damage from heavy rains...flood waters burying the corn in her garden. And this one shows the hail, lots of it, covering her deck and yard.

06/03/09

10pm

A close call with nature in a Wisconsin town. This small black bear caused a stir by climbing into a tree. Residents were worried because there are several schools in the area. Such bears are generally timid and avoid humans, but its best not to get too close. This particular bear eventually climbed down and ran off.

06/04/09

7am

People are throwing away less trash in Sedgwick County. County officials say that's because people are buying less in this economy and recycling more. The county wants all cities in its limits to franchise trash and mandate recycling by 2011. Derby will begin trash franchising September first; other communities like Goddard are still making changes to their trash service. So far the city of Wichita hasn't taken any steps towards franchising.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

06/05/09

7am

Two international space station crew members began a spacewalk today. The walk started more than a half-hour late after tests showed dangerous levels of carbon dioxide in the Astronauts space suits. That can cause can cause dizziness, nausea and other problems, but both astronauts tell ground control they're feeling fine. They are going to install another docking area and an antenna. They're also going to take pictures of a space station crane used to help ships when they dock.

06/05/09

10pm

Rescuers pull a 14-year-old boy from a fast-moving river in Lawrence. Someone called 9-1-1 this afternoon to report the boy hanging onto a log in the Kansas River. Authorities aren't sure how he got into the river. Paramedics performed C-P-R on the boy before taking him to a local hospital. A helicopter later flew him to Kansas City. There are signs on the banks of the river warning people of hidden dangers in the water.

06/06/09

8am

It can be a tough decision, "What should I plant in my garden?" The folks from Kansas State Research and Extension have looked at thousands of plants to find the best ones adapted for our ever-changing weather. Alan Stevens tells us more about "prairie star annuals."

06/06/09

10pm

After a month on the road Vortex two hits the jackpot. Scientists witnessed the entire life-cycle of a tornado. But this storm isn't in Kansas or Oklahoma or anywhere in the plains for that matter. This tornado touched down Friday in Wyoming. Researchers with the vortex two project will use information gathered from the storm and use it to learn more about how, when and why tornadoes form.

06/07/09

10pm

Severe storms also spawned tornadoes in Colorado. At least five tornadoes touched down in the Denver area this afternoon, although none in the city. There are no reports of any serious injuries. Homes and businesses had their windows shattered. One of the storms damaged a mall in the suburb of Aurora. A car in a parking lot ended up on its roof. Parts of the Denver area also report baseball size hail. Closer to home, storm chaser Lance Ferguson shot this video as a storm raced through Wichita around seven o'clock tonight. As it moved through the city winds knocked down trees near 19th and market. Penny sized hail was reported near Friends University. The fire department responded to several reports of lightning fires but none turned out to be serious. Westar reports few outages.

06/08/09

7am

Reno County dispatch said about a third of South Hutch is still without power this morning. Westar Energy has been working all night long to restore power to many counties. Right now, Reno and Sedgwick Counties have the most outages. There are over 370 customers without power in Reno and over 19-hundred customers have no power in Sedgwick County.

06/09/09

8am

Insurance adjusters and construction crews will assess damage at Collins industries this morning. Sunday night's microburst caused the roof to collapse at the south hutch plant. The storm hit the east plant which contains mostly offices. A few workers were inside the plant at the time -- they went to the tornado shelter and were not hurt. Collins employees 280 people; some will go back to work this morning. The rest should get more information by noon.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

06/09/09

10pm

People watching the storms snapped pictures tonight. Joann Ross caught this Supercell on camera from Haviland looking to the west towards Greensburg. The storm did create a tornado; it briefly touched down near Greensburg but we have no reports of damage. Further west hail was the problem. Darren Glenn sent us this picture from Dodge City; this hail stone looks to be about THE SIZE of a ping pong ball. The weather service says the worst was baseball sized hail.

06/10/09

10pm

Besides a report of a tornado we know hail also pounded Liberal and here's the proof. Kody Thexton sent us this picture this evening, looks like marbled-sized hail. We called around in Seward County and Meade County and we have no reports of damage. We do know of some damage from straight-line winds southeast of Ulysses; the roof was blown off some structures like a barn.

06/11/09

8am

A new government report expects this year's wheat harvest to drop by about four-percent. About two-percent of the crop in Kansas is ready for cutting. Only seven percent is rated in excellent condition, 41 percent is good and 35 percent fair.

06/11/09

10pm

It was a year ago tonight; at 10:22 to be exact that Chapman residents took cover as a tornado ripped through town. In just a few minutes residents will mark the occasion with a candlelight prayer. The town plans to celebrate the anniversary...because of how far it's come in a year. Many are rebuilding and most residents say they're happy with the progress. The town also plans a celebration with food and music for this weekend.

06/12/09

6am

"It just made you sick, it was very devastating, just sickening, how it could just wipe you out in seconds, kind of like you were in a movie when you got evacuated because like you just couldn't really believe it." A lot has changed in Chapman in the past year. After last June's tornado, Ashlynn and Nick Bledsoe's home needed a lot of work. They tried to keep things in perspective, "It's not like I wanted the tornado to happen but like we kind of did need new windows and new siding, now I look at it and it looks so much better than it used to." Diana Irvine agrees. She's thankful she was able to repair her home. The Irvines lost part of their roof, porch, windows, and the back of their house, "It's home, we're here, we're living here, and even though we still have little things to do at least we're here in the house." The city has come a long way in a year, but there's still a lot of work to be done, that's why the residents are holding prayer vigil Thursday night at the exact time the tornado hit Chapman. Yeah, I can't wait for tonight." While Irvine says she misses things all those landmarks that you used to know are not there, and I think that parts hard." Like the school that used to sit across from her home, still things are going well I think for Chapman." In Chapman, KWCH Eyewitness News.

06/12/09

5pm

Today some Gray County residents are cleaning up the mess Mother Nature left behind. The interim emergency management director tells us Cimarron got the worst of it. Trees fell on top two homes there-- but the damage wasn't severe enough to evacuate anyone. The weather also uprooted trees at the park and cut power to people in Cimarron, Ingalls and some rural areas.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

06/13/09

8am

The USDA says Kansas wheat is rated as 7 percent excellent, 39 percent good, 34 percent fair, 12 percent poor, and 8 percent very poor. Our ag expert John Jenkinson from Golden Plains ag network says much of the wheat in central Kansas looks very good. Elsewhere conditions are spotty.

06/13/09

9pm

A microburst packing winds of up to 120 miles per hour did this to the Collins Bus Corporation last week. After being closed for several days, the manufacturing plant in South Hutchinson will restart production on Monday. Most of the damage was limited to office areas and not the production facilities. However, it could take months before the plant is restored to its original condition. No employees working at the plant were injured. Insurance adjusters are still determining the cost of the damage.

06/14/09

10pm

Funnel clouds send people running for cover in downtown Denver. Thousands of people attending a Colorado Rockies game had to be moved inside. No tornadoes actually touched down. Although parts of city got hit with hail, the Rockies game eventually resumed. The home team winning 7-to-1.

06/15/09

10pm

Storms rolled through Kansas overnight damaging this home in Cowley County. A text message at three in the morning from a family member alerted Tony Williamson to the severe weather. The nine people inside went to the basement. When they came out, they found their garage in pieces, a three ton trailer rolled more than 100 yards, and the roof ripped from their home. They say it could have been worse, but the damage is pretty bad. Kelly Williamson says, "I look at this and this is my house, but I feel so helpless right now. I don't know where to start or what to do." The Williamson's home is the only report of damage in Cowley County. The family is convinced it was a tornado that hit their home.

06/16/09

5pm

A home near Leon takes a direct hit by storms, ripping off the roof and soaking everything inside. Lori Koehn says she was sitting on the couch when she heard the wind and something fell on her head. It was a piece of the roof. The rest blew away. There was nothing covering the entire back half of the house. Everything inside is rain-soaked and covered in debris. The Koehn's are now trying to salvage what they can. Insurance adjusters will determine how much damage there is tomorrow. Coming up at six tonight, hear from Koehn and what she plans to do next.

06/17/09

8am

Hail the size of a baseball smashes a small Kansas town. Alta Vista is about 30 miles south of Manhattan. The 500 people who live here spent the day raking up the leaves the hail ripped off trees. The hail broke windows in homes and cars. Many people now have holes in their siding. Dustin Liddick wanted to get to his storm shelter when it hit, but he has to go outside to get to it, "I was kind of scared. I wanted to get him in the hole so nothing happened to him. I don't know. Him being 1 and me being a new father, I was just going crazy." There's no damage estimate yet from Wabaunsee County.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

06/18/09

8am

Two people are injured, one of them critically, from an explosion in Pratt. Investigators believe something sparked fumes from a semi truck. The blast knocked out one wall of Central Kansas Crude, and caused another one to bulge out.

06/19/09

8am

People in hutch have probably have had enough. Severe weather hit the town again Wednesday night. This time it was strong winds. A big shed was blown apart overnight and a tree fell on a house. June has been pretty rough for Hutch. Merrill Teller says it was a dry microburst. Monday night, severe thunderstorms hit the town and then back on the 8th a microburst hit. That storm did a lot of damage to Collins Bus Company.

06/20/09

8am

If your lawn or garden is looking a little sad the problem might be in your soil. The only way to know if your soil needs compost or fertilizer is to test it. The folks from Kansas State Research and Extension show us how. Take a shovel, it can be four inches, six inches, or eight inches, and get what we call a shovel slice. For an accurate sample, start by digging a hole, very carefully. It should have a flat side on the hole, so that you can get a nice flat sample. And then, sample about an inch depth, meaning an inch thick. Once the sample is on your shovel, break away the soil until you have a rectangle. What this does is give you the same amount of soil from the bottom of the hole, and the top of the hole, so you get a more accurate reading. Sometimes there's a gradation, and there are more nutrients at the top or at the bottom. Then find a container or a bucket, and put it in the container. In a plot this size, I would do that about ten times. When I have my 10 subsamples, I would take that same shovel, break up any clumps, and stir the soil. Let's pretend I have my 10 subsamples. Then you'll need just one shovelful as your final sample to send in to the lab. You can send in a fresh sample, but it's better to let it air dry before you send it. To do that, take your subsample (the one cup of soil you've taken from your subsamples), and put it out on a newspaper for about two days. Then take that to your county office, and have them send it to K-State. You can put the sample in a plastic bag, or a paper sack. Your county office may also have containers, and you can ask K-State to run tests on pH, phosphorus, potassium, nitrogen, and organic matter. Each of those will tell you a different, but very important thing about your soil. You can get your soil sample tested by taking it to any local extension office. For more gardening tips go to k-w-c-h dot com slash morning.

06/21/09

10pm

Saturday night's storms caused damage near Conway. Winds leveled this hay barn. The shed next door suffered damage to its roof. The national weather service will be out tomorrow to survey the damage and decide whether this is the work of strong winds or a tornado.

06/22/09

8am

Officials from the National Weather Service will be in McPherson County today to assess damage caused by storms Saturday night. The storms knocked down tree limbs, collapsed several business awnings and damaged fences. The National Weather Service has reports of 60 mile an hour winds within the city and some people are calling it the craziest storm they've experienced. "We were actually standing on the front porch so we were able to hear the booms and the bangs. We heard the transformers go out and the wind was nuts. That tree has a massive root system on it and I swear that tree is leaning this way today but it just be my imagination or maybe the house is leaning the other way." Farms outside of Conway were also badly damaged. The national weather service will try to determine if the damage is from just high winds or if a tornado touched down.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

06/23/09

8am

Some west Wichita residents spent all day yesterday without water. 75 homes near Maple and Maize road lost water service after a water main break early yesterday morning with temperatures near 100 degrees. Yesterday was not a good day to be without water to help the city brought out pallets of bottled water for parched residents and many were very understanding about the situation. Richard Webb says, "Okay, well, it's just things that happen in daily life. And it appears they're on top of the problem. By in the morning, we'll probably be going again." City workers say extreme temperatures may have caused the ground to shift and that may have caused the water main to break.

06/23/09

10pm

No air-conditioning and all the windows shut. Police say it was probably 115 degrees inside this Kansas City house and heat may be what killed an elderly brother and sister. Authorities say it was so hot inside the house a pet bird was also found dead inside its cage. Police want to remind everyone to check on elderly family members and neighbors. We checked around with Wichita hospitals to find out if they've seen people with heat problems. Via Christi St. Francis says it's seen 7 patients since yesterday.

06/24/09

8am

New this morning, we're learning more about a fire that destroys the laundry building at Larned State Hospital. This was the scene after the fire at the laundry building the Hutchinson News sent us this picture. SRS is in charge of the psychiatric hospital. Authorities are still investigating how the fire started.

06/25/09

10pm

Saline County got hit with a hail storm earlier this evening. Jill Wright sent us this picture showing golf ball size hail. And Yvonne Davis sent us this from the south part of Salina. You can see lots of marble size hail. And this is what parts of Salina look like tonight leaving people with some clean-up. We found lots of tree limbs down and saw cars driving through high water. We have no reports of injuries.

06/26/09

7am

It's been hot all week so here are some pictures to cool you down. Remember back in march when this powerful blizzard swept across the state? Now, the president has issued a major disaster declaration to help cover costs associated with the storm. The declaration makes federal funding available for emergency work and facilities repair.

06/27/09

10pm

Storm Team 12 Storm Chaser Brandon Ivey sent us this video of storm damage in Cowley County. The storm caused some streets to flood, and knocked down some tree limbs. He also says there was some small hail in the area. Westar Energy reports on their website about 360 customers are currently without power in Cowley County.

06/29/09

8am

If you head to the playground during these hot summer days, remind your children the swings and slides can get very hot. Paramedics used a heat gun on this rubber swing to show how hot it was after sitting in the sun all day. It was 136 degrees and children's skin is more sensitive to heat than adults. They could easily be burned.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

06/30/09

Smoke pours out of an Augusta home this afternoon and a woman is trapped inside. Tonight that 73-year-old woman is in critical condition with smoke inhalation. Firefighters found her in one of the bedrooms. They say when they got to the scene they didn't know if anyone was inside the house. Right now crews believe the fire was accidental but they're still investigating.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

04/01/09

7am

Winfield police need your help to find a missing women woman. They say 46 year old Lenora Diane Chambers went missing Tuesday after she didn't show up for a family appointment. She doesn't use her first name, Lenora, instead she uses her middle name of Diane. Here's a description of her, she's 5-feet-5-inches, and weighs 185 pounds, and has blonde hair and brown eyes. She wears both contacts and glasses. Police say Diane left all personal belongings at home along with her ID. Police said her boyfriend was the last to see her at her home on Monday around 11:30 p.m. Anyone with information about her whereabouts, you're asked to call the Winfield Police Department at 620-221-5555 or the Cowley County CrimeStoppers at 620-221-7777.

04/02/09

10pm

New now; Winfield Police will hold a press conference tomorrow morning regarding a missing woman. Authorities will announce that the search for Lenora Diane Chambers is over. We just spoke with Winfield dispatchers who did not say whether Chambers has been found. The 46-year-old failed to show up for a family appointment Tuesday. Her boyfriend was the last person to see her at home late Monday night. Investigators say they found all her personal belongings at home along with her ID.

04/05/09

10pm

A truck crashes through the front of a store in Hutchinson sending two people to the hospital. It happened around 4:15pm this afternoon at the Dollar General Store on North Lorraine. Police said the truck shattered the front window and stopped about 35-feet inside the store. Two shoppers were hurt, one seriously; a helicopter flew that person to Saint Francis Hospital in Wichita. That person is in serious condition tonight. A second person went to a hutch hospital with less severe injuries. Police are investigating the cause of the crash. As for Dollar General workers began replacing the window within hours of the accident.

04/06/09

8am

Hutchinson will be getting a long-awaited water treatment plant this week. The reverse-osmosis plant comes after nearly three decades of searching for a way to treat contaminated groundwater in the city. Purified water from the plant will be mixed with 40-percent of the city's current water supply to avoid corrodng the water pipeline. Construction on the plant began in 2005. City officials learned in the 1980s that volatile organic compounds contaminated a public water supply well.

04/10/09

7am

We wanted to know why farmers and ranchers burn fields; we talked with agriculture experts at Kansas State for FactFinder 12. They tell us it helps prepare the land by burning away crop residue and weeds, seeds and trees. Experts also say the range burning improves the quality of grass that grows making it healthier for livestock.

04/10/09

10pm

Sedgwick County Emergency Management says human error set off tornado sirens in Wichita yesterday afternoon. Director Randy Duncan says a supervisor at the 911 call center pressed the activation button by mistake. Duncan said the supervisor confused a thunderstorm warning for a tornado warning. Another supervisor realized what happened and turned the sirens off. Still Duncan says people shouldn't rely on the sirens as their only warning.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

04/11/09

10pm

A cigarette starts a fire in northeast Wichita. The fire started around early this afternoon in the 24-hundred block of North Grove. Firefighters say the cigarette was left in a couch cushion; luckily no one was home when the fire started. The fire caused 15-thousand dollars worth of damage.

04/12/09

10pm

A missing garden City girl is found. Police say 15-year-old Ileana Saucedo is safe. Police asked for help in finding the teen on Friday because they were worried she'd hurt herself or others. Police are not saying where Saucedo was found or who she was with.

04/13/09

8am

A fire guts five businesses in southeast Kansas. The fire started early Sunday morning in at a strip mall in Pittsburg. The business included a cell phone store, a chiropractor's office, a temp agency and a video game shop. Investigators say fire jumped from one business to another. No one was hurt and the State Fire Marshal's Office is looking for a cause.

04/13/09

10pm

No more burn permits until further notice. Tonight Wichita city officials worry because of high ozone levels. And if they get worse you could end up paying. This was the haze you saw last week during controlled burns; ozone levels exceeded Federal standards then and came close again over the weekend. Wichita's allowed four days of ozone levels above Federal standards, if it goes over the state could mandate gas stations sell a cleaner and more expensive blend of gas. Now the city is trying to keep the ozone levels under control by no longer issuing burn permits and revoking outstanding permits.

04/14/09

7am

Cars continue to become smaller, cheaper, and more fuel efficient; could all this come at the cost of safety? Tests by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety show today's mini-cars have some serious safety flaws. The group found the Honda Fit, Toyota Yaris and the Smart Fortwo were no match for larger cars in head-on collisions. Researchers found the passenger compartment crumpled when hit by a larger car. The institute crashed mini and midsize cars from the same automaker at 40 miles per hour.

04/16/09

10pm

Medical advancements allow more premature babies to survive. That's making a Wichita charity even more valuable. Premature babies may need to stay in the hospital for months. Right now, one of Wichita's two Ronald McDonald Houses is filled only with families of preemies. And organizers say it's like that about 95 percent of the time. The charity does run into situations where it has to put people on waiting lists but tries not making anyone wait too long.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

04/17/09

7am

Federal officials continue to investigate a Wichita Dog Treat plant at 23rd Street North and Broadway. The Environmental Protection Agency served a search warrant at the Treat-Co company yesterday. This isn't the first time the company has been in trouble with the EPA. Compliance records show Treat-Co violated the Clean Air Act and mismanaged hazardous waste in 2-thousand-6 and 2-thousand-8. The EPA won't say what it's investigating this time. But, we do know the unit looking into treat-co specializes in hazardous illegal dumping. The plant has not been shut down by the EPA.

04/18/09

8am

Marcus Gibson says he got tired of backing over things in his big Dodge pickup, so he bought this little wireless back up camera system. The camera attaches near the license plate and has a two-point-four gigahertz wireless transmitter that attaches to the backup light and sends video to the monitor on the dashboard, which plugs into the cigarette lighter. But, as he began driving around town, he noticed he was picking up other people's wireless cameras on his monitor. Marcus Gibson: "Very weird, lots of things I can see, I don't want to see." We could see ourselves pull up to this business. He's seen inside banks, convenience stores, cash registers and even where valuables are hidden. Marcus: "The weirdest thing I saw was a video store near Arkansas. When the image came up, there was a wall full of guns." But, that's not the scariest... he can also see right inside people's homes. Lori, reporter: "You can see people things in their houses?" Marcus: "Yes, and I'm sure they don't know I can see them." We drove past this man's house and we could see him sitting on his couch, smoking a cigarette, even moving around the room and the man had no idea. But, what really unnerved Marcus and made him decide to call me was when he saw a baby sleeping in a crib. We warned the woman about this story who didn't want her baby on t-v, but, agreed to put a doll in her child's crib and we could see it as clear as day. Marcus: "When I drove by Saturday night and saw the image of the baby and you think about that mother who thinks she's protecting her child, but, it's no different than having a video screen outside, showing everybody driving by, what's going on inside the baby bed." Marcus says it's ironic the people who think they have cameras for security, actually end up being the least secure of all.

04/19/09

10pm

Wichita police also checked nearly 100 liquor stores looking for underage drinking violations. Thirteen establishments were found violating liquor laws, 103 containers of alcohol were seized during the checks, and one minor was cited for possession of alcohol.

04/23/09

7am

A car shifts out of gear then rolls over a 2 year old Wichita boy. Police say another child knocked the car out of gear and it rolled backward near 11th and Estelle Wednesday afternoon. The children's Aunt was watching the kids at the time. She believes there is something wrong car's gear shifter and say it can shift without the keys in the ignition, or a foot on the brake. The child was rushed to the emergency room and he's in fair condition and is expected to be okay.

04/24/09

8am

Crews battle a large house fire in central Wichita. The fire started around 7:30pm in the 8-hundred block of South Topeka. Firefighters went defensive on the fire because the flames and smoke were too intense to fight it from the inside. The one man inside the home made it out. Crews are still on the scene looking for flare ups. Investigators do not yet have a cause.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

04/26/09

10pm

We're getting damage reports from all over Kansas. There is flooding at the hospital in Harper. The administrator says no patients are in affected. However water has damaged several offices and paperwork. The hospital is using sandbags and pumps to get rid of the water. There's also some flooding at Harper Elementary School. At this point the School will be open tomorrow.

04/27/09

7am

Lightning struck and killed a man riding his motorcycle in northeast Kansas. It happened Saturday on U.S. Highway 24 in Jefferson County. The victim, 45 year-old Troy Gentzler of Lawrence was taking part in a ride to benefit victims of child abuse at the time of the accident, none of the other bikers with him was hurt.

04/27/09

10pm

The latest now on the Swine Flu virus still considered an outbreak-but the risk is increasing on the World Health Organization's scale. The group is tracking the level of human to human transmission. In addition to 2-thousand cases in Mexico there are 81 cases confirmed in other countries; half of them in the United States. The Border Patrol said it's taking a closer look at the thousands who make this trip every day. The U.S. recommends travelers avoid Mexico trips if the trip is not essential and it's starting distributing anti-viral medications. The confirmed cases in the U.S. including two in Kansas are said to be mild.

04/28/09

10pm

Two cases of swine flu showed up in Kansas in Dickinson County; county health officials say the couple quarantined themselves to keep the disease from spreading, but people are taking precautions. The Abilene hospital's asking anyone coming in with respiratory problems to wear a mask and Abilene schools are checking the symptoms of any sick children.

04/29/09

7am

Swine flu concerns are changing the way the large Mexican community in Dodge City travels. Hispanics make up more than half of the town's population. Most work in the meat packing plants and often make trips to Mexico. Since news of Swine flu hit, many canceled travel plans and instead focused on protecting themselves against the virus. Local health clinics are having conference calls with the CDC to make sure they're up on the latest information.

04/29/09

10pm

A K-State professor plans to get a sample of the Swine flu virus and inject it into pigs for research. In the meantime Kansas officials want to clear-up some rumors about the virus. They say, swine operations in Kansas are not quarantined and that the virus has not been found in any pigs in Kansas or the U.S. and K-State said pork is still safe to eat.

04/30/09

7am

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is running a hotline to answer your questions about swine flu. You can call 1-877-427-7317 weekdays between 8 and 5. Or get the latest on the virus on-line anytime; just go to our website at www.kwch.com

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

04/30/09

10pm

Now, the latest on the investigation into this Wichita dog treat business. For the first time since federal agents searched the plant Treat-Co issues a statement. The company's lawyer says treat-co is cooperating fully and expects disputes to be resolved. Treat-co denies causing any environmental harm. The Environmental Protection Agency hasn't said why sent agents to the plant two weeks ago. Records show treat-co violated air quality and hazardous waste standards in the past.

05/01/09

10pm

It causes some schools to cancel trips to Mexico; Friends University cancels this year's study abroad program. 10 Friends students were scheduled to go to Cancun, Mexico for four weeks--but the school says it had to cancel the trip because it's concerned about students' health. And the University of Kansas is looking for an alternative for 16 students enrolled in its study-abroad program in Puebla Mexico, that trip has been canceled also. We checked with Wichita State, it also has a program in Puebla, no word yet on whether this year's trip has been canceled.

05/02/09

10pm

If you want to light up in Salina, make sure you're at home or outside. The city's new smoking ban went into effect today. It prohibits smoking in all buildings except private residences. Smoking is also banned within 10 feet of an entrance. The goal is to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke. Not everyone is happy with the change; they say the smoking ban should have been put to a citywide vote.

05/03/09

10pm

Health officials say a student at a Wichita Catholic school appears to have swine flu. On Friday, Saint Thomas Aquinas warned parents and staff about the possibility. Today the K.D.H.E. confirmed it. The case is being called a presumptive positive. The diagnosis still needs to be confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control. The student started experiencing flu like symptoms last week while visiting family out of state. But because the student was out of town when he got sick Saint Thomas said on Friday it has no plans to close. The student and his or her family are cooperating with health officials and being quarantined for the duration of the illness. The state says there's a second presumptive case in Johnson County; a couple from Dickinson County is the only confirmed cases in the state.

05/04/09

10pm

One case, two schools; tonight we learn more about the Wichita family dealing with the Swine flu. As we first told you last week an eighth grader at Saint Thomas Aquinas was exposed to the virus on an out of state trip. That student hasn't been in school since then and now teachers and staff are telling students to wipe down desks and practice good hygiene. Now we learn the eighth grader's older brother goes to school at Kapaun Mount Carmel he was in class Friday. The school says the senior did not go on the trip with his brother and is not showing any symptoms. Kapaun has no plans to cancel classes and the entire family will stay in isolation until next week.

05/07/09

7am

Here in Kansas the number of confirmed cases of swine flu is now up to nine. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment confirmed two new cases in Johnson County yesterday. That's in addition to one case already confirmed there. Three cases have been confirmed in Wyandotte County, two in Dickinson County and one in Sedgwick County.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

05/09/09

10pm

New at ten...a second American dies of Swine flu. The man lived in Washington State. The first American to die from the H1N1 virus was a teacher in Texas. Meantime six more cases of the flu have shown up in Kansas. The cases are in Ottawa, Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. That brings the total number of Swine flu cases in Kansas to 18. Health officials say all the cases here have been relatively mild. There's now a phone line for people to call with Swine flu questions. The number is 877-0277-317. People will answer your questions between eight and five Monday through Friday.

05/10/09

10pm

More cases of Swine flu show up in Kansas. We open the HealthWatch with four new cases of the H1N1 virus. The cases are all in the Kansas City area. There are now 22-confirmed cases in the state. While most of the cases are in northeast Kansas, Swine flu has also shown up in Sedgwick and Dickinson Counties.

05/11/09

7am

A Nickerson man drowns while herding cattle; it happened Saturday afternoon north of Arlington. The Reno County Sheriff said one of the cows broke loose and ran off. Twenty-year old Chance Ramsey went into a pond to get it. But something happened and Ramsey didn't come up for air. Ramsey's friends went in and pulled him from the water but it was too late, he died at the scene.

05/11/09

10pm

An unfortunate set of circumstances; Reno County Sheriffs say that's what led to the death of a 20-year-old man. Investigators say Chance Ramsey was rounding up cattle when he and his horse rode into a pond to get a stray cow. Ramsey and his horse drowned. Recent rains flooded the pond, making it ten feet deep. A muddy bottom and the fact that Ramsey couldn't swim all played a role in his death. Ramsey was an avid rider and was a member of the U.S. Team Ropers Association.

05/12/09

7am

An emergency system that would alert people on the Wichita State campus to potential dangers is almost completely running according to plan. Right now the university can send out the messages, but it's up to the people at the physical plant to do it. Training should be complete next month so that campus police can send out messages campus wide about possible threats. The school decided to hang electronic message boards and institute a text messaging system after the shooting on the Virginia Tech campus in 2007. University officials say this system will also be used for natural disasters like tornadoes.

05/12/09

10pm

Would you trust your life to a wire? K-DOT said you can. The Kansas Department of Transportation will install cable wires to divide two highways in Kansas. Look at this; such a cable median kept this semi from crossing into oncoming traffic in Colorado. K-DOT said the cables will prevent that from happening in Kansas too. The cables will cost about 125 thousand dollars which is cheaper than concrete dividers. KDOT will install the cables north of Topeka, and on a four mile stretch of K-96 between Rock Road and I-135. Look for construction on K-96 in the fall of 2010.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

05/13/09

8am

There are now 23 confirmed cases of Swine flu in Kansas; the latest case is a soldier at Fort Riley. Officials haven't said how he came in contact with the virus. Most of the other cases in the state are in the Kansas City area, nine in Johnson County and nine in Wyandotte County. There is still only one case confirmed in Sedgwick County.

05/14/09

8am

Five children in three counties are the latest confirmed cases of Swine flu in Kansas. State health officials say one case involves a Geary county child who is hospitalized. The four others involve children in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. So far there are 28 cases of the h-1-n-1 virus confirmed in Kansas. Only one is in Sedgwick County.

05/15/09

10pm

Wichita Police are also looking for an inmate accidentally released from the Sedgwick County Jail. Dispatchers tell us Jermaine D. Adams was released today. He is a black male, 26 years old, 6-foot-2 and 205 pounds. He has a tattoo of cross his upper left arm that says R.I.P Debbie. Anyone with information on Adams' whereabouts is asked to call police.

05/16/09

10pm

Continuing coverage of a story we first brought you last night at ten. A man wanted by police after accidentally being released from the Sedgwick County Jail is back in custody. Jermaine Adams was released Friday. Authorities eventually realized their mistake and started looking for him. Adams was back in custody by late this afternoon.

05/17/09

10pm

Smoke and flames from an afternoon fire leave crews helpless to fight it. The people living at this mobile home in southeast Wichita say a friend put a chicken on the propane grill and left it. The fire spread to the wooden deck and to then to the home. One man went to Saint Francis hospital for smoke inhalation and some burns. He's expected to be okay; the fire destroyed most of the home.

05/18/09

7am

Sunday was a beautiful day to get outside and grill; but firefighters say be careful, every year their crews work an average of 65-hundred grill fires. Wichita firefighters got a taste of the busy season Sunday when they were called to the southeast part of town. Residential grill fires cause an average of 27-million dollars in property loss every year.

05/19/09

7am

Wichita Police begin a two-week program to encourage drivers and passengers to wear seat-belts. Doctor Joe Nold says he frequently deals with patients who have head injuries from not wearing a seatbelt. He said wearing a belt could save your life if you're in an accident. The director of the Wichita Safe Kids Coalition said many children are injured in wrecks because of car seat issues. She said you can get your car seat checked by calling Via Christi or Wesley and they'll have trained technicians take a look at it.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

05/20/09

10pm

Families knew something was wrong with their brand-new homes; new at 10...the government confirms it. Chinese-made drywall may be toxic. We first told you last month about drywall that's corroding pipes and causing health problems. Now, the environmental protection agency says...its found sulfur and compounds associated with acrylic paint in drywall that was made in china. And two Gulf Coast Senators say that was mostly used in their area to rebuild after recent hurricanes. The EPA said the chemicals it found in the Chinese made drywall were not found in samples of American-made drywall.

05/22/09

10pm

Bad depth-perception, trouble focusing, even migraines. These are often associated with reading disorders. But they are also common for those with Irlen Syndrome. Now researchers say the solution to these problems may be a little color. Scientists say special filters for glasses can help some people's vision and perception problems. Architect Brad Doeden has Irlen Syndrome. He says magenta lenses like these keep words on a page still. Wichita doctor estimates 50 percent of people with reading problems have some form of Irlen Syndrome. We've posted a link to an Irlen self-test on our website www.kwch.com

05/23/09

10pm

The KDHE says a Colorado resident became sick while driving through Gove County. Doctors are treating that person at a hospital in Kansas. Health officials believe he or she contracted the disease outside of the state. The patient is expected to be okay. There are now 70 cases of Swine flu in Kansas. Most of the existing cases are in the Kansas City area. Only one case has been reported in Sedgwick County.

05/24/09

10pm

A shooting in southeast Wichita appears to be accidental. Police say a 21-year-old man was showing friends his gun early this morning when the gun went off. The man was hit in the torso. Police say the man's friend is cooperating with the investigation. Investigators have not said who was holding the gun when it fired.

05/25/09

10pm

New tonight...a 12-year-old boy is shot and killed and the Wilson County Sheriff said it was an accident. The sheriff didn't give us much information but said two boys were involved; the 12-year-old who died and a 14-year-old. The shooting happened at a rural home.

05/26/09

10pm

The number of Swine flu cases in Sedgwick County doubles, to two. The Sedgwick County Health Department said the latest case is a Maize student. The student's a third grader at Pray-Woodman Elementary. School officials say the child has not traveled out of state. Tonight, school officials called and email parents from the school. School's already out for the summer in Maize but the health department wants anyone with flu-like symptoms to see a doctor. Kansas now has 75 cases of Swine flu.

05/27/09

8am

They spent Monday night stranded on riverbank now three teenagers are ok. The girls wanted to go swimming a few miles north of this bridge in Arkansas City. They say they drifted downstream, and once it got dark, they decided to stay on the riverbank until someone found them. One of their mothers called 911 and rescuers found them around 5 yesterday morning. This isn't the first rescue on this stretch of river. Fire fighters say people often try to float it and don't take into consideration how long it's going to take them to get only a few miles.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

05/29/09

8am

A house that caught fire early yesterday morning is ruled arson. Investigators say the roof caught fire around 2-30 in the morning near Seneca and 57th street. No one was hurt in the fire, but there's more than 65-thousand dollars in damage. There's more news at KWCH dot com. Mark is up next with another look at weather.

05/29/09

10pm

Technology is changing life for those who've lost a limb. Phil Baker and Hank Esmond are going through re-hab together at this Indiana hospital. Esmond was shocked while working on power lines and lost both arms. Baker lost one of his arms in a truck crash. Now the men are learning to use prosthetics that are the first of their kind- in the world. Moving a muscle sends an electrical signal that the prosthetic picks up and makes the arm move. Esmond says, "Separate my shoulders and move, can turn it (let the hand stop turning)." The technology continues to improve. The number of muscle input sites has doubled in just the last couple of months, allowing even more functions and control.

05/30/09

8am

A man dies in a farm accident in Kingman County. The sheriff's department there says 73-year-old Leo Ziegler was found dead yesterday afternoon. Neighbors say Ziegler was helping a friend with some work, when a combine rolled over him.

05/30/09

10pm

An early morning crash traps a man inside his car at Washington and Kellogg. It happened around two-30. Police say the car and an SUV hit each other. A passenger inside the car was trapped while firefighters worked to free him. Paramedics took him to a Wichita hospital in serious condition. The drivers of the vehicles are okay.

05/31/09

530pm

Those who supported Dr.Tiller's work say they are shocked by today's shooting. Planned Parenthood released a statement saying everyone there is horrified, angry and deeply saddened at the murder of Dr. George Tiller this morning. The statement goes on to say Dr. Tiller's murder is an enormous loss for our movement and for women and their families across America.

05/31/09

10pm

Groups on both sides of the abortion debate also condemned today's shooting through statements. Operation Rescue said the following, "Operation Rescue has worked for years through peaceful, legal means, and through the proper channels to see him brought to justice. We denounce vigilantism and the cowardly act that took place this morning." Kansans for life released a similar statement. "We wish to express our deep and sincere sympathy to his family and friends. We value life, completely deplore violence, and are shocked and very upset by what happened in Wichita today."

06/01/09

10pm

The Brazilian air force says an Air France jetliner has disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean. The plane was going from Rio de Janeiro to Paris when it disappeared. Air France says the plane had reported electrical problems. It's carrying 228 people from Brazil to Paris.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/02/09

8am

A house catches fire overnight near east Wichita. Everyone in the home made it out safely. It started around one this morning in the 18-hundred block of east Mcknight. Investigators say the homeowners heard an explosion and saw the grill on fire. The flames quickly spread to the deck and into the house. It took firefighters about 45 minutes to get the fire under control. No one was hurt. But the deck and the inside of the home both had major damage.

06/02/09

10pm

This is one place you don't want to be, hanging by a rope in rushing water. Rescuers came to the aid of this driver-who was trying to cross a creek bed. Trouble is-recent rains raised the water level higher than normal. Meteorologists say, the area got less than an inch of rain-but as we know--it doesn't take much to float a vehicle. Fire crews pulled the man to safety, he wasn't hurt-but he was thankful. He told rescuers he can't swim.

06/03/09

7am

A northeast Kansas day care is shut down. Now police in Merriam want to know what happened to a 7 month-old girl there. Aniya Boone wasn't breathing and was cold to the touch when her mother went to pick her up from the daycare. The baby died of a lacerated liver. An autopsy says the liver could have been crushed during CPR. State health officials say the owner of Debbie's Day Care voluntarily closed down the center.

06/03/09

10pm

Two men save the life of a Wichita girl. Now they encourage others to learn CPR. The seven year-old girl was swimming in this neighborhood pool Sunday when she slipped into the deep end. The men rescued her and then performed CPR. She started breathing and is fine. One man last took CPR training fifteen years ago. The other has never taken a class. Both said it's a life-saving skill everyone should know. Both men plan to take another CPR course. This is National CPR week; find out where you can get the training at www.kwch.com

06/05/09

7am

The feds are looking for a man accused of making threats against the president. They say the Daniel James Murray told a Utah bank employee he was on a mission to kill the president. Then Murray withdrew 13-thousand dollars from an account. Court papers say he's from New York, but currently officials don't know where he is. The u-s secret service says Murray has at least eight registered firearms.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/05/09

10pm

Police now say gang members were involved in a shooting in south Wichita last night. Police say an SUV pulled up next to a group of people and someone inside started firing. One person was hit. The father of that man ran into the home, grabbed a gun and shot back. Police say a disagreement between the two groups goes back several months. Investigators say some of those involved are gang members... but that it's not a gang crime. Police have not made any arrests.

06/06/09

8am

Also new this morning, a man hurt after he's assaulted overnight. It happened at an apartment in the 800 block of south water. Police say the man was house-sitting and invited some friends over for a party. The man was hurt when a fight broke out. He was taken to a Wichita hospital and should be okay. Investigators say alcohol was a factor.

06/06/09

10pm

A night of swimming turns deadly for a Cowley County man. Search teams pulled the body of Graham Springer from the Walnut River near Winfield. The 23-year-old was swimming with a friend last night when the two ran into trouble. Rescuers pulled the friend from the water but couldn't find Springer. They searched through the night before finding his body this afternoon.

06/07/09

10pm

A group of abortion opponents doubt threats of violence made by Scott Roeder. Roeder is charged with killing Wichita abortion provider Dr. George Tiller. Tonight, the head of the Christian Defense Coalition calls Roeder a loner and not part of a larger movement. In his second jailhouse call to the Associated Press, Scott Roeder said quote, "I know there are many other similar events planned around the country as long as abortion remains legal." Roeder did not elaborate. Roeder says he has not talked to investigators since his arrest one week ago. The justice department says authorities are taking Roeder's comments seriously. The attorney general ordered U-S marshals to protect abortion clinics around the country after the shooting.

06/11/09

10pm

New tonight a Consumer Watch alert, your bathrobe may be a fire hazard. The government has issued a second recall on these women's chenille robes made by Blair. Six people were killed when the robes caught fire. A Washington state woman was lucky her husband was around. 162-thousand robes are recalled; the robes were made in Pakistan. If you own one stop wearing it immediately. Go to www.kwch.com to get details on the items numbers and what you should do.

06/12/09

7am

Drive it one time and you won't forget it. People slamming on their brakes trying to get on and trying to get the other way it's a nightmare. She's talking about the Kellogg I-235 Interchange. More drivers have to go through this junction because of recent construction a few miles east at I-135. The state knows the 235 interchange needs work, but doesn't have money to fix it. The current project at 135 cost the state about 23 million. By comparison, it would cost at least 100 million to fix the 235 interchange. The state says it was designed around a railroad track that's no longer there. To see the state's long term plan, go to KWCH.com.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/12/09

10pm

A Wichita neighborhood will get a break from code violations for the next six months instead of writing tickets, the city will help homeowners clean up. A stop blight response team will operate within these eight blocks near Harry and Main. The city will help residents identify code violations and give them resources to repair them. Residents can apply for grants to paint their homes or even replace the roof. Council member Jim Skelton says the program is meant to clean up the neighborhood and reduce crime, "It's up to the people to go out and apply for the grants. Nothing is going to happen by itself without the residents taking some form of responsibility." The city's used the same program in north east Wichita and Hilltop.

06/13/09

10pm

Investigators say a natural gas leak leveled this Slim Jim plant in North Carolina. This week's explosion killed three workers. Dozens more were hurt when the blast ripped through the 5-hundred square-foot building. Some were trapped under the collapsed roof under firefighters could reach them. Investigators believe an electrical short ignited the gas.

06/14/09

10pm

We open the health watch with the first swine flu death outside North and Central America. A person in Scotland has died from the H-1-N-1 virus. Former Kansas governor and current health and human services secretary Kathleen Sebelius says people should continue to stay alert, "The flu vaccine, strains are being tested as we speak. Production lines are being set up, so that production could start as early as late summer and be ready by the fall, if, indeed, a vaccine program is recommended." Sebelius says the swine flu does not appear to be as deadly as first thought. So far 45 people in the U-S have died from the virus. That's out of 18-thousand reported cases, including 100 here in Kansas.

06/15/09

10pm

Police officers shoot and kill a man in Clay Center, now the KBI is investigating. Clay County officials say two officers checked on a domestic disturbance yesterday. When they arrived, they say Ronald Hughes confronted them, and pointed a gun at them. The officers shot Hughes five times. The gun ended up being plastic. Investigators say Hughes' wife had minor cuts on her. The two officers are on leave until the investigation is complete.

06/16/09

8am

Fewer than half of Veterans Affairs centers are ready to perform safe endoscopic procedures. That's from a report released today to the House Veterans Affairs subcommittee. The V-A conducted random inspections last month after mistakes may have exposed thousands of veterans to H-I-V and other diseases.

06/17/09

8am

Workers at the hutch animal shelter had to find new homes for 60 dogs. Winds ripped the roof of part of the building. No people or animals were hurt. The Kansas Animal Health Department out of Topeka helped move the animals to a shelter a vet office across town and the shelter in Great Bend. While workers spent Tuesday fixing the damage. People at the shelter hope the animals staying there will be adopted out soon.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/18/09

8am

We first told you last week about the city of Lyons ending its 911 dispatch contract for non-emergency calls. Now, the city is being criticized once again for allegedly violating the Americans with disabilities act. Eyewitness news reporter Denise Hnytka has more on the lawsuit. Whatever was on the agenda at the Lyons city council meeting didn't matter. People wanted to talk about the city's decision to cancel non-emergency 9-11 dispatch, "It seems like we're spending an awful lot of time fixing a system that wasn't broke." Non-emergency calls are now sent to a voicemail. That's what happened to Beverly Brothers after someone shot at her home, "They said leave your name, phone number, and address and I will get with you within one hour. I felt so alone." She wasn't tonight, "I am one very disappointed Lyons resident." Deannette Dixon is deaf. She says the 911 system violates the Americans with disabilities act because there is no T.D.D., a system of typing and reading messages. As far as that happening in Lyons, there has never been one. I moved here in the year of 1998 to 2001. There wasn't one then, and there's not one now. Dixon and the Kansas Disability coalition filed a lawsuit against the city of Lyons and county commissioners. At the meeting, the city admitted there was some trouble-shooting to be done on the new policy. But said there wasn't time for it at this meeting. So if you have a bit of patience we can get this done. In the meantime, at what cost? "Ma'am, that's it. This is it. We're done. We're not taking any more. We have things to do. You're all going to have to leave." They left, but say they're not satisfied. They want their voices to put their concerns on a future agenda. Denise Hnytka, KWCH 12 Eyewitness news. One solution being discussed is putting an officer's cell phone number on the non-emergency voicemail, so people will still have the option to be in direct communication with police.

06/19/09

8am

A 33 year old saline county man is recovering in a Wichita hospital this morning after his lawn mower explodes. Fire crews say the gas tank on Brett Robbins riding lawn mower exploded, and burst into flames. The blast also caused a small grass fire.

06/20/09

8am

A man goes to the hospital in critical condition after nearly drowning in far northwest Wichita. It happened late last night near 53rd and Ridge. Investigators say a man in his 50's was swimming in a sandpit on his property. Another person with him called 9-1-1 after they noticed he had gone under. Emergency crews pulled him from the water and performed CPR. He was taken to a Wichita hospital in critical condition.

06/21/09

10pm

A Caldwell man drowns while swimming with his wife. It happened late this afternoon at Wellington Lake. around 4:15. The man and his wife dove off a boat to go swimming. The man disappeared. Lake employees started searching while they waited for rescuers to arrive. Rescuers eventually found his body around eight this evening. Authorities have not released the man's name. They will only say he was 45-years-old and from Caldwell.

06/22/09

8am

New this morning President Obama is set to sign new anti-smoking legislation today. The measures gives the food and drug administration unprecedented authority to regulate tobacco. It would reduce nicotine in tobacco products... ban candy flavorings... and block labels like "light" and "low tar". The law won't let the FDA ban nicotine or tobacco outright.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/23/09

8am

"There was smoke and dust and I could see the train fly up in the air, the scene is as horrific as you can imagine, one train of the car almost squeezed completely together" The crash happened when one metro train rear-ended another one stopped on the tracks. The Washington Post is reporting the accident could have been caused by operator error. At least seven people were killed and some 76 were hurt.

06/24/09

8am

Kansas national guardsmen spend part of their week in "crisis city". It's actually near Salina, where they are practicing for a biohazard event. Emergency crews are simulating two different types of disasters. One is a train derailment with chemicals spilling out of the cars. They also had a simulation where vehicles were thrown into building and rescuers had to find people inside. Officials say exercises like this get them ready for the real world, "If you do not train for a multi-discipline response to a crisis when that crisis occurs we will not be ready for it." Officials say they hope to have more exercises like this in the future.

06/25/09

7am

Expect signs like this one near 37th and Oliver to pop up around Sedgwick County. They're meant to remind everyone that fireworks are not allowed in unincorporated areas of the county. A fire captain tells us these have been problem areas in the past. He says the fire department doesn't have the staff to investigate all the calls they receive. Meantime the tents are up and the ads are on air. Fireworks go on sale in Kansas on Saturday. You can buy them until July fifth. Bottle rockets and other rockets are illegal in Kansas. And remember shoot off fireworks where you buy them. For more on the rules and safety tips for celebrating this 4th of July head to k-w-c-h dot-com.

06/26/09

8am

Wichita police are trying to figure out how a man died by the train tracks around one this morning, railroad workers found a man's body in the 15-hundred block of north Mosley. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene. Police say they can't tell if the man was hit by a train or if he fell from the tracks. They're still in the early stages of the investigation and say they don't know much right now. However, they say they're hopeful they have a positive i-d on the body.

06/26/09

10pm

New information is in a deadly accident in northeast Oklahoma. Investigators say it doesn't appear the driver of a semi ever slowed down before slamming into a line of stopped cars. Nine people were killed in the crash the left twisted metal and debris strewn over the highway. Investigators say the traffic was stopped because of an earlier crash.

06/27/09

10pm

A two-year-old girl is thrown from the vehicle during a car accident. It happened just before one last night near Pawnee and Rock Road. Police say two children were in the car and neither had their seat-belt on. A two-year-old girl was ejected from the car and taken to the hospital with serious injuries. An 11-month-old boy was not injured. One of the drivers was also taken to the hospital. We do not have an update on any of their conditions.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/28/09

10pm

Clay center police officers are cleared of wrong-doing after shooting a man who pointed a toy gun at them. Today the Kansas Bureau of Investigation said the officers' actions were justified. The shooting happened on June 14th. Investigators say 66-year-old Ronald Hughes pointed a gun at them. So police opened fire. They later discovered the gun was made of plastic. Both have been cleared to return to work after a mandatory leave.

06/29/09

8am

Billy Mays, the man known for pushing products on infomercials has died at the age of 50. Deborah Mays told investigators her husband wasn't feeling well before bed and never woke up. Mays was aboard a U-S airways jet that blew a tire and made a rough landing in Tampa, Florida Saturday. He told a local t-v station he was hit hard on the head by falling objects. We don't know if that played any role in his death. An autopsy is scheduled for today.

06/30/09

10pm

Do you know where your dog came from? Tonight, the Wichita Petland store fights claims it buys dogs from a puppy mill. A United States humane society report shows. Petland used a puppy mill out of Missouri. Store owner Colleen Bradley says she's surprised that's still in the report. She says she stopped using that breeder in April when the u-s-d-a posted the breeder's violations on its website. Bradley tells us her staff checks the page often --and she won't hesitate to report a questionable breeder herself, "Even if they fixed the violations to the standard of the state, we would still go back to make sure it's a breeder we would still want to do business with." Petland says every pet looking to appear in the store window must have a vet sign off it's healthy enough to be sold.

POLITICS Q-2

04/01/09

7am

Kathleen Sebelius gets an off-day from the hot seat; the Kansas Governor admitted to some tax trouble yesterday in her first day of confirmation hearings to become Health and Human Services Secretary. Sebelius told a Senate Committee she's corrected the problem and paid back more than 7-thousand dollars. In a letter to senators, Sebelius says she corrected errors involving charitable contributions, the sale of a home and business expenses. Sebelius said health care reform is vital for the economy. The toughest questioning was about a government-run health system. Sebelius has another Senate confirmation hearing Thursday.

04/02/09

7am

Advance voting starts today beginning today you can vote in advance of Tuesday's election. More than a dozen sites across Sedgwick County will be open today. You'll vote on candidates for city council, school board and in some places mayor. Go to www.kwch.com for voting locations.

04/02/09

10pm

Abortion opponents may not defeat Sebelius' nomination but they could win a victory in the Kansas Legislature. The House gave first round approval to a bill allowing lawsuits against abortion providers. The bill allows a woman or girl who has what she believes to be an illegal late-term abortion to sue the doctor. A woman's husband or a girl's parents also could sue. The house and senate could vote on the bill tomorrow.

04/03/09

7am

It'll be another two weeks before we know if Governor Kathleen Sebelius is chosen as Health and Human Services Secretary. Senators postponed the vote until after a two week recess. The governor answered questions Thursday from the Senate Finance committee. Despite objections from abortion opponents to her nomination the Senators did not ask the governor about the topic. Instead most of the questions focused on President Obama's push for health care reform. Senators did not ask Sebelius about what she calls unintentional errors on her tax returns; Sebelius paid nearly 8-thousand dollars in penalties related to charitable deductions and business expenses.

04/03/09

10pm

New at ten...a fight over the Air Force's new refueling tanker leaves one of President Obama's nominees in limbo. Alabama Senator Richard Shelby wants assurances from Ashton Carter that he won't change the criteria for determining who will build the tanker. Until Shelby gets it, he'll delay Carter's confirmation. Carter is the president's choice to be head of Pentagon acquisitions. Boeing and a partnership between Northrop Grumman and Eads are in competition for the contract.

04/04/09

10pm

Election Day is next Tuesday. Advance voting in Wichita began at all satellite voting centers is underway. To find the center nearest to you head to our website. There you'll also find a complete list of races, candidates and questions on the ballot where you live. It's all at www.kwch.com/campaign09

POLITICS Q-2

04/06/09

7am

Tuesday voters in Wichita will choose four seats on the school board and three on the city council. Yet, it's an election that's generated little interest in the public. People in District One are trying to change that. This afternoon they held a public candidate forum in hopes of learning more before they cast their ballot. Both District One city council candidates, James Barfield and incumbent Lavonta Williams showed. They answered questions about the city's blight, racial profiling and job creation. The 75 or so people who came out to listen say it was a valuable way to spend their time. The showing from the Wichita School Board candidates was scarce. Only the incumbents up for reelection were there to answer questions.

04/06/09

10pm

This summer Boeing can bid again on an Air-Force tanker contract. Defense Secretary Robert Gates includes the tanker in next year's budget. A new tanker will replace these OLD KC-135s. If Boeing wins the contract, it could bring hundreds of jobs to Wichita. Also in the defense budget for next year; 2-billion dollars for unmanned drones like the Predator, one of the most in-demand weapons in Iraq and Afghanistan. Out of the budget; the F-22 which is one of the popular planes in the world but hasn't been used in combat; plans for a new helicopter for the president is also out and so is a plan for new ground combat vehicles. Congress gets the final say on this budget.

04/07/09

7am

Some Wichita city council and school board races will be decided today. Before you head to the polls to vote, be sure to check out www.kwch.com Available to you online are a complete lists of races, candidates and questions on the ballot for where you live. Eyewitness news will have complete coverage as results come in. Then we'll have a complete wrap-up of results on Eyewitness News at Ten on Channel 12.

04/07/09

10pm

Three Wichita school board members were up for re-election tonight and it looks like they all get to keep their seats. Connie Dietz has been on the school board for 10 years; tonight she keeps her seat in district 2 with 63 of the vote, she beat out Karen Walker who got 30 percent.

04/15/09

10pm

Many billed today's protests as a grass-roots movement organized by ordinary Americans. Here's what FactFinder 12 discovered. While it is true people used social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook to organize they were not alone. The group "Americans for Prosperity" was heavily involved in setting up the tea parties. A.F.P. is an advocacy group chaired by David Koch. Another group helping to organize events was "Freedom Works." That organization is run by former Republican House leader Dick Armey. Organizers say today's events were non-partisan and were not directed against the president. However a number of republican lawmakers appeared at events around the country. One such appearance is drawing a lot of attention. At a tea party in Austin, Texas Governor Rick Perry raised the possibility of the state seceding from the union. The governor later clarified his statement saying quote, "We've got a great union and there's absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, who knows what might come out of that."

04/16/09

10pm

A coin toss decides the Mayor's race in Americus, Kansas. Roger Wright won the toss during a Lyon County commission meeting. He tied his opponent with the most write-in votes during last week's election. Just 29 people cast ballots in the town of about 1-thousand people. Americus is north of Emporia.

POLITICS Q-2

04/17/09

10pm

Police will have an easier time getting cell phone information during an emergency. Governor Sebelius has just signed the Kelsey Smith Act. The law requires cell phone companies to release information when asked by police. The law is named for a murdered Overland Park teen. Her parents say a delay in getting their daughter's cell phone provider to cooperate with police hurt efforts to find the killer. Edwin Hall is serving a life sentence for Smith's murder. She was kidnapped from a target parking lot in 2-thousand-7. The new law goes into effect July first.

04/18/09

8am

According to mayor Carl Brewer, Tuesday's vice mayor vote was done the way it's always been done, "Everyone's name is listed and you just check the name that you want and then the clerk will come and pick it up." But those sheets of paper weren't assigned to specific council members, so there was no way of knowing who voted for whom. Anything the council does and any decision that is made needs to be made public that set up a set of circumstances to where it appeared everybody was doing a secret ballot. Jim Skelton received the most votes, making him the new vice mayor and overshadowing the potential legal issue that had just happened. Our news partners at the Wichita Eagle filed an open meetings complaint with the district attorney and Kansas Attorney General on Thursday asking for an open meetings investigation. But a statement Friday from the Wichita city attorney says the city's self reporting and immediate action have cleared up any concern regarding a potential investigation. The city has released this list of how each council member voted...making the ballots public. The mayor says, "I think anytime a mistake is made the city council has a responsibility to correct it. I can tell you this, this morning I found out about it and today I know it's been corrected. Megan Strader KWCH 12 eyewitness news.

04/19/09

10pm

President Obama is trying to undo past U.S. Foreign Policy in the western hemisphere. He says, "We've seen potential positive signs in the nature of the relationships between the United States, Cuba and Venezuela, but as I've said before, the test for all of us is not simply words, but also deeds." Over the past four days, President Obama engaged in the delicate dance that is summit diplomacy. The leader of Bolivia accused the U.S. of being involved in a plot to assassinate him, which the U.S. denied. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega criticized U.S. Foreign policy in a nearly hour long, scathing speech. Mr. Obama Seemed to rise above it, saying, "I'm glad he didn't blame me for things when I was 3 months old." Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez had called President Bush the devil, but after a handshake seen round the world, Chavez says he wants to be friends with Obama.

04/20/09

7am

Congress gets ready to tackle health care; Governor Kathleen Sebelius is up for the position of Health and Human Services Secretary. A Senate Committee is expected to send her nomination to a full senate vote tomorrow. If Sebelius is confirmed, she'll lead an overhaul in the nation's healthcare system. Opponents outside the senate continue to point out Sebelius' support for abortion rights and campaign contributions she received from Wichita late-term abortion provider Doctor George Tiller. On Sunday, the president of the Family Research Council stood outside Tiller's clinic urging lawmakers not to confirm Sebelius. Sebelius could be sworn in as Health Secretary within days or even hours of being confirmed. At that point, she'll resign as Kansas governor and Lieutenant governor Mark Parkinson will be sworn in.

POLITICS Q-2

04/20/09

10pm

More than a year and a half before the next Congressional election and many Kansans are undecided on their next senator. Congressmen Jerry Moran and Todd Tiahrt are both running for a seat in the U.S. Senate and we wanted to know where the two Republican candidates stand now. Our exclusive FactFinder 12 scientific survey shows the two are tied. If the primary were today Moran would get 39 percent of the vote, Tiahrt would come in with 35 percent. Because of the margin of error the two candidates are statistically tied. But the survey found Moran has more support in western Kansas. Tiahrt shows a lead in southeast Kansas. 26 percent of registered voters in Kansas are still undecided. We also polled Kansas voters on the governor's race next year you can get those results at www.kwch.com

04/21/09

7am

Governor Kathleen Sebelius signs several bills into law Monday; one will strengthen penalties for drivers who repeatedly drive while intoxicated. County and district attorneys now must check with the Division of Motor Vehicles for the offender's DUI history before proceeding with charges. She also signed a bill to prevent acts of fraud against the state. The new bill allows the attorney general to civilly prosecute for fraud against the state government. Civil prosecution makes violators liable for three times the amount of damages as well as civil penalties. The governor has now signed 115 bills this session, and has vetoed one; the bill that would have allowed two coal-fired power plants in western Kansas.

04/21/09

10pm

The governor has until Thursday to decide what to do about a bill on late-term abortions. The bill requires more detailed reporting for doctors and it lets parents or husbands sue the doctor if a woman believed her late-term abortion was illegal. A spokeswoman for Sebelius says the governor is still reviewing the bill.

04/22/09

8am

Governor Kathleen Sebelius has one more day to make a decision about a bill on late-term abortions. The bill requires more detailed reporting for doctors. If a patient came to find out that her late term abortion was illegal, the bill would allow the woman's husband or the girl's parents to sue the doctor. A spokeswoman for Sebelius says the governor is still reviewing the bill.

04/24/09

10pm

Tomorrow is your chance to talk with lawmakers from across south-central Kansas. There will be a public forum from nine to eleven where you'll be able to voice your concerns. The event takes place at the Wichita Water Center on East Pawnee. The forum will last about two hours.

04/25/09

10pm

Kansas lawmakers face a host of issues when they return to Topeka next week; among them, fixing the state's budget. Lawmakers from south-central Kansas held their final Legislative forum in Wichita this morning. One teacher wanted to know if she would be held responsible for falling test scores if Legislators cut education funding. Another wanted to know what smaller programs could be on the chopping block. Kansas faces a projected 3-hundred-28 million dollar budget deficit for the next fiscal year. Lawmakers return Wednesday to wrap up the session.

POLITICS Q-2

04/28/09

10pm

"I Kathleen Sebelius do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States." It didn't take long for Sebelius to be sworn in as the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Sebelius left for Washington just moments after the U.S. Senate confirmed her nomination; that vote was 65 to 31 nays with both Kansas senators voting for her. President Obama was there when Sebelius took the oath of office. The president says he wanted her to be sworn in immediately because we're dealing with a significant health issue, the swine flu.

04/29/09

8am

Mark Parkinson used to be a Republican but switched to the Democratic Party in 2006 to run with Kathleen Sebelius. The now governor has a Political Science degree from Wichita State and a law degree from KU. He formed his own law firm in 1986 and he was elected to the Kansas House as a Republican in 1990 then to the Senate in 1992. He and his wife Stacy have been married for more than 25 years and have three children. Parkinson will now appoint a Lieutenant Governor.

04/29/09

10pm

The latest from the Legislature tonight...lawmakers are back to wrap up the session but first they have to work on the budget. Schools across Kansas are waiting to find out how much lawmakers will cut from education. All this comes as a new governor takes office. Tomorrow Governor Mark Parkinson will address a joint session of the House and Senate; you can watch his speech live tomorrow at four at www.kwch.com

04/30/09

10pm

Reports that a U-S Supreme Court justice plans to retire. National Public Radio reporters Justice David Souter will retire at the end of the court's current term. Souter has always said he doesn't like living in Washington. NPR has already informed the White House of his decision. That would give President Obama his first appointment to the Supreme Court and many expect that justice to be a woman.

05/01/09

10pm

New at 10...the Kansas House says no to cutting the pay of state employees. The Appropriations committee suggested the cuts yesterday. Members say it would have saved the state 40-million dollars. However many lawmakers including new Governor Mark Parkinson said it wasn't necessary. Kansas employs some 42-thousand workers.

05/04/09

10pm

Former Governor Sebelius fought against it for years; tonight the new Kansas Governor approves a coal plant for western Kansas. Sunflower Electric wants to build the coal plant in Holcomb and the Governor's Office said Mark Parkinson reached out to Sunflower Electric the day he was sworn in, less than a week ago. The two sides compromised; the company wanted to build two plants but will now only put up one. The agreement also means Sunflower Electric will build a wind farm. The deal will only go through if state lawmakers pass a new energy plan that gives incentives for renewable energy sources.

POLITICS Q-2

05/07/09

10pm

The Obama administration insists it won't relocate terrorists from Guantanamo Bay to the U.S. but many people including Kansas Senator Pat Roberts don't believe it. President Obama wants Guantanamo closed by January. Some have suggested moving the prisoners to Fort Leavenworth in northeast Kansas. Roberts says such a move could keep the senate busy for months. Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress today the administration will not release anyone considered a terrorist into the country.

05/09/09

10pm

The Kansas Legislature finishes its work for the year; the House and Senate adjourned around 2:30 this morning. Lawmakers passed several bills before heading home, they approved a plan to eliminate a 3-hundred-28 million dollar budget deficit. The plan leaves the state with just 17-thousand dollars in cash at the end of June 2010. Lawmakers also approved a bill allowing school districts to supplement state aid with revenue from property taxes. Finally a bill passed limiting how much land a city can annex without the owner's permission. Governor Parkinson has ten days to sign or veto a piece of Legislation, if he doesn't sign it, it automatically becomes law.

05/14/09

10pm

You may have never heard his name but Troy Findley is now the second in command in Kansas. Governor Parkinson picked Findley as his Lieutenant Governor today; but he'll also keep his current job as the Governor's Chief of Staff. Parkinson said Findley can help move the Kansas economy forward. Findley said he does not plan to run for Governor in 2010. Findley will not get a raise despite his promotion. Go to www.kwch.com to learn more about him.

05/22/09

10pm

Governor Parkinson signed and vetoed several other pieces of legislation today. He signed an energy bill. The bill allows for one coal fired power plant in southwest Kansas. The compromise allows for the construction of one plant near Holcomb instead of two. The governor vetoed a bill limiting annexation. The bill would have put limits on the amount of land a city could annex without the owner's okay. Governor Parkinson also restored funding to Planned Parenthood of Kansas and mid-Missouri. The group said the 250-thousand dollars the governor restored will not go toward abortions.

05/26/09

10pm

There were four finalists and all were women and in the end, President Obama chooses someone with a story similar to his. Judge Sonia Sotomayor is the president's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. Raised by a widowed mother in a New York housing project. Sotomayor went on to Princeton and Yale. She was a prosecutor and spent 17 years as a Federal court judge before President Clinton nominated her in 1997 for the 2nd circuit court of appeals.

POLITICS Q-2

05/27/09

10pm

People in one Kansas town ask Senator Pat Roberts where terror suspects will be moved there. There's talk that when Guantanamo Bay closes some suspects will move to the military base in Leavenworth. Roberts held a town-hall meeting in front of a packed house tonight. He took a lot of questions and many people expressed concern about closing Guantanamo Bay; Roberts said that worry is on the mark. Before tonight's meeting Roberts toured the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth where the government could house the detainees.

05/29/09

8am

President Obama meets with the Palestinian president today at the white house. He's confident the peace process will progress after the meeting.

05/29/09

10pm

Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor admits using a poor choice of words when she highlighted her Hispanic heritage. That's according to the white house. During a speech in 2001, Sotomayor said, "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life." Critics say the quote points to bias. The White House says the quote has been taken out of context. Sotomayor says she was talking about her experiences growing up but says she could have chosen her words better. Sotomayor will meet with senators next week ahead of her confirmation hearing. On Thursday, Kansas Senator Pat Roberts became the first Senator to say he will vote against the president's nominee.

05/30/09

8am

Officials in South Korea say they've spotted signs that North Korea may be preparing another missile test. This comes after at least six missiles tested by the communist nation this week. Defense secretary Robert Gates is in the region at a regional defense meeting. Both he and the state department say they don't consider North Korea a threat, but won't stand idly by and let it become one. Ian Kelly of the State Department says, "We think the best approach to demonstrating to North Korea that they've made some wrong choices is show them that what they have done has consequences." So far, there's no plan to engage North Korea's military.

05/30/09

10pm

President Obama keeps one of his campaign promises, not to the American people, but to his wife. The first couple made a quick trip to New York City for "date night." Following dinner at a West Village restaurant, the pair walked along with dozens of secret service agents and press to a Broadway Show. The president promised his wife he would take her to a play after the campaign was over.

POLITICS Q-2

05/31/09

10pm

We're breaking into programming to bring you the latest in the murder of Doctor George Tiller. A gunman shot and killed the Wichita abortion provider at his church this morning. Tiller was shot as he served as an usher at the Reformation Lutheran church. Police arrested the suspect near Kansas City around one-30 this afternoon. We now go live to Wichita city hall where a news conference has just gotten underway. Mayor Carl Brewer expresses his deep sorrow to Dr. Tiller's family. "A tragic and callous act does not reflect character of this community" Dep. Chief Stoltz got there about 4 minutes after the shooting and says Dr. Tiller died of a single gunshot wound. Live news conference main points: 1. Interviewing witnesses, limited to about 3-4 people because it happened in foyer outside of sanctuary 2. Vehicle description broadcast by the media 3. PD released photo of suspect internally to officers around the state. 4. 51 year old suspect stopped outside of Johnson county, without incident believe he's the one who shot tiller, also ag assault of 2 other men because he threatened and pointed a gun because they tried to intervene. 5. Definitely a targeted attack not releasing name of suspect until tomorrow... PD has lots of questions about him, his background, family, etc.

06/01/09

7am

President Obama says he is shocked and outraged over the killing of doctor Tiller. The White House released a statement from the president last night. Mr. Obama says violence is not the answer to resolve differing opinions on abortion and said the shooting is a murder. Anti-abortion groups around the country have also condemned the killing and they're concerned about the effect it will have on the pro-life movement. They worry that the Obama administration will use the case to take focus off the abortion issue in the upcoming Supreme Court hearings. The Christian Defense Coalition says it plans to have a news conference this morning in front of the court. The group says it will address concerns that all anti-abortion activists are extremists.

06/02/09

7am

North Korea is getting ready to launch more missiles today. News reports out of South Korea say the communist country is flexing its muscle after leader Kim Jong Il chose his youngest son to be his successor. South Korea's news agency reports the north is preparing to fire three to four medium-range missiles.

06/02/09

10pm

It's almost inevitable that the president of the United States will have somewhat of an adversarial relationship with the media. But that doesn't extend to the first dog, does it? Today the white house press corps was enjoying a few moments with the Obama's dog Bo after the president left the area. All was fine, a lot of petting, cuddling and licking. Then Bo took a big interest in the microphone attached to a particular camera and like a good reporter after a big story, he just wouldn't let go. Fortunately, things turned out okay before animal control or the secret service had to be called in.

06/03/09

8am

President Obama is in Saudi Arabia today. He met with King Abdullah about the Arab-Israeli conflict, relations with Iran and oil prices. Tomorrow, the president will give what is described as a major address about u-s relations with the Muslim world in Cairo. Meantime, Al Qaeda's second in command says president Obama is not welcome and that the speech won't change what he calls the bloody messages the US military is sending to Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq.

POLITICS Q-2

06/03/09

10pm

Gay marriage will soon be legal in New Hampshire. The governor signed a bill making the granite state the sixth state to allow gay marriage. The new law protects religious groups that do not want to perform marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples. New Hampshire joins Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont and Iowa in allowing gay marriage.

06/04/09

10pm

New at ten...abortion opponents in the Kansas Legislature are confident Doctor tiller's murder won't stop debate on the issue. House Judiciary Chairman Lance Kinzer said lawmakers still must make sure abortion laws are being enforced. Kinzer does not believe they are. Wichita representative Tom Sawyer said it would be good to have a legislative session without abortion coming up. The Legislature reconvenes in January.

06/05/09

8am

President Obama is in Germany this morning. He will meet with the German chancellor to talk about the global financial crisis and international security. The president will also visit the Buchenwald concentration camp. The President arrived late last night from Cairo, where he gave a high profile speech aimed at improving U-S relations with the Muslim world. Late today President Obama will visit wounded U-S soldiers being treated in Germany. He'll visit France tomorrow to commemorate the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

06/05/09

10pm

Tomorrow is the 65th anniversary of d-day. The allied landing at Normandy was the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany. This weekend the men who stormed the beaches and those who tried to stop them gather to remember. The survivors now in their 80's and 90's held a low-key ceremony at a local cemetery. A much larger ceremony takes place tomorrow with world leaders including President Obama in attendance. Workers set up chairs and television cameras as veterans and tourists walked among the rows of grave-markers. Nearly ten-thousand Americans are buried at Normandy.

06/06/09

8am

Abilene is going all out for the D-Day anniversary. The Dickinson county town is the hometown of Dwight D-Eisenhower. His presidential library wasn't planning on a big celebration until a visit from a dying veteran who said he just wanted to honor his commander, "So that's basically what set this in motion is that what are we doing to honor our vets and how much time do we have left to honor our vets." Eisenhower led allied forces in Europe during world war two. Visitors to his library can look at thousands of papers and documents, some involving the planning of D-Day.

06/06/09

10pm

One law investigators are looking at, the freedom of access to clinic entrances or face act. The law protects abortion providers and their patients. Congress passed and President Clinton signed the law in 19-94. We wanted to know how many people have been prosecuted for violating the face act. Between 19-94 and 2-thousand-5, 71 people were convicted of violating the law. The Clinton administration prosecuted an average of 10 people per year. In 19-97 alone, 17 people were charged. During President Bush's time in office, the number of prosecutions fell to an average of two a year. For more on the FACE act head to K-W-C-H DOT-COM.

POLITICS- Q2

06/07/09

10pm

Continuing coverage on the fate of the Wichita Boathouse, the city council decides this week whether to move the Kansas sports hall of fame to the empty building. The hall owes the city 100-thousand dollars in rent on its current location. Bill Koch says he'll pay for boathouse renovations then lease the building to the museum for one dollar a year. The city council votes on Tuesday.

06/12/09

8am

Iranians are heading to the polls today to choose a President. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is up for re-election, but he's facing a tough opponent who has vowed to grant greater freedoms to citizens. Election officials are expecting a record turnout.

06/12/09

10pm

President Obama is expected to sign a bill regulating tobacco next week. It gives the FDA new power to regulate how cigarettes are made, marketed and sold. Supporters say the new law could save thousands of lives each year. Opponents say it will hurt tobacco companies during a recession. The bill passed the house and senate with large bi-partisan support.

06/13/09

10pm

We cover the world in North Korea as that country promises to step up its nuclear bomb-making program. This comes after the United Nations approves new sanctions against the regime. The U-N resolution allows searches of North Korean ships suspect of transporting weapons. North Korea says any such action would be an act of war. The communist regime has tested several missiles in recent weeks and conducted at least one underground nuclear test.

06/14/09

10pm

Protesters clash with Iranian police for a second straight day. Thousands of people took to the streets upset over the presidential election's outcome. Results show the incumbent president easily winning a second term. There are widespread allegations of fraud. While most western countries are not happy with the outcome. Leaders in Iraq and Afghanistan praised the outcome.

06/15/09

10pm

The governor's election is more than a year away, but there's already one fewer candidate. Ron Thornburgh says he's ending his bid to be the next Governor of Kansas. The republican is the current Kansas secretary of state. That leaves Senator Sam Brownback as the leading Republican in The race. Current governor Democrat Mark Parkinson says he is not running for governor next year.

06/16/09

8am

Leaders in Iran will recount some votes in their most recent election. Riots and protests over the presidential election have broken out across the country. Seven people were killed in Tehran after police say they attacked a military post.

POLITICS Q-2

06/17/09

8am

A card game decides an election in Arizona. Two men tied for a city council seat in May. An old state law requires that in the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by a game of chance. So the mayor suggested a card game. Both candidates drew, and person with highest card won.

06/18/09

8am

President Barack Obama calls extending benefits to same-sex partners of federal workers, quote, "only one step." Gay rights activists say they are waiting for the next one. Critics say the benefit extension is little more than pandering to a group of voters. One spokesman says the gay community has been working with the Obama administration since day one, but is now growing frustrated.

06/19/09

7am

Congress approves further funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 106 billion dollar measure will fund the military, and other purposes. 26 billion dollars will go towards foreign aid, flu pandemic, and the cash for clunkers program that aims to get people into more fuel efficient vehicles.

06/20/09

9am

It's a pivotal day for Iran's opposition leader. After that Country's disputed elections. Supporters of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi have planned a massive rally in Tehran today. It comes as Mousavi is set to meet with Iran's Guardian Council... an unelected body of 12 clerics investigating claims of voter fraud. The election ended with current Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on top.

06/21/09

10pm

A rocket attack on the main u-s base in Afghanistan kills two soldiers. Six other Americans were hurt when militants fired on Bagram Air Base. The names of those killed have not been released. The Taliban claims responsibility for the attack. Eighty American soldiers have died in Afganistan so far this year.

06/22/09

8am

The United States military is prepared for the possibility that North Korea may attempt to launch a missile toward Hawaii. President Obama says North Korea has reportedly expressed intentions to fire a missile toward Hawaii on or about July 4th. Meantime, a U-S Navy destroyer is reportedly tailing a North Korean ship suspected of carrying weapons toward Myanmar.

06/23/09

7am

President Obama is expected to talk about Iran's disputed elections during a news conference this morning at 11-30. It will be the president's first news conference from the White House Rose Garden. The president is expected to open the session with remarks on health care reform and also discuss energy legislation. You can watch it live on our sister station k-w-c-h 12.

POLITICS Q-2

06/23/09

10pm

We may be better off than many parts of the country but Wichita has its share of foreclosed homes. New at 10 Sedgwick county will receive four a half million dollars in stimulus money to help fix up and sell homes in struggling neighborhoods. Eyewitness news reporter Michael Schwanke explains how the money will work. This house on South Estelle may be one of the first in the county to see stimulus money. The garage is tilted, replace it, or make it better and these steps. Tim Hagan with community housing shows us why the home is vacant, a foreclosure that is now an eyesore for this south Wichita neighborhood, "You actually couldn't see the house with the trees and overgrowth." Neighbor Val Smith helped clean up the yard but there's only so much he can do. The house needs thousands of dollars of work, "This house isn't absolutely blighted but it's not livable." And that's the goal use the 4.6 million dollars in stimulus money to fix up homes like this one. Get them ready to sell, "We would replace those windows with energy efficient windows and in turn provide housing for a qualified family." The money isn't here yet but it's close and work should begin soon on this home and many more like it and that has neighbors like Val Smith excited, "This is a good use of stimulus money and all my neighbors think so also." Of course in this area we don't have the tracks of foreclosed homes like a phoenix or Las Vegas. The money here will focus on homes in revitalization areas--that will help low or middle income families, first time home buyers get into a home. Some of the homes will likely have to be demolished and rebuilt.

06/24/09

8am

Also new this morning the first test of new u-n sanctions on North Korea continue to play out on the high seas. An American destroyer is still shadowing a North Korean ship along China's coast, but the destroyer has no orders to intercept. There are concerns the vessel is carrying illicit arms destined for Myanmar.

06/25/09

8am

Iranian protesters are expected to hit the streets again today to mourn those killed in anti-government protests. Witnesses say police battled demonstrators with batons and tear gas again yesterday. The clashes occurred near the country's parliament building as demonstrators continue to protest the recent presidential election.

06/26/09

10pm

New at ten, Governor Mark Parkinson asks for an agricultural disaster declaration for three counties. The request cites heavy rains, floods and a freeze in Sumner, Cowley and Cherokee counties this spring. The designation would let farmers apply for emergency federal loans to help recover from crop damage.

06/27/09

10pm

Continuing coverage of the turmoil in Iran tonight as Iran's president criticizes the United States for speaking out against Iran's election this month. He says President Barack Obama's response is a mistake and says it could hurt Obama's chances of improving relations with Iran. The protests have gotten smaller, but some are still rallying around the country. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was proclaimed the winner of the election over opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi.

POLITICS Q-2

06/28/09

10pm

Police are reporting more violence in Baghdad. Despite increased security and there may be more. As u-s troops prepare to with-draw from the city and other towns. A roadside bomb targeting a U-S convoy wounded six bystanders and a car bomb exploded in the parking lot of a police academy. One police officer was killed and six others wounded in that attack. Police have banned motorcycles from Baghdad's streets until further notice. Motorcycles were used in three separate attacks last week, killing more than 100 people.

06/29/09

8am

The first military coup (coo) in Central America in more than 15 years is drawing criticism from the United States. In a statement, President Obama says he's "deeply concerned" about the ouster of the Honduran president. Secretary of state Hillary Clinton says his arrest and removal to Costa Rica should be condemned. President Obama says all people in Honduras should respect the rule of law and return the country's leader to power.

06/30/09

10pm

Continuing coverage tonight on a political race we've been following since November. Finally, Minnesota has a second U.S. senator. Democrat Al Franken is headed to Washington after almost eight months of recounts and court fights. The Minnesota Supreme Court declared the former comedian the winner in the U.S. Senate race. Today his opponent Norm Coleman conceded the race. Franken's win gives democrats 60 seats in the senate.