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CRIME Q-2

04/01/08

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An anonymous tip sends Wichita police to this house on South Robin Monday. There officers say they found rotting food, dirty diapers and feces on the walls of the home. Police took three children in protective custody the boys are two, four and five years old. The parents tell us they're already working to get their children back.

04/02/08

7am

The checks are meant to help you spend money and spur the economy. But first, you have to get them. Now authorities warn of expected mail thefts. By mid-may mail carriers will be delivering your tax rebate check and thieves may watch your mailbox for it. The postal service says it trains mail carriers to watch for suspicious characters or anyone following them as they make their deliveries. Mail carriers say it's important to know when your rebate check is coming and get it in your hands as soon as possible. For a schedule of when your check should arrive and information reporting mail theft go to www.kwch.com

04/03/08

7am

Police present their case to prosecutors today after two Belle Plaine Middle School students are arrested for passing prescription pain killers at school. The principal notified police after being told some students were carrying drugs. Police say two students brought the painkillers and gave them to friends. Police say the pills may have been circulating the school for the past month. Belle Plaine's superintendent says the students involved could face possible expulsion.

04/04/08

7am

Another day of testimony ahead in a murder trial in Wichita. Steven Novotny is charged with killing Laquisha Starr last April. Starr was six months pregnant at the time; doctors delivered her baby but he died six months later. Starr's boyfriend was also shot but he survived.

04/07/08

7am

Prosecutors will likely wrap up their case today in a Wichita murder trial. Steven Novotny is charged in the shooting death of Laquisha Starr last April. Starr was six months pregnant at the time. Doctors delivered her baby but he died six months later. Starr's boyfriend was also shot... but he survived.

04/08/07

8am

The man charged in the death of Cowley College student Jodi Sanderholm is expected back in court today. Another motion hearing is set for today for Justin Thurber. Thurber is charged with capital murder in Sanderholm's death.

04/09/08

7am

In a HealthWatch Alert this morning...take a close look at what's in your medicine cabinet. The Reno County Sheriff says more and more kids are using it to get high. The sheriff held this town hall meeting to raise awareness of the problem. It focused on over-the-counter cough medicine. Experts say if too much is taken it can have dangerous effects especially when mixed with alcohol or other drugs. Experts say the best thing to do is safeguard your medicine cabinet. Know what kind of drugs you have and how much.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/10/08

7am

Jurors continue deliberations today in the murder trial of Steven Novotny. Novotny's charged with killing a pregnant woman and shooting her boyfriend at this home near Lincoln and Woodlawn last April. Laquisha Starr was 6 months pregnant at the time of her murder; the baby was delivered but died a few months later.

04/11/08

7am

It helps needy families by supplying food. But thieves hit the Kansas Foodbank Warehouse. They stripped 35 dollars worth of copper from the building which did thousands of dollars in damage. The food bank thinks insurance will cover it.

04/14/08

7am

Authorities in Reno County arrest 30 people on drug charges. The charges stem from a 3-month review of pharmacy records. Officers booked the suspects for buying more than the legal limit of pseudoephedrine; a key ingredient in meth. The raid is the first major operation under the Matt Samuels Act. The law is named after the Greenwood county sheriff shot to death while serving a warrant on a suspected meth lab.

04/15/08

7am

Rapes are on the rise in Arkansas City and the police chief says its time to do something about it. Ark City police invited community members to a town hall meeting tonight to discuss the connection between alcohol and sexual assaults. Of the sixteen rapes last year in Ark City police say more than half involved underage drinking. While the woman is emotionally scarred her attacker faces prison time and life-long sex offender status. Thirty community members showed to tonight's town hall meeting. Arkansas City police are asking community to be more involved in helping them spot and prevent underage drinking.

04/17/08

7am

Prosecutors win several victories in their case against a man accused of kidnapping and killing Cowley College Student Jodi Sanderholm in January 2007. Justin Thurber's defense attorney asked that the judge declare the Kansas death penalty unconstitutional; the judge denied that request. The judge also agreed to allow the state to present evidence of "prior bad acts" Thurber's accused of committing these include; an accusation that Thurber spied on Sanderholm and her sister in 1996 while the two were swimming. The claims of several girls and women Thurber assaulted and stalked them. And a claim by Thurber's former girlfriend that during a trip to the Kaw Wildlife Area he said the location would be a good place to get rid of a body. Thurber's trial starts in June. You can read the court documents on our website at www.kwch.com

04/18/08

7am

Salina police make an arrest in the city's second homicide of the year. Investigators say 38-year-old Mark Simpson was out drinking with two other men late Tuesday night. When the bars closed... police say the men went looking for drugs. Police say one of the other men shot Simpson as he got out of a car. Authorities arrested the suspect in Lincoln, Kansas. He has yet to be charged.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/21/08

7am

Opening up the CrimeWatch...the former head of the Kansas Cosmosphere is headed to prison this week. Max Ary was convicted of selling space artifacts that weren't his. Ary lost his appeal earlier this month since his conviction he's been out on bond. He'll now serve three years in a minimum security prison in Oklahoma. Ary says he'll continue the court battle from there and maintains his innocence. Prosecutors say Ary sold artifacts that belonged to NASA and the Cosmosphere. Ary says it was a mix-up because he was selling items for both himself and the Cosmosphere at the time.

04/22/08

7am

He's been in jail for four months; now this week he should be released from jail. A Federal judge could release Doctor Stephen Schneider on Thursday before his trial in February. He's been in jail since December, when authorities say he over-prescribed pain medication, linking him to the deaths of more than 50 patients. Schneider's family says it is overjoyed at the thought of having the doctor home. But it's an order that comes with conditions: Dr. Schneider will have to surrender his passport, all travel outside of Sedgwick County will have to be approved prior to him leaving and he will have to wear an electronic monitoring device with a GPS locator.

04/23/08

7am

Police say he lived in the house when a body was buried in the basement. Today Chilo Hernandez will be in court for his preliminary hearing. Jennie Heltsley disappeared in December. Renters at this home on north market had heard rumors someone was buried in the home. They decided to dig up their basement floor because of an odd smell. Police found Heltsley's body under the concrete. Hernandez is charged with her first degree murder.

04/24/08

7am

Can he get a fair trial? That decision is up to a judge. Justin Thurber is charged with the Capital murder of Jodi Sanderholm. A defense witness says nearly 89 percent of people surveyed in Cowley County are angered by the murder. And 87 percent already think Thurber is guilty. Prosecutors argued against the change of venue motion. Defense attorneys say the case has had so much media coverage he can't have a fair trial in Cowley County. The judge is still deciding on the change of venue. He did grant a motion to push the trial to a later date but didn't set a new trial date.

04/25/08

7am

Wichita State's Baseball coach is accused of stalking but he says the accusations aren't true. Last month Joanna Case filed a protection from stalking order against Gene Stephenson. She says he called her incessantly over the last year and would show up unannounced at her home. A judge granted the temporary order. Next month Stephenson will be in court to tell his side. He says her story is not true and statements hurt him and his family.

04/28/08

7am

Wichita police arrest a woman after finding an elderly woman she was taking care of left alone. This week they could present their case to the district attorney's office. Police used search dogs to look for 88-year old Virginia Judd after someone reported her missing Saturday morning. A relative found Judd a few hours later at home in South Wichita. Police are now looking into whether the caretaker dropped Judd off at the home and left. Officers booked the caretaker into jail on a charge of mistreating a dependent adult.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/29/08

8am

The trial of one of the men accused of killing Chelsea Brooks is scheduled to begin next week. Yesterday a judge ruled the jury in Theodore Burnett's case will hear evidence containing the victim's statements. Burnett is accused of killing 14 year old Chelsea Brooks two years ago. She was nine months pregnant when she was murdered. Prosecutors say the baby's father Elgin Robinson hired Burnett to do it.

04/30/08

7am

Wichita State Baseball Coach Gene Stephenson will not be in court this week. A hearing was scheduled for this week. On a protection from stalking order filed against Stephenson. Attorney's for both sides want more time to investigate the allegations.

05/01/08

8am

In this morning's CrimeWatch...a second time and the same outcome. A jury in Western Kansas deadlocks in the murder trial of Chad and Shannon Floyd. They're accused of killing Michael Golub in Johnson City three years ago. Their first trial ended in a hung jury. Prosecutors now say they'll try to convict the couple for a third time. Authorities never found Golub's body.

05/02/08

8am

Illegal but still on the shelves; an Eyewitness News investigation found a drug the legislature banned is still for sale. But one store in Wichita says it's all because Legislators gave them the wrong information about "Sally D". Kansas is the ninth state to ban Sally-D. To get the latest information on what's going on with the Legislature you can call its hotline at 800-432-3924.

05/07/08

7am

Jury selection continues today in the trial of this man Theodore Burnett. He's charged with capital murder in the death of Chelsea Brooks. The 14 year old was nine months pregnant when her body was discovered. Prosecutors say Burnett was hired to kill Brooks.

05/08/08

8am

The Police Chief of Kingman is expected in court today. John Braden is charged with battery. He's accused of beating up his girlfriend inside his home. The woman was able to get his gun and fired it-- but the shot hit a wall. Braden is on administrative leave waiting for the outcome of the case.

05/09/08

8am

Also in this morning's CrimeWatch...two women jump from a car and call 911 after hearing a man yell for help from the trunk. The suspect told his friends the pounding coming from the trunk was a dog but it didn't take long for them to figure out it was a person. Police say someone was forced into the trunk...but that person was out and doing okay when they arrived. Police arrested a 28-year-old man for robbery and kidnapping in north Wichita. Police believe the suspect is the same man who robbed the Burger King on North Broadway nearly two weeks ago.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/12/08

7am

Jury selection continues today in the capital murder trial of Theodore Burnett. Prosecutors say he was hired to kill 14-year-old Chelsea Brooks. Brooks was 9-months pregnant when she died.

05/14/08

8am

Jury selection winding down in a Wichita capital murder trial as early as tomorrow a jury could be seated in the case against Theodore Burnett. The jury process started last week. 500 people were summoned. So far a pool 38 potential jurors have been selected. When they get 42 attorneys will select 12 jurors from the pool. Prosecutors say Burnett was hired to kill Chelsea Brooks two years ago; the 14-year-old was nine months pregnant at the time of her murder.

05/15/08

8am

Opening statements are set for today in the trial of a man accused of killing a pregnant Wichita teenager. Theodore Burnett is charged with the capital murder in the death of Chelsea Brooks. Attorneys spent the last 10 days picking 42 potential jurors. Yesterday they finalized the 12 who will hear the case. Burnett is one of three men charged with killing Brooks. Prosecutors say the father of her baby hired Burnett to kill her.

05/16/08

7am

Prosecutors file charges against two men police say killed a Wichita business owner. Shannon Boggess and Kedrin Littlejohn both face first degree murder charges in the death of Jim Collins. Police say the pair kidnapped Collins from his Marquee Motors business Monday morning; shot him and ran him over. The pair will be back in court in two weeks.

05/19/08

7am

The prosecution's main witness in a capital murder trial in Wichita is set to take the stand today; Theodore Burnett faces the death penalty in the death of Chelsea Brooks two years ago. Everett Gentry is expected to testify today that the father of Brooks's unborn child Elgin Robinson hired Burnett to kill her. Gentry pleaded guilty and the state recommended life in prison in exchange for his testimony. Eyewitness News will be in the courtroom for the entire trial. You can watch each day's events and read reporter Cliff Judy's live courtroom blogs at kwch.com

05/20/08

7am

Three inmates are charged with murdering another inmate. David Warren died in the Hutchinson correctional facility in October. An autopsy shows he was stabbed near the eye with a long metal object. Now Jason Strand, Kendrick Shears and Charvell Robinson are charged with capital murder. Warren's father says it's been a long seven months since he learned what happened to his son. While he was happy to hear someone may be held accountable he feels the prison should have done a better job protecting his son. In Kansas, killing someone in prison or jail is grounds for capital punishment.

05/21/08

7am

In this morning's CrimeWatch...a woman is murdered in a retirement community. Now a special task force investigates whether she's the victim of a serial rapist. Sunday 85 year-old Pearl Arthaud was found dead at Buhler's Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community in Buhler. In the past month a 62 year-old Hutchinson woman and 90 year-old South Hutchinson woman were raped. The task force doesn't know whether her murder is connected to the rapes. The retirement community is installing outdoor security cameras and warning residents to be careful and police are also doing extra patrols.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/22/08

7am

Retirement communities are on alert following the death of a Buhler woman. 85 year-old Pearl Arthaud was found dead in her duplex Sunday at the Buhler Retirement Community...a special task force is investigating whether her murder is connected to the rapes of elderly women Hutchinson and South Hutchinson. Authorities have alerted every retirement facility in Reno County. They want staff to talk with residents about safety. Those who live here say it's everyone's responsibility to help their neighbors. Authorities urge residents to call 911 if they see anything suspicious. Download a comprehensive home and personal safety checklist under this story at www.kwch.com

05/23/08

7am

In this morning's CrimeWatch...the jury will continue deliberating today in the case of a man accused of killing a pregnant teen from Wichita. Theodore Burnett is one of three men charged with the capital murder of 14-year-old Chelsea Brooks. Everett Gentry says the father of Brooks's unborn child asked him to set up a deal with Burnett to strangle the girl in exchange for cash and drugs. Prosecutors say they've confirmed gentry's story. But Burnett's attorneys point out there's no physical evidence that links Burnett to the murder. Count on Eyewitness News to bring you the verdict as soon as it comes in; on air and on-line at www.kwch.com

05/27/08

8am

Last week he was convicted of capital murder. Today Theodore Burnett will be back in court for the penalty phase of his trial. Burnett was convicted of killing Chelsea Brooks two years ago. The 14-year-old was nine months pregnant when she was killed. Prosecutors say Burnett was hired to strangle Brooks by the father of her unborn child. Now jurors will have to decide if Burnett will face the death penalty. If they don't unanimously decide on the death penalty; he'll be automatically sentenced to life without parole.

05/28/08

7am

The family of Theodore Burnett could take the stand today in the penalty phase of his trial. Last Friday, jurors convicted Burnett of capital murder in the death of Chelsea Brooks. Prosecutors say the father of Brooks' unborn child hired Burnett to strangle her. Burnett's attorneys are trying to prove why he should not be put to death. Yesterday jurors heard from a substance abuse counselor about Burnett's background. Including drug and alcohol use that started when Burnett was 11. The counselor says when Brooks' was murdered Burnett was smoking 3 grams of crack a day. Everyone in the jury must agree on the death penalty. If not, Burnett will be automatically sentenced to life in prison without parole.

05/29/08

7am

Jurors spare the life of the man who strangled a pregnant teenager. Instead they recommended Theodore Burnett get life without parole. Yesterday those jurors deliberated for two hours then came out and said not everyone could agree to give Burnett the death penalty. Prosecutors say the father of Brooks' unborn child hired Burnett to kill her for 500 dollars in cash and drugs. Brook's father said jurors already made the most important decision a guilty verdict. Next month a judge will officially sentence Burnett. The father of Brooks' unborn baby is also charged with capital murder. Elgin Robinson's trial is set for September.

05/30/08

7am

A judge decides there is enough evidence to send a day care provider to trial. Jessica Cummings is charged with involuntary manslaughter for the death of Kailee Hundley. Kailee was too big for the car seat Cummings put her in to sleep that's where police say she died. Later an autopsy showed if Cummings would have strapped Kailee in the seat using both the top and bottom straps she would probably still be alive today. Cummings only used the top strap. Cummings pleaded no guilty her trial is set for August.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/04/08

7am

A teenage mother is charged after police say she put her baby in the trash. Last month officers found her six week old in a dumpster after the mother reported her kidnapped. 18 year old Diedre Harman is now charged with child abandonment and child endangerment. Her family admits the teen is bi-polar and is fighting to get custody of the baby.

06/05/08

8am

A preliminary hearing continues today for a high school Debate teacher; charged with molesting a foreign exchange student. Buhler High teacher Richard Young has been on leave without pay since March. Yesterday young's former foreign exchange student testified that young made sexual advances toward him. The student said Young asked him to photograph himself naked... and touched the teen inappropriately. A judge will decide if there's enough evidence to send Young to trial.

06/09/08

8am

A man is recovering after he's stabbed at Wichita's Town East Mall last night. Police say the man was shopping with his family when he was stabbed outside of Von Maur. He was rushed to the hospital; his back and neck was hurt. So far police have not arrested anyone.

06/16/08

7am

Jury selection is set to start today in a Wichita murder trial. Eric Huerta is charged with two counts of first degree murder. In the deaths of Rosann Kapaun and Chad Clayton. Kapaun's body was found in south Wichita in May of last year. Clayton was killed during a robbery at a home a few days later. Three men were charged with Kapaun's murder one of them pled guilty and implicated the others.

06/17/08

7am

Mexico granted his extradition but Israel Mireles is appealing that ruling; that would bring him back to the U.S. Investigators found Mireles in Mexico late last year. After they say he killed Emily Sander last November in El Dorado. Now a higher court in Mexico will review the charges against Mireles. The process could take three to four months.

6/25/08

8am

A surprise decision by the Kansas Supreme Court has county governments scrambling to find money. Last week the Court ruled juveniles have a constitutional right to a jury trial. Usually .in juvenile cases a judge decides who's guilty and who's not. The decision is expected to hit Sedgwick County especially hard. We have a new juvenile facility here...but it's not designed to hold jury trials. So to make that happen it'll cost the county money it doesn't have. The ruling affects all pending juvenile cases and will apply to all those filed in the future.

06/26/08

7am

There's still no sign of a missing Viola woman. Investigators believe someone abducted Joyce Patterson from her job at a convenience store Monday afternoon. Detectives are still getting tips. Wednesday the Sheriff's Deputies knocked on every door in town asking residents to remember anything suspicious they may have seen. Her family members say the support they're getting is overwhelming and appreciated but they're ready for this to be over. Police and volunteers searched fields on foot and by air earlier this week. Nothing turned up; leading them to believe Patterson is no longer in the area. If you know something about this case call 911.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/27/08

7am

Investigators say you could hold the key to solving a cold case in Kansas. That's why Lamar Advertising Company is donating at least one billboard showing this composite. Back in 2002 the man was seen around this Dolly Madison bakery in Great Bend; it's where a clerk and customer were murdered. The advertising company has done the same thing for murders in the past. In the U.S. at least 16 people have been arrested off tips from billboards.

06/30/08

8am

Here's another look at the man investigators are looking for. They say Robert Abner kidnapped Joyce Patterson and robbed the convenience store she was working at in Viola last Monday. Deputies say he's driving a blue 1995 Lexus SC400 with the Kansas license plate number 573AMM. They think he may be in Wichita or headed to Oregon. He is considered armed and dangerous. Also investigators say Abner matches the description of a man who robbed a bank in Garden Plain on Friday. If you have any information on this man, you are asked to call police. For the complete news conference, interviews and the latest up-to-date information log onto our website at www.kwch.com

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/01/08

7am

The KU Jayhawks headed for the Alamo for the Final Four. Already fans are talking about the matchup against North Carolina. It'll be the first time Roy Williams faces off against his former team. Since he left KU five years ago. Some Jayhawks have never gotten over William's decision to leave in 2003. But fans on both sides say the competition makes the game all that more exciting since a win means bragging rights as well as a chance to play for the championship. Roy Williams says he doesn't know how he'll feel on Saturday. KU Coach Bill Self says the game is about the players not the coaches.

04/03/08

7am

Sedgwick County commissioners deny a request to create a new town just west of Valley Center. A group of residents petitioned commissioners to create West Valley saying they wanted to avoid annexation by Valley Center. Homeowners say annexation would take away their rural lifestyle and force them to pay higher taxes. Three commissioners voted against the new town saying the area would be better served by annexation.

04/04/08

7am

More than two months later and rebuilding still can't begin. In January members of the Emmaus Mennonite Church watched as their building burned to the ground. Today it remains untouched; rebuilding can't start until the fire investigation is finished. The 400 person congregation decided on a site for the new church. It will be about 2 miles south of the old one and will cost about four million dollars.

04/09/08

7am

New information about the future of Wild West World; the man from Oklahoma buying the amusement park says he will not keep the western theme or name. He fears it's left a bad impression with people and wants a fresh start for the park. He does however plan to honor Wild West season ticket holders. He offered two million dollars but a bankruptcy court must still approve the sale. The earliest that could happen is sometime next month.

04/10/08

7am

Wichita Police ask for your help to find a missing woman. Reena Mullick hasn't been seen since Tuesday. Family members think new medication may be to blame for her disappearance she's 49 years old. If you see her call 911.

04/11/08

7am

They spent 15 months in Iraq; now hundreds of soldiers are coming home. These 205 Fort Riley soldiers are the first of 44-hundred that will return home in the next few weeks. After a brief ceremony these troops were released to their families for hugs, tears and pictures. The soldiers will be at Fort Riley for another month then they'll get 30 days family leave time.

04/14/08

7am

KU fans mark your calendars for Friday, April 25th. KU basketball players will be at East high school here in Wichita. Current seniors and former KU basketball players will sign autographs and play a game. It starts at 6:30 and tip off is at eight. The cost is ten dollars which goes to East high's baseball program.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

04/16/08

7am

Winds blowing to 50 miles an hour kept firefighters busy fighting grass fires in parts of western and central Kansas. One of the larger fires broke out yesterday in McPherson County. That's where more than a thousand acres went up in flames. Some nearby residents fled their homes as volunteers from eight fire departments spread out with water tankers trying to save buildings and oil wells. Firefighters had the blaze stopped by late afternoon but stayed on the scene into night to watch hot spots. No one was hurt and no buildings were damaged. No word on how the fire started.

04/17/08

7am

Casino developers who want to build in Kansas will make their pitches to the lottery commission. The presentations will be held next month in Topeka. The lottery commission then has until May 27th to negotiate contracts with developers in these three counties. The contract for the one proposal for Cherokee County is due by May 5th. A review board will then pick the best contract for each county. Park City loses its battle to annex the Wichita Greyhound Park. The land currently belongs to the county. An appeals court dismissed Park city's appeal for the annexation saying it was un-timely.

04/24/08

7am

Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed says he's ready for a new challenge and won't run for a third term. Steed is withdrawing from the 2008 race not sure what he'll do next. Steed's started with the sheriff's office as a patrolman in 1974 and worked his way up to the top job in 2001. He told Eyewitness News Anchor Cindy Klose it's a full time, relentless job. Already, Democrat Walt Kuykendall has filed to run for Sedgwick County Sheriff. He's retired from the Wichita Police Department. Candidates have until June 10th to file for the August primary. Watch Steed's entire interview at our website at www.kwch.com

04/28/08

7am

This Sunday will mark one year since a tornado leveled Greensburg and all this week we look back and ahead. Starting tonight on Eyewitness News at Six; watch a series of special reports; we'll show you Greensburg, one year later this week on Eyewitness News and at www.kwch.com

05/13/08

7am

Police say the driver didn't see him. Justin McElhaney died after being run over Sunday. Police were called to this home near 13th and West Street around four Sunday afternoon. They say Justin was run over in the driveway. The two-year-old was taken to a Wichita hospital in critical condition. He died at the hospital. A memorial fund has been set up for Justin. Find information on it at our website, at www.kwch.com

05/14/08

7am

A Kansas police officer who died in the line of duty will be honored in Washington, DC. Robert Tim Buckman was killed trying to warn people of the Greensburg tornado. Buckman was going door to door to tell people to take cover when he drove right into the storm. This week his name will be added to the walls of the National Law Enforcement Memorial.

05/15/08

7am

Representative Ted Powers suffered a stroke this week. He served at the house for 15 years. Funeral arrangements are now set for a state legislator. He was also a band teacher at Mulvane Middle School and High School. Visitation will be tomorrow from 1pm-8pm at Senter-Smith Mortuary in Mulvane. The funeral will be Saturday at 2pm at the Mulvane Christian Church.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

05/22/08

7am

A family in Wichita still doesn't know if it will get its dogs back. Earlier this month we told you about Treva Carley and her two dogs. They escaped from the yard...and acted aggressively toward animal control officers. The city's deemed them dangerous. Carley appealed that decision. Yesterday five of her neighbors, the mail carrier and animal control all said the dogs scared them. The city will decide in five days whether to keep the dogs labeled as dangerous. If the dogs are considered dangerous Carley must meet several requirements to get them back. She met one already by building a pen in her back yard.

05/23/08

7am

The city of Wichita is starting negotiations with Patrick Salerno to take the spot as Wichita's new City Manager. Salerno worked for 18 years as City Manager in Sunrise Florida. Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer says he believe Salerno can take Wichita where it wants to go.

05/26/08

7am

The latest exhibit to come to Wichita's Exploration Place is proving very popular. "Our Body the Universe Within" opened Saturday. The exhibit features 17 actual human bodies. Visitors can see up-close skeletal, muscular, respiratory, and circulatory systems. The president of Exploration Place said they had an excellent opening, with 800 to one thousand people going through it. The exhibit runs through October 12th. Visitors under 13 must be with an adult. Ticket prices vary and are issued with a specific date and time. To find out how you can get tickets go to our website at www.kwch.com

05/27/08

7am

Today the State Lottery Commission will vote on proposals for state owned casinos. Ultimately one casino will be built in four Kansas counties. Today the commission will decide if developers who want to build those casinos meet requirements. If they do they'll draw up contracts with each developer. A state review board will make the final decision on which plan will be built in each county.

05/28/08

7am

First there were four to choose from; now only three. Developers for MGM Foxwoods wanted to build a casino in Sumner County near the Mulvane turnpike exit. But they couldn't reach an agreement with the state on a contract. But the lottery commission did approve contracts for Harrah's proposal for Mulvane and contracts were approved with the two groups that have picked out sites in Wellington. Here's what's next...a Lottery review board appointed by the Governor will review all the proposals. They'll decide which is best for the county; that decision could be made by late August.

06/03/08

7am

A new World War II book hits the shelves and it features a veteran from Kansas. "Hell Hawks" chronicles the story of a group of fighter pilots and their missions over Europe during World War II. It includes stories from Goddard resident Bob Hagan who was 19 when he flew his first mission. And he says he enjoys sharing his stories about the war. There are about two million World War II veterans still living in the U.S. To learn more about some of the veterans, or the book, go to www.kwch.com

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/05/08

7am

The Park City council holds an emergency meeting to discuss another offer to buy Wild West World. The latest offer for the defunct amusement park comes from developer Wink Hartman. He's building an arena in park city. Hartman's offer came as the contract offer from Spectacular Attractions in Oklahoma expired. Park City officials don't know why that happened. Hartman is offering two million dollars for the park the same as the Oklahoma company. But he wants support from the city in the form of industrial revenue bonds and tax abatements. Last night the city council agreed. No word on what Hartman plans to do with the park or surrounding land.

06/09/08

7am

After a more than a four year battle residents in south Wichita are getting the fire protection they've been asking for. Saturday officials broke ground on a new fire station near Pawnee and Denker. Neighbors have been pushing for the station for several years since fire trucks are often delayed by trains. The new station should mean faster response times... something residents say they're entitled to. The new station should be finished by next summer.

06/11/08

8am

Seven crashes and four deaths in 30 years, now a railroad crossing in south Wichita will get crossing gates. Last month one person was killed and another was hurt when their car was hit by a train near 31st Street South and K-15. The street leads to the Cornejo and Son's Construction Company entrance the company says it petitioned the city and state to make the crossing safer and the city agreed. Federal money will pay for the improvements. The new warning signals should be in place by the end of the year.

06/17/08

7am

No sports bar but new digital projectors. The owner of a Wichita movie theatre says these changes will help get out of the red. Since it opened five years ago the Warren Old Town theatre has lost money. Today owners will ask the Wichita city council for a six-million dollar low-interest loan. The money will be used to turn Oscar's Sports Bar into another movie theatre and upgrade equipment. As the anchor tenant for the Old Town Square many other shops and restaurants depend on the movie theatre for business. The loan is interest free for the first five years.

06/18/08

7am

Tornado victims who lost important papers in the storms have a chance to get new ones for free. The Kansas office of vital statistics says they will make replacements of things like marriage and birth certificates free of charge. They will have to conduct interviews in order to determine eligibility and to make sure they get the correct record. These documents are often required for identity and insurance purposes.

06/19/08

7am

It's been one week since tornadoes ripped through parts of north-Central Kansas. Now people living in the Dickinson County town of Chapman no longer have a curfew. It had been in place since the tornado tore through the town. While check points around town are gone authorities plan extra patrols to make sure there's no looting or other criminal behavior. The Adjutant General's office says crews are restoring power to the town but it's a slow process.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/20/08

7am

The organization helping tornado victims is in need itself. The American Red Cross says it has depleted its disaster relief fund. Despite having no money, the Red Cross is still providing help to tornado victims. The national office is borrowing money to help. Local officials say it won't affect the way the red cross runs business they will still help those in need. If you would like to donate you can call 1-800-HELP-NOW. Or visit their website for a link go to On Air Links at www.kwch.com

06/24/08

7am

Just days after resigning from his job with the Wichita Thunder and Wichita Wingnuts Chris Presson is introduced as the General Manager of the new, Intrust Bank Arena. The arena is under construction in downtown Wichita. It's scheduled to open in 2010. Presson says getting on board now allows time to plan and organize. He has already started work in his new job.

06/25/08

7am

You've seen orange and white cones across Wichita intersections; now the city says many road work projects are delayed by rainy weather. Work on the intersection of Thirteenth and Broadway is scheduled to be complete by the end of July. But the city says weather has set back some other projects by a couple of weeks. Lots of businesses are near the construction and they say they're waiting patiently for it to finally get done. Another project that may be affected is the one at Kellogg and Rock Road. That project still has a ways to go; it's not scheduled to be finished until spring of 2010.

06/26/08

7am

The tents are up; this week fireworks go on sale, but some dealers will have fewer items on the shelves. Because of the Olympics many of China's ports have been closed, on top of that a large fireworks plant in China exploded. That means some items are hard to find but for the most part you'll be able to get what you want. Wholesale Fireworks in Andover says it knew this year could be tough so it ordered early. Expect for some smaller items most stands will have plenty of fireworks. They go on sale tomorrow.

ECONOMY Q-2

04/10/08

7am

High gas prices may have you thinking twice about taking a summer vacation. Triple-A reports the national average for a gallon of unleaded is a record 3:34 a gallon. In Wichita you'll pay around 3:25 a gallon. Experts say prices will peak at 3:60 a gallon by June. Prices are up 55 cents a gallon from this time last year. Find the cheapest gas prices in your area; log to www.kwch.com and click "Web Exclusives".

04/15/08

7am

The last day is here. You have only until midnight to file your 2007 tax return or file for an extension. And unlike past years Wichita post offices will not stay open late. Since more people are filing electronically the post office doesn't see the long lines of procrastinators scrambling to get their returns postmarked by midnight. And there's an extra bonus for filing on time this year; if you do your economic stimulus rebate check should be in the mail in about a month. To see exactly when you will receive your rebate, check out the tax rebate calculator under On Air Links at www.kwch.com

04/18/08

7am

If you've noticed higher prices at the grocery store imagine the increased cost to feed a thousand people a day. Meals on Wheels say its food cost increased 14 percent in the last year and container costs went up 29 percent. But its budget's stayed about the same. Not only is it costing more to make each meal...it's costing more for volunteers to deliver them. The organization offers three dollars a route. Most volunteers never took the money...until gas went over three dollars a gallon. Meals on wheels say high gas prices also make it harder to recruit new volunteers.

04/21/08

7am

Gas in Wichita climbed to 3.39 a gallon this weekend. It can be pretty painful filling your tank but recreation lovers say they won't let the prices ruin their summer plans. Laura and Alan Young retired last year to travel the country. They say it costs them about 200 dollars to fill up their diesel truck; that's just to pull their RV. With two major trips planned this summer they say they just have to cut back on things like eating out to make it happen. For a look at the lowest gas price in your area just go to our website at www.kwch.com

04/24/08

7am

The crop looks good; but worries are far from over for farmers in western Kansas. In this morning's ConsumerWatch...diesel fuel is soaring to more than four dollars a gallon. Farmers say good crops at a good price are more than what they've seen in recent years. But the price of fuel could swipe that profit away. Farmers say fuel is just one obstacle. The price for much needed fertilizer has doubled or tripled in the past year.

04/29/08

7am

With rising prices at the pump many people will be using their tax rebate check to fill their tank. Checks are already rolling out. This week people will begin receiving them by direct deposit, next week will be old fashioned mail. Since President Bush signed the economic stimulus package in February gas prices have gone up 21 percent. That adds more than 700 dollars to average house hold's annual fuel bill. To find the cheapest gas prices near you go to www.kwch.com and click "web exclusives".

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

05/06/08

7am

Two plane makers strike a deal with Iraq. Boeing will make 40 commercial jets for Iraq's national airline, Iraqi Airways. The company says Iraq placed an order for thirty 737's and ten Dreamliners. Parts of both are made by Spirit Aerosystems in Wichita. The country also plans to purchase ten CRJ 900's from Bombardier. Boeing says a modern fleet of airplanes will help support Iraq's development and growth. The total cost, five billion dollars.

05/07/08

7am

More bad news at the pump this morning...the price for a gallon of regular unleaded at some stations here in Wichita is now up to 3.55 a gallon. Those high prices have some high school kids protesting by finding another way to get to class. Students from both Harper and Anthony go to Chaparral High School. The school is about five miles from either town. But instead of driving students are running, riding bikes, even roller-blading to get there these days. It started last week as a way to boycott gas prices. Now students are really starting to enjoy it. One estimates it's about a 40 minute run. Students don't expect to lower gas prices with their protest... but they do hope to change people's attitudes.

05/08/08

7am

An Oklahoma company wants to buy it and today a judge could determine the future of Wild West World. A judge will rule on whether a company from Oklahoma called Spectacular Attractions can buy the park. The man who used to own Wild West World, Thomas Etheredge, closed it last year after declaring bankruptcy. Park City says it also plans to issue bonds and tax incentives to help the park re-open. Spectacular Attractions plans to spend millions on new rides and capital improvements.

05/09/08

7am

Fuel prices force an airline to cut flights to Wichita. Allegiant Air says starting July 7th it will stop flying from Wichita to Orlando. The airline says the flight didn't get enough passengers and fuel prices are too high to keep the two flights every week. Mid-Continent Airport says this is not unusual a lot of airports are losing some service these days. If you have an Orlando flight booked on Allegiant after July 7th, the airline will contact you directly. This affects only flights to Orlando, which go out on Monday and Fridays.

05/12/08

7am

So how high have prices climbed in recent years. We went back in the archives for FactFinder 12. Last May the price was 3.09 a gallon in Wichita. In 2006 you paid 2.67. The year before that fill up cost a 1.95. To find the cheapest gas near you click on "Web Exclusives" at www.kwch.com

05/16/08

7am

As Americans continue to cope with the pain at the pump many may stay home this Memorial Day. Triple-A expects about 38-million people to travel 50 miles or more in the holiday weekend, 360-thousand fewer than last year. It's the first drop since 9/11. To cut the cost of your trip Triple A recommends driving the speed limit and planning ahead for stops.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

05/22/08

7am

Members of Congress scrambling to fix a mix-up with the farm bill; the president vetoed the measure but the House voted to override. Last night they discovered 34 pages were missing from the bill that was sent to the white house. That means Congress may have to extend the current law and start over. Local opponents say the new farm bill puts Kansas farmers at greater risk when it comes to disaster and loan deficiencies. In the past if a farmer had a bad year the bill would have helped that farmer break even and keep going. Not the case with the new bill which also gives more money to wealthy farmers, special interests in other states, and other non-AG related programs. House democrats hope to pass the entire bill again today. The current bill expires Friday.

05/23/08

7am

Imagine filling up a jetliner. Tonight Congress says much of the money used for fuel gets wasted. A new report shows delayed flights added more than one and half billion dollars to airline fuel bills last year but passengers may not sympathize an airline quality survey partly done by a Wichita State professor found passengers are not pleased. The survey looks at four main areas and found airlines only got worse. It found fewer on-time arrivals, more involuntary denied boarding's; that's when people get bumped, more mishandled baggage, and more consumer complaint rates. Researchers say, passengers notice most problems on domestic flights because airlines are putting more into international travel where they can make more money.

05/27/08

7am

For many the Memorial Day weekend marks the un-official start of summer. And that means prime-time for barbecue. But over the holiday weekend many found out, much like everything else a day of grilling is costing you more too. Food inflation is the highest in almost two decades. And from chips to the propane to run the grill, most cookout staples will cost about six percent more than last year. But some items, like hamburger buns are up seventeen percent. Many families are doing what they can to keep the grocery bill down like buying generic brands.

05/29/08

7am

Your electricity could soon cost more. Westar Energy is asking the state for a rate increase. The utility says it needs the rate change to keep up with everyone using more energy and to pay for last year's ice storm. Westar wants to increase the rates 15 percent; that would cost you about 10 bucks more a month. The Kansas Corporation Commission will decide whether to approve the rate change. It hasn't approved one for the Wichita area since 1989. If the commission does approve this one it would happen next year.

05/30/08

7am

Trying to stretch every mile out of the tank with rising gas prices? Gove County says it has the answer a four day work week. Starting Monday county employees will work 10 hour days Monday through Thursday. County commissioners hope it will cut fuel costs for county vehicles that would have been driven on Fridays. The sheriff's office, weed department and courts will still be open five days a week.

06/03/08

7am

This week and many after it will be a little shorter for some Western Kansas workers. Gove County employees now have a four day work week. The 30 workers will put in four 10-hour days instead of five 8-hour days. The idea; since many employees drive county vehicles to and from work the county thinks it will save 20 percent on its gas bill. Employees who drive their personal vehicles say it will save them money too. The Gove County Court, Weed Department and Sheriff's Office will stay open five day weeks.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

06/04/08

7am

With rising prices at the pump you aren't the only one finding places to cut back. Now K-DOT is cutting too some of its road maintenance. It'll keep more dump trucks parked, and use the smaller trucks for car pooling. Instead of mowing ditches, it will only mow near the shoulder. Drivers understand the cutbacks. Another cost cutting measure K-DOT is no longer picking up road kill in rural areas and dumping it elsewhere. Instead, it's pushing the carcass into the fence line.

06/09/08

7am

Another painful milestone at the gas pump; Triple-A says the national average for regular unleaded is now \$4.00 a gallon. But it's nothing new for some drivers who've paid more than that for weeks now. The average for the state of California is \$4.43 a gallon. It all comes after oil jumped to nearly \$140. dollars a barrel on Friday.

06/16/08

7am

Hail, wind and rain that's what Kansas farmers have been dealing with. But they finally got a break over the weekend to survey the damage from recent storms. Crops in many parts of Barton and Ellsworth Counties probably couldn't look any worse. Three inches of rain and golf-ball sized hail took wheat fields capable of producing 40 to 50 bushels per acre down to zero. Many farmers in Barton County say they have crop and hail insurance but it's not enough to cover the loss.

06/19/08

8am

Wild West World has been sold to a Florida company. AHG was the only bidder at a court auction yesterday and will pay 2-point-one-five million dollars for the property. The company develops commercial, retail entertainment and gaming sites. They don't have any details on plans for the property but may consider hotels, restaurants, casino and even may keep an amusement park. AHG needs to close on the deal by the end of the month. The Tulsa based amusement holding entered its original two-million dollar offer as a back-up in case AHG can't close the deal.

06/20/08

7am

It's something we're probably all used to by now but it's still shocking to see. Gas prices in Wichita are sitting at a record 3.89 a gallon. But don't feel too bad... that's still well below the national average of 4.08 a gallon.

06/25/08

7am

Workers at Spirit Aerosystems in Wichita have voted to keep the SPEEA Union. About 24-hundred professional and technical workers made that decision yesterday. It does not affect engineers; they're represented by a different SPEEA unit. Last year professional and technical workers at Boeing's Wichita plant voted to get rid of the SPEEA Union.

EDUCATION Q-2

04/01/08

7am

Brooks will be in Wichita for enough time to see the upcoming vote on a 350 million dollar bond issue. If approved the bond would pay to build new schools, safe rooms and help repair fine arts and athletic facilities. The vote is set for May sixth. For details on specific improvements in the proposed bond issue go to our website at www.kwch.com

04/07/08

7am

A group supporting a 350 million dollar bond issue for Wichita schools wants more time. Tonight the Citizen's Alliance for Responsible Education will ask the Wichita school board to move the bond vote from May 6th to November 4th. The group says it needs more time to educate voters about the issue. The meeting is tonight at 6:45 at Wichita's North High School.

04/15/08

7am

Today we are set to hear from the Wichita school's new interim Superintendent. Martin Libhart will take over the position until the board can find a permanent replacement for Winston Brooks. Libhart is the Chief Operations Officer for Wichita schools and was an architect for the district's proposed 350 million dollar bond issue. Brooks' last day is June 30. He's leaving to become superintendent for Albuquerque schools.

04/16/08

7am

Since the attacks Universities across the nation have started putting in emergency notification systems. A test earlier this month at fort hays state sent out phone calls, text messages and e-mail to more than five-thousand students, faculty and staff. The notification system will be used for any safety concern including severe weather. Wichita State, Kansas State and KU all have some form of emergency notification system.

04/29/08

7am

Rising gas prices are one factor in rising food prices. Earlier this month we told you about rising food costs at derby high school. Cafeteria workers said they saw the price of fruit go up eight to 10 dollars a case in one week. Last night the derby school board voted for a 10 cent increase per meal next school year.

06/02/08

7am

Wichita school board members gather to wish Superintendent Winston Brooks farewell. After 30 years working in Wichita and 10 years as Superintendent of Wichita schools. Brooks is leaving; he's taking the same job in Albuquerque New Mexico. One educator says it's going to be tough to fill Brook's shoes. Brooks starts in New Mexico on July 1st. Martin Libhart will act as interim Wichita Superintendent until a permanent replacement is chosen.

06/03/08

7am

Today voters in Valley Center will decide whether to approve a new school bond. The bond is worth 57 and a half million dollars and would build a new high school as well as add onto or renovate existing schools. The bond would add about 52 dollars a year to property taxes for a 100 thousand dollar home.

EDUCATION Q-2 cont.

06/04/08

7am

Valley Center voters approve a school bond issue. 55 percent of the voters said yes to the project, 45 percent said no. The 57 and a half million dollars will build a new high school it will also add on classrooms to existing schools. The bond would add about 52 dollars a year to property taxes for the owner of a 100 thousand dollar home.

06/20/08

7am

City planners deny a request to build a pre-school in a neighborhood near Central and Rock. Saint Stephens Episcopal Church wanted to build the facility next to the church. People living nearby opposed the plan saying it would increase traffic congestion. Saint Stephens has the option of appealing the decision to the city council. There's no word if the church plans to do so.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

04/09/08

8am

El Dorado's Oil Hill Elementary was one of those places without power yesterday. That forced the school to cancel class and send kids home. But power is back on this morning so kids will have school as usual today.

04/16/08

7am

High winds also fueled a fire along the Pratt-Stafford County line yesterday south of Macksville. It burned for several hours before firefighters from at least five departments got it under control last night. At one point the fire was nine miles wide. Firefighters were on dirt roads and sometimes had to cut fences to get access to the fire.

04/25/08

7am

What to do about Sedgwick County's garbage? The county commission hears what people think. A half-million tons of garbage enters the county's waste transfer stations each year. The new plan would recycle as much as 40 percent of it. While many of the people at last night's meeting say it's about time. Others believe it's not worth it especially if it's mandated recycling. Sedgwick County is updating its trash plan... and needs to send it to the state in June. The proposal includes paying by the amount you throw away and a recycling fee but recycling would not be mandatory.

05/26/08

7am

We're learning more information about a Colorado couple killed by a tornado Friday night in Pratt County. Gary and Kimberly Whitlow died when a tornado tossed their car into a wheat field. We spoke with Gary's dad Wayland; he tells us the two were on their way to Clearwater to see their new nephew for the first time. An eyewitness saw Gary and Kimberly pull over because of heavy rain; their car was found Saturday morning.

05/27/08

7am

Here in Wichita the latest round of storms brought lots of rain and that led to street flooding in Wichita that left some drivers stranded. Yesterday's storms also brought hail to Wichita. Most of it fell in south Wichita, near Pawnee and Broadway. Although it didn't last long hail up to two inches in diameter pelted homes and cars there.

05/28/08

7am

The problems are not as bad in Wichita but the Cowskin Creek did spill out of its banks. That sent water flowing over part of 13th near 119th Street West and also heading for some peoples' back yards. Since the major flooding in 1998 crews have widened a bridge and cleaned out the creek's canals downstream to relieve flooding problems. The creek crested last night just over 18 feet.

05/30/08

7am

With all the recent rain many Kansans are just now getting back into their yards. In another week mosquitoes will be there too. Neither the city of Wichita nor Sedgwick County sprays for bugs. To keep the bugs at bay, the extension office suggests you clean out gutters, empty saucers under your plants. And if you have standing water at your house, use special mosquito dunks to get rid of them. For more ways to keep mosquitoes away go to www.kwch.com

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

06/03/08

7am

People here in Kansas are still taking a look at all the damage from the latest round of storms to hit the state. Huge dents, broken windshields and even parts torn off cars. This is the result from softball size hail that fell in Manhattan Kansas yesterday. Nearly all the cars in the airport parking lot were damaged. And an entire fleet of rental cars were damaged. Enterprise Rent A Car says it's bringing in cars to replace the damaged ones. Most of the owners planned to have the cars towed to shops.

06/05/08

7am

People in Winfield are still cleaning up from damaging straight-line winds Tuesday night. Winds over 100 miles an hour broke tree branches across the city; they also toppled two 75-foot-tall grain bins at the town's coop and even peeled back Bruce Burkhart's roof. He says the storm hit so fast his family had to take cover in their bathtub. Burkhart says his home is close to a total loss. Crews will return to the grain bins this morning to take them apart.

06/06/08

7am

The hail was the problem in south Hutchinson. Golf-ball size hail busted out windows on several cars in this south Hutchinson car lot and dented others. The owners of the lot plans to call his insurance company to determine how much damage was done.

06/09/08

7am

Despite all the recent rain harvest is getting underway in the southern part of the state. This Sumner County field is usually one of the first in the area to get cut and this year's no different. The men who farm this land started harvesting on Thursday even though many other fields were still too wet. On top of getting to cut so early they're averaging about 50 bushels per acre one of their best crops ever. Farmers say they need to have good yields this year to make any money because of the rising cost of diesel fuel and fertilizer.

06/18/08

7am

Power slowly coming back to Kansas towns hit by tornadoes last week. The hardest hit includes Chapman and Manhattan. State and Federal damage teams are touring those communities to assess the damage. Power crews have restored electricity to about 70 percent of Chapman. But a curfew is still in place there. The National Guard had soldiers in town through the weekend providing security. Several state agencies are also in the area including health, transportation crews and social services.

06/20/08

8am

People in Manhattan are still cleaning up, too. The same storm that created the tornado in Chapman also produced a tornado that hit Manhattan last week; it was an E-F-4. It did 20 million dollars in damage to k-state and leveled some homes. Many people whose homes were damaged are making progress. Ten families in Manhattan have asked the Red Cross for help. It expects more people to come forward as they get a closer look at damage to their homes.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

04/03/08

7am

Three research teams and one conclusion. If you just can't seem to quit smoking it may be because of your genes. Researchers say they found a genetic link to smoking addiction making it easier for people to get hooked and harder for people to quit. But doctors also call it a double whammy the people with the gene also have a higher rate of lung cancer. Scientists admit they need more research but they hope this new information will lead to more tailored treatments to help people break the habit.

04/04/08

7am

You put your newborn down for a nap but your baby never wakes up. Now a Wichita mother is speaking out about sudden infant death syndrome or SIDS. Jesus Cardoza was the first child in the state to die in a daycare business not run out of a home. The SIDS Network of Kansas says there are ways to reduce the risk. For a list and information about SIDS resources and support groups go to www.kwch.com

04/10/08

7am

We have more information about why a daycare provider in Wichita was under investigation before a child died in her care. In February someone filed a complaint with the state against this home daycare run by Jessica Cummings. The complaint says Cummings didn't report signs of child abuse but she took pictures of bruises on the two-year-old. The complaint was filed the day after two-year-old Daytona Robertson died of child abuse. Robertson's step-mother Katie Cornejo faces murder charges for the death. A month later Cornejo's biological daughter Kailee Hundley died at Cummings daycare. The state then suspended her license.

04/14/08

7am

Kansas has no state laws regulating ATV use. Helmets, eye protection and training courses are not required. In fact the state only requires owners register the vehicle. One person died and 16 were hurt in Kansas ATV accidents last year. Safety experts recommend all riders wear helmets, boots and chest protectors while riding.

04/15/08

7am

A K-State student dies at a weekend party. Police found Joshua Walker outside the Jardine Apartments early Saturday morning. Investigators say the 19-year-old freshman fell from a two-story balcony. He was flown to a Wichita hospital where he died. Neighbors say there was a party going when walker fell but police are not saying that played a role in his death. Walker was from the town of Johnson in western Kansas. A memorial webpage says he graduated from Stanton County High School.

04/17/08

8am

Police use a search dog to look for a missing Wichita woman. More than a week ago 49-year-old Reena Mullick disappeared. Authorities used a search dog to check a field near Mullick's house. The dog checked brush piles areas where detectives couldn't reach. The search turned up nothing and police still say there's no evidence of foul play in Mullick's disappearance. If you have any information call 911.

04/18/08

7am

Kansas babies born July first and later will be tested for several for genetic disorders. The most common of the diseases is cystic fibrosis. In this morning's HealthWatch...the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold a benefit walk May third in Wichita. The event starts at nine at Sedgwick County Park. To find out how you can help go to www.kwch.com

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

04/21/08

7am

The city of Mulvane still wants people to boil their water. A break in a water line between Augusta and Mulvane Saturday left the city with almost no water pressure. Crews worked through the night to fix the line. People are asked to boil their water until testing shows no evidence of contamination.

04/23/08

7am

Students at a Reno County school have their clothes and belongings quarantined. It happened after a mercury spill at Pretty Prairie High School yesterday. A thermostat broke and a half-ounce of mercury fell to the ground. 25 students were quarantined, given white jump suits and told to go home and shower. The district doesn't think anyone was contaminated but it's required to report all mercury spills. Students didn't understand why it was a big deal until haz-mat arrived. If the student's belongings are not tainted with mercury they will get things back.

04/25/08

7am

People in Mulvane can again drink their tap water without boiling it. The city lifted the boil water advisory after tests showed no evidence of contamination. The problem started over the weekend after a water line between Augusta and Mulvane broke leaving Mulvane with almost no water pressure.

04/28/08

8am

Investigators also looking for the cause of a fire that gutted this West Wichita duplex Sunday night. Fire crews say the flames spread quickly because of vaulted ceilings. No one was hurt; damage is estimated at 100-thousand dollars.

04/30/08

7am

Another person was killed when his car collided with a train at K-15 and 31st Street South. Two men were on their way into work yesterday when a train hit their car and dragged it a half mile down the tracks. One man died the other is in critical condition. It's the third death at the crossing in the last six years. The state and railroad company are working to upgrade the warning system with cross arms and lights. Workers hope to have the upgrades installed within the next year. Federal money will pay for the improvements.

05/07/08

7am

Wichita businesses that allow smoking may not for much longer. The city council has passed a smoking ban for businesses that allow in anyone who's under 18. The ban gives businesses three options. Go completely non-smoking. Have an outdoor patio or separate room with separate ventilation for smoking or allow smoking and ban anyone under 18. The ban will go into effect the end of August. You can see which city council members voted for and against the bill at www.kwch.com

05/08/08

7am

Wichita bars and restaurants are not the only places reacting to the city council's approval of a smoking ban this week. The ban prohibits smoking in all businesses that allow minors that includes bowling alleys. The owner of Rose Bowl West says his customers won't be thrilled But he says he'd rather the city force a ban then do it himself and lose customers. He could allow smoking if he kept out kids but he says that's not an option. This computer recycling center says it won't allow its employees to smoke anymore because they sell too many computers to people under 18. The ban goes into effect at the end of august.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

05/12/08

7am

A two-year-old run over a family member behind the wheel on Mother's Day ends in tragedy for a Wichita family. The accident happened Sunday In the 12-hundred block of North West Street. When police arrived they found the boy in critical condition. By the time he got to the hospital he had died. Investigators say it all appears to be an accident. Police say the driver was related to the boy but won't say how. Their car was parked about a half a block from the driveway but officers won't comment on why it was so far away.

05/15/08

7am

Governor Sebelius signs a bill tightening the state's regulation of doctors. It's largely in response to Doctor Stephen Schneider who is linked to more than 50 patient deaths. The new law allows the board of healing arts to act more quickly and make sanctions after a single complaint. In the past, the board had said state law required it to document a pattern before sanctioning a doctor. The new law takes effect July 1st.

05/21/08

7am

We wanted to know whose responsibility is it to have a working smoke detector. FactFinder 12 found by law a landlord must provide a working smoke detector when you move in. But once you're living there it's your job to make sure it continues to work. If you test the detector and it doesn't work tell the landlord so it can be fixed or replaced. The Wichita fire department says renters often assume landlords test smoke detectors regularly. You should check your smoke detector every other month and change the batteries twice a year.

05/23/08

7am

You can stay ahead of any severe weather in your area with Text Me 12. Plus get your daily personal forecast sent to you. Register for both are free at www.kwch.com

05/28/08

7am

Monday night's storms are to blame for a fire at a Wichita retirement community. Fire investigators say lightning started a fire at this five-plex at Chaucer Estates retirement village. One unit was completely destroyed several others had smoke damage. No one was hurt. Damages are estimated at a quarter million dollars.

05/29/08

7am

The teenage mom had another option one many people might not know about. The state's safe haven law. It allows parents to leave a baby up to 45 days old, with staff at fire stations, health departments and hospitals. If the baby is well-cared, not abused - they can drop off the child without facing criminal charges. After making sure the baby is okay workers immediately notify child protective services and law enforcement.

06/03/08

7am

Today the Wichita city council holds its second reading to approve a city wide smoking ban. It would make any business where minors can enter smoke free. Or businesses could have a smoking room with separate ventilation. The ban goes into effect the end of August.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

06/09/08

7am

Wind and hail from storms last night caused some damage in Butler County. Winds near 100-miles-per-hour knocked down trees and branches in Douglass damaging at least one house. Wind and hail damaged out-buildings and cars at the El Dorado correctional facility. Administrators at the prison say the main complex was not affected.

06/11/08

8am

150 cases of salmonella poisoning some right here in Kansas and all connected to tomatoes. The head of the Food and Drug Administration says investigators are close to finding the source of the outbreak. They're testing tomatoes at a lab in California and hope to pinpoint the source in a few days. Most grocery stores, restaurants and fast food chains pulled tomatoes trying to keep customers safe.

06/20/08

7am

Back here in Kansas while we're lucky and haven't seen all the flooding that folks in Iowa and Missouri have we have seen a lot of rain recently. And all that rain has towns watching the rivers. Arkansas City is in a bad place surrounded by both the Arkansas and the Walnut River. Both are at or near flood stage. Forcing people there to take some precautions like shutting some storm water gates. Workers will also watch the forecast closely because any rain to the north will flow downstream. Here in Wichita waters levels along streams such as the Cowskin Creek are up but they're not supposed to hit flood stage.

06/23/08

7am

A deadly crash in Wyoming kills a man from Wichita. Investigators say a driver fell asleep at the wheel near Cody, drifted into on-coming traffic and hit Clarence and Debra Pugh head on. They were riding a motorcycle. Clarence died on the scene Debra was critically hurt. The driver who hit them was hurt, as well.

06/24/08

7am

The Wichita Police Department is receiving more pit bull calls. In 2004 66 percent of all dogs it encountered were pit bulls, in 2006 it was 74 percent and in 2007 it was 87 percent.

06/25/08

7am

It's the time of year for lots of bug spray to protect you from mosquitoes. The state has seen lots of rain and flooding creating a breeding ground for the pesky insects. Although there have been no confirmed cases this season you can run the risk of getting infected with West Nile Virus. Experts say there's not much that can be done to prevent mosquitoes it's up to you to protect yourself with things like bug spray containing DEET. You can kill larvae by putting mosquito "dunks" in standing water.

06/26/08

7am

Health officials have confirmed nearly a dozen Salmonella cases in the Harvey County area and they expect that number to rise. Investigators linked the illnesses to one restaurant in the county. But they say it passed a recent inspection and there were no traces of the bacteria. The Salmonella cases are not related to recent tomato outbreak.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

06/27/08

7am

You could see the smoke for miles. After the Valley Center plant explosion a Federal Review Board found static sparked the Barton Solvents explosion. Today the board gave its final report explaining where the static came from. The company says the soil on the site is now free of contamination. It has also made modifications to its Kansas City plant to eliminate the chance of explosion even if faulty equipment causes static electricity.

06/30/08

7am

We now know what made 14 people sick at an Applebees in Wichita. Friday night the manager of the restaurant on West Central, called 911 saying his workers had headaches and were sick to their stomach. The fire department says a broken water heater filled the restaurant with carbon monoxide. No customers got sick. But four workers went to the hospital in serious condition. The restaurant reopened Saturday after receiving the all clear.

POLITICS Q-2

04/03/08

7am

The city of Mulvane sues Sumner County for its casino endorsements. Mulvane wants the Penn National and Marvel Gaming proposals thrown out. Last year Sumner County Commissioners endorsed the two wellington proposals but not those in Mulvane. Mulvane says the county commission breached an agreement by not endorsing all qualified proposals. The county has 20 days to respond.\

04/04/08

7am

The Kansas Supreme Court struck it down. Now Governor Sebelius has signed a new version of the funeral picketing bill. The new law bans protests within 150 feet of a funeral, one hour before, during and two hours after the service. The law is aimed at a church in Topeka that protests soldier's funerals.

04/18/08

7am

Governor Sebelius vetoes a bill allowing two coal fired power plants for the second time. Like the one she rejected last month; this latest bill would have allowed sunflower electric to build the power plants near Holcomb in southwest Kansas. It also would have stripped power from the secretary of health and environment the person who denied the company permits to build last year. Sebelius criticized supporters for not working for a compromise. Supporters need two-thirds majority in both the Senate and House to override her veto.

04/21/08

7am

Construction begins on the state capital to repair the building's crumbling exterior. The 4-year project will cost 39 million dollars. Crews will wash the rock surface this month and begin bringing in cotton-wood limestone next month to replace the damaged stonework. It should protect the exterior of the building for 50 years.

04/22/08

7am

Farmers are busy right now working in the fields while lawmakers hash out their future. President Bush gave Congress till Friday to reach an agreement on the farm bill. The federal disaster crop program and conservation land are among the details still to be worked out. Subsidies are a highly contested issue...who should get them, how much and when. Lists are available online of who benefits many are landowners who live in the city and aren't actively farming. After months of battling farmers' focuses are elsewhere. If an agreement can't be reached, lawmakers will extend the current, some argue more costly farm bill. If you want to check the farm subsidy database to see who's benefiting; Log onto our website at www.kwch.com

04/23/08

7am

This summer you'll be able to own weapons that have always been illegal in Kansas. Governor Sebelius has signed a bill legalizing machine guns, fully-automatic weapons, sawed off shotguns and silencers. Some gun shop owners say they support the law... since they will make more money selling weapons. But the bill will require a lot more paperwork. Collectors say the price of such weapons typically around 20-thousand dollars will also limit sales. The new law takes effect July first.

05/14/08

8am

The Wichita Mayor announces the first candidate for city manager. Pat Salerno is the former city manager of Sunrise, Florida. He spent 17 years there before resigning this year. He graduated from University of Oklahoma. Salerno will interview for Wichita City Manager next Monday and Tuesday. For a look at his complete resume go to www.kwch.com

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

05/19/08

7am

Developers will be in Topke today to talk casinos; all four developers from Sumner County and both developers from Dodge City present their case to the Lottery Commission for why their proposal is the best. Developers must have at least three years of experience in running table games and electronic gaming. They have to be current on all of their taxes. Show that they can pay for the project and have a local endorsement. The commission will make its decision by May 27th.

05/22/08

7am

There won't be an attempt to override the governors' latest veto of a coal-plant bill. The measure would have allowed two coal-fired power plants in Southwest Kansas. Kansas House Speaker Melvin Neufeld says there won't be enough members at next Thursday's adjournment session to make an attempt possible. This was the third measure allowing the coal plants that the governor vetoed.

05/23/08

7am

Wichita is ready to hire a new city manager and is starting negotiations with the top candidate. Patrick Salerno came to town this week meeting city council members and taking questions from the public. Mayor Carl Brewer says the city council is ready to make a deal. Salerno worked 18 years as city manager in Sunrise Florida; Brewer says Salerno brings experience and new ideas and can take Wichita where it wants to go.

06/23/08

7am

Governor Sebelius will be in Wichita today for a ceremonial signing of two bills. One will involve the custody of children of deployed military personnel. It affects people such as Captain Tira Boulder; she's an army reserve nurse. She's also a mom who's divorced. And when she was deployed to Iraq she worried about losing custody of her son. A lot of divorced people in the military have that same issue; that's why Boulder's brother pushed to get this new bill passed. The bill is based on a similar one out of North Carolina. It goes into effect July first.

06/26/08

8am

Voter registration and turnout are up this year. And a group of high school students hopes to continue that trend beyond the November election. The kids of "Run To Vote" make a pit stop in Wichita. The group is traveling from North Carolina to the 48 continental states registering people to vote. For every person they register a member of the group will run a quarter of a mile. The students are from Granville Central High School in Stem, North Carolina.

06/27/08

7am

This state's congressmen are putting lots of pressure on the Pentagon right now. They've introduced a bill that says the Pentagon won't get money to build new refueling tankers unless Boeing gets the work or the contract is re-bid. It's the latest thing the congressmen are doing to make sure Boeing gets the 35 billion dollar contract to replace the aging fleet of K-C 135's. Last week a government report found the air force make mistakes when awarding the work a Boeing rival. The Pentagon hasn't decided yet whether to hold a new competition for the contract.

POLITIVS Q-2 cont.

06/30/08

7am

This week Wichita city council gives its final approval to loan money to the Oldtown Warren Theatre. Two weeks ago, the council voted unanimously to loan the theatre six million dollars. This week, they'll have a second reading on the vote. The Oldtown Warren says its lost money since it opened in 2003. One project the loan will pay for is converting Oscar's Bar and Grill into a sixth theatre. It will cost tax payers an estimated One-point-two million dollars.

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CRIME Q-2

04/02/08

10pm

Roger, you know sometimes it's just easier to go into your house through the garage but when you go inside and leave your garage door open, you leave your car and home wide open to getting hit by burglars. They come up to your car and take whatever they can... And they're gone in just seconds. In West Wichita this afternoon, we found plenty of people with their garages wide open. And that's an open invitation to let people take what they want. We spoke with several people who'd been hit in the last few months and all say they were just inside their homes for a few minutes. But it takes seconds for someone to steal your things and you could be just feet away from them while they do it. Since January burglars have stolen about 30 vehicles. The keys were sitting in the ignition and the garage was wide open. Now you're probably thinking you don't leave your garage open at night, so you won't get hit. More than half these burglaries happened during the day.

04/04/08

10pm

She strangled a pregnant woman, and then cut the unborn child from her womb. Today Lisa Montgomery was sentenced for it. Police arrested her after she tried to pass Bobbie Jo Stinnet's baby off as her own. Today Stinnet's family was in court as a judge sentenced Montgomery to death. Montgomery is the third woman to be placed on federal death row.

4/05/08

10pm

Wichita police look for the person they say shot a man in the face this morning. We open the crime watch in the 17-hundred block of East Morris. That's where a woman says someone shot her boyfriend in a parking lot outside max's bar and grill. Police have not released the 23-year-old's name. Paramedics took the victim to Saint Francis Hospital in critical condition. Police want anyone who may have seen what happened to contact the department or Crime Stoppers.

04/06/08

10pm

Opening up the CrimeWatch...shots are fired at a south Wichita club overnight. A.J. Bryant the owner of Club LaFaye says at least two of those shots hit the building while people were inside. Luckily, no one was hurt. But someone was hurt early Saturday morning at another bar Bryant manages Max's Bar and Grille. There a 23 year-old man was shot in the face in the club parking lot. The man was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

04/08/08

10pm

What's in your medicine cabinet? And, are your children using it to get high? The Reno County Sheriff says more and more kids are. That's why it held a town hall meeting tonight to raise awareness. It focused on over-the-counter cough medicine. If too much is taken it can have dangerous effects especially when mixed with alcohol or other drugs. The best thing to do is safeguard your medicine cabinet. Know what kind of drugs you have in it and how much.

04/09/08

10pm

It's a badge of honor for those wounded in combat. But a Wichita man who didn't earn a Purple Heart claimed one. 58-year-old Albert Barker did it to get increased veterans benefits. He pleaded guilty and now faces up to a year in federal prison and fines. He'll be sentenced in July. We were unable to track down Albert Barker for comment. Over the past two years the FBI said it's received more than 700 complaints about phony veterans or ex-military personnel with medals they never received.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/10/08

10pm

It helps needy families by supplying food. But thieves hit the Kansas Foodbank warehouse stripping 35 dollars worth of copper from the building and doing thousands of dollars of damage. The food bank thinks it will be covered by insurance.

04/11/08

10pm

A body is exhumed in Hutchinson; a first in Reno County in at least 20 years. A court order this week forced the cemetery to exhume 71-year-old Gerald Steele. Steele died two weeks ago at the hospital. A family member tells us they wanted an autopsy but couldn't afford one. The district attorney says new information now warranted an autopsy. It was performed today and Steele was re-buried. The D.A. said it could be 30 days before autopsy results are back.

04/12/08

10pm

Authorities in Reno County arrest 30 people on drug charges. The charges stem from a 3-month review of pharmacy records. Officers booked the suspects for buying more than the legal limit of pseudoephedrine; a key ingredient in meth. The raid is the first major operation under the Matt Samuels Act. The law is named after the Greenwood county sheriff shot to death while serving a warrant on a suspected meth lab.

04/13/08

10pm

We open the CrimeWatch in West Wichita where according to police; a man is stabbed defending his friend. Paramedics rushed the 27-year-old to the hospital with cuts to his arm and back. Police say someone stabbed him during a fight on North Millwood this morning. Witnesses say the attackers left the area in a white Oldsmobile Alero. Police have not made any arrests.

04/14/08

10pm

Also in Ark City police want to know who went on a tire slashing spree. Nearly 40 people woke up Saturday to find their tires flat. Vandals concentrated on a few city blocks...hitting nearly every vehicle on the street. For those who had to buy new tires the cost adds up. Total damage is around 8-thousand dollars. Police want to hear anyone who may have information about the crime.

04/15/08

10pm

Accused of an inappropriate relationship with a student the Valley Center school board approves a coach's resignation. Last month we told you Valley Center high school baseball coach and PE teacher Jay Miller turned in his resignation. The school is not commenting because it's a personnel matter. Police say they have not found anything criminal, but say they still have to interview the 18 year old girl involved.

04/16/08

10pm

A child died in her care now a Wichita daycare provider faces charges. Jessica Cummings is charged with involuntary manslaughter. One year old Kailee Hundley died when Cummings left her in a car seat that was too small. Hundley's family is disappointed with the charges. They say Cummings will likely get probation.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/17/08

10pm

A judge dismisses a racial profiling case against the Wichita police department. Aaron Patterson said police pulled him over because he was talking to a known drug dealer. Officers say it was because he made a traffic violation. A new state statute paved the way for Paterson to sue the officers and the city. A judge found no basis for either case and threw out both. It's the first time the new state racial profiling law has been interpreted.

04/18/08

10pm

Club managers say they can't do anything about last night's shooting. So things will be business as usual tonight at Club Rodeo. Last night police say two men got in a fight over a parking spot. One man was shot over it. He was hit in the neck. Officers arrested suspects a few miles from the club. The club says it can't do anything about what people have in their cars and isn't planning any extra security tonight.

04/20/08

10pm

The search is on for hundreds of pounds of seafood that was stolen from this Wichita shop. The owner says the boxes disappeared this weekend during a regular morning delivery. She worries the thieves may be selling it on the streets. The seafood must be kept at an exact temperature -- otherwise people eating it could get sick. The boxes contained a variety of seafood including salmon and halibut.

04/22/08

10pm

04/22/08

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Defense attorneys say he can't get a fair trial and they want a change of venue. They believe people in Cowley County already have their minds made up about Justin Thurber. He is charged with capital murder in the death of 19 year old Jodi Sanderholm. Tomorrow morning, his attorneys will ask for a change of venue. They say Thurber's case has had so much media coverage he can't get a fair jury in Cowley County. Prosecutors disagree and say moving the trial could cost the county thousands of dollars. People we talked to disagree over whether Thurber can get a fair trial there. The judge hasn't specified when he'll make a decision on the change of venue. Defense attorneys are also asking the judge to push back the June trial date.

04/23/08

10pm

Can he get a fair trial? Tonight a judge is deciding. Justin Thurber's charged with the capital murder of Jodi Sanderholm. A defense witness says nearly 89 percent of people surveyed in Cowley County are angered by the murder and 87 percent already think Thurber is guilty. Prosecutors argued against the change of venue motion. Defense attorneys say the case has had so much media coverage he can't have a fair trial in Cowley County. The judge is still deciding on the change of venue. He did grant a motion to continue the trial to a later date -- but didn't set a new trial date.

04/24/08

10pm

Wichita State's Baseball coach is accused of stalking. Last month Joanna Case filed a protection from stalking order against Gene Stephenson. In it she says he called her incessantly over the last year and would show up unannounced at her home. She says his behavior made her fear her safety. A judge granted the temporary order. Next month Stephenson will be in court to tell his side. He says her story is not true and statements hurt him and his family.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/25/08

10pm

More than 3-hundred times last year; someone reported a sexual assault in Sedgwick County. Tonight a march to reclaim what the victims lost. Victims of sexual assault and their supporters march through old town to "take back the night" and raise awareness about sexual violence. T-shirts here represent those who reported a rape or sexual assault. The message on the shirts; tell how they feel. Kansas attorney general Steve Six came to Wichita to support the March. He says it shows the magnitude of the problem but also that there is support to turn victims.

04/27/08

10pm

Wichita Police arrest a woman after finding an elderly woman she was taking care of left alone. We open the CrimeWatch in West Wichita where police used search dogs to look for 88-year-old Virginia Judd after someone reported her missing Saturday morning. A relative found Judd a few hours later at home in south Wichita. Police are now looking into whether the caretaker dropped Judd off at the home and left. Paramedics took Judd to saint Joe with minor injuries. Officers booked the caretaker into jail on a charge of mistreating a dependent adult.

04/29/07

10pm

It's a place for boys who have been in trouble with the law. A FactFinder 12 investigation found the state is looking into whether they were abused. Camelot Lakeside Academy near Lake Afton houses around 40 boys. Nearly half are being temporarily placed with other programs. The facility used to be King's Camp. This month Camelot took over the program. Some current and former employees say new management is too rough with the boys. They say teens are improperly restrained and have been punched. Camelot officials say last week their staff used nationally recognized methods to diffuse a conflict. State officials are investigating whether it was abuse.

04/30/08

10pm

More people come forward after our FactFinder 12 investigation into allegations of abuse at this treatment center for troubled boys. The state is investigating Camelot lakeside academy near Lake Afton. Eighteen boys have been temporarily removed from the facility. One parent tells us he believes his son was mistreated there. Camelot is cooperating with the investigation. It maintains staff members used nationally recognized methods to diffuse a conflict.

05/02/08

10pm

Six kids infested with head lice are removed from their Newton home. Police came here this week to tell a mother her kids needed to be picked up from school. They say the home's in horrible condition. The water was shut off two weeks ago but the toilet was still being used. The school nurse treated each child so the head lice wouldn't spread to others when they were taken to the Wichita Children's Home.

05/04/08

10pm

A six hour standoff in hutch ends with tear gas. It started around 8:30 this morning on East Avenue B. That's where they say the armed man barricaded himself and five children inside a home. The oldest child escaped. Authorities managed to free the other four children. Police used tear gas to end the standoff. He faces kidnapping and aggravated assault charges.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/07/08

10pm

A doctor's clinic is shut down while police try to get a burglar to come out. A broken window in the pharmacy area triggered the alarm at the Hutchinson clinic at 5am. When police arrived they saw a man inside who climbed up on the roof and into the ventilation system. While officers spent several hours trying to locate the burglar hundreds of appointments had to be canceled. The 22 year old man surrendered peacefully. The clinic will be back open for business tomorrow. Those who missed appointments today are asked to call and reschedule.

05/09/08

10pm

Four people arrested as officers conduct another sex sting at a Wichita park. It happened in Chisholm Creek Park along 32nd and Oliver. Police say it was prompted by complaints from people visiting the park. Four people were arrested accused of taking part in public sex acts. Last month officers carried out another sting at the same park arresting seven men.

05/10/08

10pm

Investigators look for a man they say tied up two clerks at Aldi's Grocery in West Wichita. Police say security tapes show the man entering the store about ten minutes after it closed Friday night. Investigators say the man held the clerks at gun point while he emptied the safe. He ran off with the money. The employees are okay.

05/11/08

10pm

Border agents arrest Hutchinson man 20-years after he skipped town on a vehicular homicide charge. Agents arrested Miguel Rangelzubia as he tried to re-enter the United States from Mexico. The Reno County District Attorney says Rangelzubia crashed his car on New Years day 1988 killing his passenger. Police reports indicated alcohol and speed were involved in the crash. The Sheriff's Department says Rangelzubia waived extradition. He'll be brought back to Hutchinson for trial.

05/13/08

10pm

He served as an officer for nearly 20 years. Now the former Ellis Police Chief pleads guilty in a sex sting. Dennis Nowlin says he's guilty of lewd and lascivious behavior at this Wichita, adult theater. In December he was one of five people officers arrested in a sweep. A judge sentenced Nowlin to one year probation.

05/14/08

10pm

Tomorrow opening statements begin in the trial of a man accused of killing a pregnant Wichita teenager. Ted Burnett is charged with the capital murder of 14 year old Chelsea Brooks. Attorneys spent the last 10 days picking 42 potential jurors. Then this afternoon finalized the 12 members who will hear the case. Burnett is one of three men charged with killing Brooks. Prosecutors say the father of her baby hired Burnett to kill her.

05/16/08

10pm

Police receive a second threatening letter. This time they trace it back to a 14 year old boy. The teen admitted leaving two letters at this apartment complex. In the letters he claimed responsibility for the shooting of an off duty officer back in March. Police say he wasn't the shooter. They say he wrote the letters because he was upset with his parents. The District Attorney will decide next week whether he should be charged.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/17/08

10pm

A 15-year-old rolls his Camaro trying to outrun a Sheriff's Deputy. The highway patrol says the driver lost control going over a railroad crossing in Harper County. The car flipped coming to rest on its wheels. The driver and one of his passengers suffered minor injuries. A 16-year-old passenger has more serious injuries.

05/18/08

10pm

The prosecution's main witness in the Chelsea Brooks' murder trial takes the stand tomorrow. We open the CrimeWatch this Sunday with...Theodore Burnett facing the death penalty for killing the pregnant Wichita teen. Prosecutors say the father of Brooks' unborn child hired Burnett to kill her for 5-hundred dollars. Prosecutors say Everett Gentry arranged the deal. He pleaded guilty and the state recommended life in prison in exchange for his testimony. Eyewitness News will be in the courtroom for the entire trial. You can watch each day's events and Gentry's testimony tomorrow on kwch.com

05/19/08

10pm

He says they planned her murder for months, even scouted places to bury her body. Today Everett Gentry took the stand to testify against Ted Burnett. Burnett is accused of strangling 14-year-old Chelsea Brooks. Prosecutors say gentry's best friend and the father of Brooks' unborn child wanted her killed. Gentry said he offered Burnett five hundred dollars in cash and drugs to strangle her. After picking Brooks up from a south Wichita skating rink; Gentry says Burnett wrapped an electronics cord around the girl's neck. Gentry said Brooks yelled his name once and struggled until losing consciousness. Gentry said it only took a minute before Brooks lost consciousness and it looked like she was trying to breathe when the men buried her. Gentry said Burnett put a plastic sack over the girl's head to make sure she suffocated.

05/20/08

10pm

Prosecutors try to connect a man to a pregnant Wichita teen's murder. Ted Burnett is one of three men charged with the capital murder of 14-year-old Chelsea Brooks. Prosecutors say Burnett was hired to kill the girl by the father of her unborn child. Prosecutors say cell phone records show another man was with Brooks the night she died. But police detectives say Burnett's girlfriend told them just a few days after Brooks' body was found Burnett called her from jail asking for an alibi. Trudy Guthrie denied that today in court. Tomorrow, prosecutors are expected to show jurors more pictures of the site where Brooks' body was found and pictures of her autopsy.

05/21/08

10pm

Attorneys for both sides wrap up their cases in the trial of a man accused of killing a pregnant Wichita teenager. Ted Burnett is one of three men charged with the capital murder of 14-year-old Chelsea Brooks. Brooks' mother and family members were in tears this morning as prosecutors showed pictures of the girl's gravesite and body. Prosecutors say the father of Brooks' unborn child hired Burnett to kill her for drugs and money. The former Sedgwick County coroner says Brooks died slowly when her killer tied an electronics cord into a knot around her neck. Attorneys plan to spend tomorrow morning giving jury instructions and closing arguments. Jurors are expected to have the case by mid-day.

05/22/08

10pm

Jurors deliberate the fate of a man accused of killing a pregnant Wichita teen. Ted Burnett is one of three men charged with the capital murder of 14-year-old Chelsea Brooks. Prosecutors say the father of Brooks' unborn child wanted her killed. Everett Gentry says he set up a deal with Burnett to strangle the girl in exchange for cash and drugs. Burnett's attorneys point out there's no physical evidence linking Burnett to the murder. Prosecutors say they've confirmed Gentry's story.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/25/08

10pm

Police in Coffeyville investigate the shooting of a man in an apartment. Police say 26-year-old Antonio Murry died Friday. Investigators say he'd been shot several times. Police are not saying if they have any suspects or if any arrests have been made.

05/27/08

10pm

A volunteer who helped an inmate escape has served her time. Toby Young is out of custody after almost two years in prison and a halfway house. Young helped convicted killer John Manard escape from the prison in Lansing; sneaking him out in a crate she used for a dog training program at the prison. Young will be on probation for three years.

05/28/08

10pm

McPherson Police say a teen mother will be charged for putting her baby in the trash. Yesterday officers found the six week old wrapped in a blanket in a dumpster. Today police say she'll be charged with child endangerment. Family members tell us the mother is bi-polar. She is in protective custody for a mental evaluation. The baby is alive and healthy and is in protective custody at the hospital.

05/29/08

10pm

There's enough evidence to send a day care provider to trial. Jessica Cummings is charged with involuntary manslaughter. Kailee was three pounds heavier than recommended for the car seat Cummings put her in to sleep. An autopsy determined if Cummings would have used both top and bottom strap Kailee would likely still be alive. Trial is set for August.

06/03/08

10pm

Police say she put her baby in the trash. Now a teenage mother is charged. Last month officers found her six week old in a dumpster after the mother reported her kidnapped. Today 18 year old Diedre Harman was arrested and charged with child abandonment and child endangerment. Her family admits the teen is bi-polar and is fighting to get custody of the baby.

06/04/08

10pm

A foreign exchange student testifies against the teacher he says molested him. Former Buhler high debate Coach Richard Young is charged with indecent liberties. In a preliminary hearing today-the student says Young asked him to email him a naked picture of himself from Korea. Once he got to Kansas the teenager says Young talked about sex in the car ride from the airport. And after the teen had been living in Buhler for two days, he says Young touched his penis. Tomorrow, the teen is expected to continue testifying.

06/08/05

10pm

A man is recovering tonight from stab wounds he received at Towne East Mall. Police say the 20-year-old man was shopping with his family when several men assaulted him. It happened around five o'clock outside Von Maur. Paramedics took him to a Wichita hospital with wounds to his neck and back. Investigators questioned witnesses at the scene. Officers have not made any arrests.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/09/08

10pm

A crime wave hits rural Kansas. Now authorities ask farmers to pull the keys from parked farm equipment. The Sumner County Sheriff says one group of thieves stole at least thirteen trucks from these five different counties. The sheriff says the group drove down rural roads looking for vehicles with keys left inside. After thieves stole equipment and a pickup from his neighbors one veterinarian says the men broke into his clinic stealing checks and a computer. Even though some of the members of the ring have been caught the vet added extra security to his building. The Sumner County Sheriff is also looking for 28-year-old Dominic Voelker. Voelker was arrested for the thefts last week and violated probation shortly after bonding out of jail.

06/11/08

10pm

A man grabs two women and sexually assaults them in broad day light. It's happened twice on Douglas in downtown Wichita. This morning the man grabbed a woman in her 20's walking in the 100 block of East Douglas. He fondled her between her legs. A similar situation happened Friday a few blocks away. Police are concerned and want you to be aware of your surroundings and walk in groups. Here's a description of the man police are looking for. He's slender in his mid to late 20's with brown hair. He's described as five-five to five nine with crooked teeth and tattoos of Asian writing around his arm. If you have any information call police.

06/14/08

10pm

Police in Garden City are urging people to look at their money closely before spending it. Investigators say several phony 20's have shown up around town in recent days. Police say the bills have an obvious flaw the back side is printed upside down. If you come across one of these bills contact Garden City police.

06/15/08

10pm

To south Wichita now, where police say two family members started fighting over who should drive after a night of heavy drinking. Officers say one of the men stabbed the other during the argument on south Davidson. Doctors treated the 25-year-old victim for none-life threatening injuries. Police took his cousin into custody for aggravated battery.

06/16/08

10pm

Three Heavenly Snow Cone shacks robbed or burglarized over the last week. Now police think they have their man. The latest hit was yesterday; that's where to employees say a man with a knife came up to the back door of this stand and demanded money. Heavenly Snow owner Joy Wood says police told her they made an arrest and believes the suspect to be a former employee. Wood says she lost about six hundred dollars in the crimes. She says she will be making safety procedure changes to she shacks.

06/20/08

10pm

Prosecutors may have to retry hundreds of juvenile cases. The Kansas Supreme Court reversed its own 24 year old ruling. In 1984 the court decided juveniles didn't have a constitutional right to a jury trial now the court says they do. Justices believe Legislators have changed the juvenile system over the years making it more like the adult criminal system. The ruling also applies to juvenile cases still pending.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/24/08

10pm

A surprise decision by the Kansas Supreme Court has county governments scrambling to find money. Last week the Court ruled juveniles have a constitutional right to a jury trial. The decision is expected to hit Sedgwick County especially hard. The new juvenile facility is not designed to hold jury trials to make it happen will cost money the county doesn't have. Welshimer says the commission has not made a decision. The ruling affects all pending juvenile cases and will apply to all those filed in the future.

06/25/08

10pm

Out of thousands of people on death row across the country only two of them are there for a crime other than murder. Patrick Kennedy is one of them. The New Orleans native was sentenced to die for raping his eight-year-old stepdaughter. But today the U.S. Supreme Court said that sentence is unconstitutional because it violates a ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Justices say death for child rapists is not a "proportional punishment", some prosecutors disagree. That's the argument from death penalty opponents who worry a death sentence would give attackers a reason to murder. Right now Louisiana is the only state actively pursuing execution for child rapists. It passed the law in 1995 allowing death for the rape of children under 12. That went against a 1977 Supreme Court decision that banned executions for rape.

06/26/08

10pm

A deadly apartment fire is now a homicide investigation. 26 year old Shawn Ormsbee died last month at a fire in Slate Creek Apartments. Newton police now say it was arson. Tonight his fiancé is asks for your help to find the person who set the fire. Two people were seen running from the area moments after the fire but it was dark so there's not much of a description. That night Shawn and his fiancée Sharron Fisher were watching movies when they smelled smoke. They checked the apartment, found nothing, opened the front door to find smoke coming from the stairwell. Sharron jumped from the second story to escape the flames and thought Shawn was right behind her. There is a 75 hundred dollar reward in the case. If you know anything, call Harvey County Crimestoppers or 1-800-KS-CRIME.

06/27/08

10pm

The State Supreme Court reprimands a Sedgwick County Judge for losing her temper. In 2004 judge Rebecca Pilshaw got angry after two jurors were dismissed from a murder trial. She said, "All right does anybody else want to mess with me, just thought I would ask". Today the Supreme Court issued a censure to judge Pilshaw. It says her actions constituted judicial misconduct.

06/28/08

10pm

The search continues for the man Sheriff's Deputies say held a Viola woman captive for three days. Joyce Patterson returned home yesterday after speaking with investigators. She vanished Monday from the convenience store where she worked. Patterson was dropped off Thursday night at her pastor's home in East Wichita. The man authorities are looking for is white, around 40-years-old and about six feet tall. He's got a heavy build and has a beard and moustache. He may be driving a gray or blue two door car with the passenger seat missing. Patterson told investigators the man owns a black dog named either Zeus or Seuss. Patterson says she was kept at a building close to railroad tracks. If you have any information about this case contact the Sedgwick County Sheriff.

06/29/08

10pm

Wichita Police search for three men they say robbed a woman at gunpoint last night. It happened in the 400 block of North Hoover. That's where police say the men kicked in the woman's door looking for the person who used to live there. Investigators say the men locked the woman in a bathroom while they looted the place. The woman is okay, police have not made any arrests.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/30/08

10pm

They say his sentences are not tough enough on sex offenders. New tonight...people protest a Shawnee County Judge. Judge Dowd plans to retire in September. He has decided not to hear anymore sex crime trials before then. More than 60 people gathered at the Shawnee County courthouse to call for Judge Matthew Dowd's resignation. Last week he sentenced two child rapists to less time than what legal guidelines allow. One received supervised probation for raping a six and seven year old. Rape victim Michelle didn't want us to show her face but still wanted to be heard. She says giving probation to a sexual predator is not serving the community.

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/03/08

10pm

One of the nation's top dog shows happens in Sedgwick County this weekend. It's at the coliseum, today through Sunday. About 2,500 dogs will compete for various titles that will be awarded. Some artists are looking for a best in show too. That's right, there's an art exhibit featuring paintings and sculptures. All the pieces are of dogs. Judges looking at the artwork say it had to meet two criteria. The dog show lasts through Sunday.

04/04/08

10pm

Three airlines go out of business a fourth one cuts back on flights. It all happens just days before Wichita State researchers release their annual airline quality rating. Doctor Dean Headley says low cost carrier Air Tran is keeping fares reasonable in Wichita. Air Tran just posted record profits and is the only airline among the 16 he studied that lowered its lost luggage rate last year.

04/08/08

10pm

At Allen Field House the team gathers around a "Jayhawk" in their locker room before games. So what does the team do on the road? Wichitan Mary Easton-White made the team a Jayhawk rug to travel with. It goes to every away game the basketball team goes to, and it made its TV debut in this year's tournament. Easton-White got the idea six years ago, after learning the team assembled around a towel for away games. Easton-White gave the rug to then-coach Roy Williams.

04/09/08

10pm

Wichita Police ask for your help to find a missing woman. 49-year-old Reena Mullick hasn't been seen since yesterday. Family members think new medication may be to blame for her disappearance. She's five-foot-one, one hundred fifteen pounds. If you see her call 911.

04/10/08

10pm

15 months in Iraq; this is the day hundreds of people have been waiting for the soldier's homecoming. These 205 are the first to arrive but not the last. In the next few weeks 44 hundred more will return home. After a brief ceremony these troops were released to their families for hugs, tears and pictures. They'll be at Fort Riley for another month then they'll get 30 days family leave time. Another homecoming was set for 8:30 tonight another 3:30 Friday morning.

04/11/08

10pm

Divers search a pond for a missing woman but find nothing. Reena Mullick was last seen Tuesday. Today divers searched the pond behind her house for hours. Earlier this week, detectives found a slipper floating in the water. Mullick started taking a new medication last week...and her family thinks that may have caused her disappearance. Her husband says it's good to rule out the pond. Police say there's no evidence of foul play in Reena Mullick's disappearance. If you have any information on where she is call 911.

04/12/08

10pm

The celebration continues in Lawrence as the city extends tomorrow's victory parade for the Jayhawks. Up to one-hundred thousand people could show up. The parade will now go from 7th and Mass to 19th Street. From there the team heads west toward campus. The parade starts at three. For more information on parking and photos of the last victory parade 20-years ago; go to www.kwch.com

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

04/14/08

10pm

Another group of soldiers returns home to Kansas. About 250 Fort Riley soldiers were welcomed home with this loud reception yesterday; they spent 15 months in Iraq, captured more than 200 insurgents and repaired Iraqi sewer, water and electrical systems. These soldiers are some of the 44 hundred that began returning home last week to Fort Riley.

04/16/08

10pm

Park City loses its battle to annex the Wichita Greyhound Park. The land currently belongs to the county. Today an appeals court dismisses Park City's appeal for the annexation saying it was untimely.

04/18/08

10pm

You can take the woman out of the TV station, but can you teach her to build? Staff members at KWCH volunteered today on a Habitat for Humanity house being built by women. It's in the final stages. Today we were measuring and cutting, nailing up trim and installing cabinets. Most of us have never done any type of construction before-but you learn, and everyone contributes to the project. Habitat hopes to build 16 houses this year.

04/19/08

10pm

This grain elevator stood for decades but fell in seconds. Dozens gathered to watch the final section come down this afternoon in Hutchinson. A wrecking ball knocked down the elevator's silos but a demolition crew needed explosives to bring down the rest of it. The original part of the elevator was built back in the late 1930's.

04/21/08

10pm

Call it a sign of the times; you can actually buy identity theft insurance. It doesn't protect you from becoming a victim of identity theft and does not cover monetary losses incurred as a result of it. Instead, identity theft insurance provides coverage for the cost of reclaiming your financial identity such as the costs of making phone calls, making copies, mailing documents, lost wages and hiring an attorney. Shredding paperwork with personal information on it is a good way to keep you from becoming a victim of identity theft. KWCH 12 is helping you do that with our shred-a-thon. It takes place this Saturday from nine to eleven in the morning. Bring the items you need shredded to either the east or west Office Depot location.

04/22/08

10pm

New tonight, video of the Topeka police chopper as it goes down. Surveillance video captured the chopper crashing in the Washburn University parking lot. The police unit was answering a call when it had a mechanical failure. While trying to make an emergency landing -- it hit a light pole and ended up on its side. The three people onboard weren't hurt. The department has grounded the chopper until all helicopter policies can be reviewed.

04/24/08

10pm

Have you tried buying a bag of rice lately? A worldwide shortage is leaving supplies short here in the U.S. Places like Sams and Costco aren't getting as many shipments and are now limiting how much you can buy. The retailers expect to still have rice on their shelves but say you'll probably have to pay more for it.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

04/25/08

10pm

It wasn't quite the Alamo Dome for the national title. But the seniors from KU's basketball team put on quite a show tonight in Wichita. The hawks took their barnstorming tour to East high school. After the national champs signed autographs, they took on the Wichita all-stars, including some Shocker players. It's fun for the players, and a real thrill for the fans. Spectators got in tonight for 10-dollars apiece. Money from tonight's event will benefit east high's baseball program.

04/26/08

10pm

A yard sale raises thousands of dollars for a Goddard couple battling cancer. Alison and Jeff Hoskins are both fighting the disease. Jeff is in remission. His wife is on her way to the Mayo Clinic for a bone marrow transplant. Friends and family hosted a yard sale for the couple today. The money raised will help the family's three kids. Organizers hoped to raise 10 thousand dollars. They passed that number by lunchtime. The final total; just over 20-thousand dollars, the money will help the family get by while Alison receives treatment in Minnesota.

04/27/08

10pm

Next Sunday marks one year since a tornado leveled Greensburg. This week we look back and look ahead. The early show broadcasts live from Greensburg beginning tomorrow morning. Matt Mauro and Felicia Rolfe will talk with the early show throughout the week as they help in the rebuilding effort. We'll also have a series of reports starting tomorrow on eyewitness news at six. President Bush will deliver the commencement address at the high school one week from today. He first visited the town days after the storm. Rebuilding Greensburg, One Year Later, all this week on Eyewitness News and www.kwch.com

04/28/08

10pm

Nearly one year ago an E-f 5 tornado ripped through the town of Greensburg. This week we'll show you Greensburg, one year later. See what's it like to start over, when your home and everything around you is destroyed? Tomorrow at six one family's story of moving out of the FEMA trailer into their own home. And the CBS Early Show will broadcast live from Greensburg each morning this week. You can catch that starting at seven.

04/29/08

10pm

A new team and a new way to enjoy them at the ball park; tonight was the first public appearance for the Wichita Wingnuts. Tonight fans got a chance to meet players, look at their merchandise and learn how to buy it. As we first told you in February, Lawrence Dumont is the first stadium in the country to go cashless. To buy anything at a game you'll have to purchase a prepaid card. The Wingnuts hope you give the new system and their team a chance. Players are tired of practice against each other and look forward to the season opener. The Wingnuts first game is May 7th against Souix City.

05/02/08

10pm

Flooding in Wichita's Old Town may soon come to an end. Last night's heavy rains flooded several roads. The city is replacing old sewer drains with large drain boxes. They should be able to drain as much as four times more water. Phase one is already underway stretching across Douglas from the canal route and into old town. Phase two begins Monday and reaches further into old town along second and Third Streets. The project is scheduled to be finished in February.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

05/03/08

10pm

Here are the events we will covering in Greensburg tomorrow. There will be a worship service in the morning; the ceremony starts at ten at Davis Park. President Bush will give the commencement address at the high school. You can watch the speech live on www.kwch.com starting around three. The town will end the day with a candlelight vigil at 9:30; the exact time the tornado hit one year ago.

05/04/08

10pm

The President had another duty today besides giving the commencement address in Greensburg. He presented Wichitan Buddy Shannon with the President's Volunteer Service Award. Shannon is a volunteer with Real Men, Real Heroes. The program honors African-American men who are role models in the community. Shannon visits area schools spreading his message.

05/09/08

10pm

All this mom needs this Mother's Day is her soldier son home. New tonight; a warm welcome for these troops at Mid-Continent Airport. They were deployed one year ago today. The homecoming is just in time for Jared Smith. He's getting married June 7th and can now help with any last minute plans. He was overwhelmed by the reception. The Patriot Guard gave the soldiers a flag signed by American Legion members from all over Kansas thanking them for their service.

05/13/08

10pm

New tonight; a Kansas police officer who died in the line of duty will be honored in Washington, DC. Robert Tim Buckman was killed trying to warn people of the Greensburg tornado. Buckman was going door to door to tell people to take cover when he drove right into the storm. The wind was so strong it picked up his car and tossed it into a field crushing it. This week his name will be added to the walls of the National Law Enforcement Memorial.

05/14/08

10pm

Tonight we're learning of the funeral arrangements set for a Kansas lawmaker. Representative Ted Powers suffered a stroke. He served at the House for 15 years. He was also a band teacher at Mulvane Middle School and High School. Visitation will be Friday from 1pm-8pm at Senter-Smith Mortuary in Mulvane. The funeral will be Saturday at 2pm at the Mulvane Christian Church.

05/17/08

10pm

There's good news tonight for the family of a Wichita teen with a rare skin disease. We first told you about Kyle Hicks last weekend. He suffers from a disease that prevents the layers of his skin from bonding. It also causes him to blister and develop sores. Now a hospital in Minnesota has found a bone marrow donor. A transplant from that person will help toughen Kyle's skin. His family still needs to raise money for the treatment. There will be a fundraiser for Kyle at Kensler Elementary at 3pm on Monday afternoon. To find out how you can help go to kwch.com

05/18/08

10pm

Tomorrow is your chance to question the first candidate for Wichita City Manager. His name is Patrick Salerno. He's the former city manager of Sunrise, Florida. A public forum with Salerno is scheduled for 5pm, at city hall. The 30-minute session will include comments by Salerno followed by written questions from the audience. If you can't go you can watch the Q and A on Cox Cable channel 7. Mayor Brewer says he expects the search committee to recommend additional candidates in the near future. Former City Manager George Kolb resigned earlier this year.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

05/19/08

10pm

The government says the dark can be deadly if you're not buckled up. Statistics show your odds of being killed in a nighttime accident are three times higher. Officials are especially concerned about seat belt use among teens. 68 percent of 16 to 20-year-olds killed in crashes in 2006, were not buckled up. In the annual click it or ticket campaign, promoting seat belt use, safety officials are focusing on teen drivers.

05/21/08

10pm

It started thinking outside four walls. Habitat for Humanity says that's how it found a way to get families into homes sooner. In places like Iraida Carvhal's neighborhood where she watched more homes than she can count go into foreclosure. Now she has new neighbors thanks to Habitat for Humanity. It's buying foreclosed homes cheaper than it can build them for low income families. And it's revitalizing neighborhoods and stimulating the economy along the way. We checked with Wichita's habitat for humanity who is focused on finishing this development of Habitat houses near 33rd and Arkansas. It has not considered buying foreclosed homes.

05/22/08

10pm

17 human bodies are about to go on display here in Wichita. This weekend the bodies' exhibit opens at Exploration Place. If you've ever wondered how big your stomach is or what your muscles look like; this exhibit will show you. Human bodies, bones, and organs are on display to teach you more about how your body works. The director of Exploration Place says for two years the public has asked for this exhibit. He's thrilled to see how people react. When you buy tickets it will be for a specific date and time. For information on ticket prices go to our website at www.kwch.com

05/23/08

10pm

They lost their appeal but a Wichita family's dogs are returned. Today Treva Carley paid more than 500 dollars in fines to get her dogs back. Earlier this month the three dogs got out through a hole in the fence. When animal control showed up two of them responded aggressively. The city's deemed them dangerous. But Carley met several requirements to get the dogs returned. She's saving them steak bones for when they get home; the dogs were in the shelter 18 days.

05/26/08

10pm

Tomorrow the Lottery Commission will vote on casino proposals. If they meet state set criteria, the commission will draw up contracts with each developer. One casino will be built in each of these counties. A review board will then decide which one will be built.

05/27/08

10pm

Casino developers pull out when they can't agree on a contract with the state. It means the MGM Foxwood won't build the Sumner County casino. But three other proposals for the county moved ahead today. In all the lottery commission drew up contracts with 10 developers in these counties. Now a review board will pick which one will be built in each county.

05/31/08

10pm

Crews brought down the old Derby Refinery in Wichita around 9:30am this morning. The demolition was originally scheduled for 7am. Crews couldn't give the go ahead until lightning had moved out of the area. When it did most of the structure came crashing down. The demolition is part of the 21st Street revitalization project.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/02/08

10pm

The Wichita State Shockers will have to continue winning on the road if they hope to make it to the college world series. The Shockers beat Oklahoma State last night to win their regional; then had to wait through tonight's Florida State-Tulane game to find out where the super regional will be. And it looks like they're Florida bound and won't be hosting. Brian has details coming up in sports.

06/04/08

10pm

Sedgwick County wants cities to negotiate trash rates for citizens. It voted today for cities to begin franchising trash service. Right now you choose who picks up your trash. The county wants the 19 trash haulers to bid for services with individual cities. They say it will save residents money...and it would likely encourage recycling. The county wants it in place by 2011.

06/10/08

10pm

A judge reopens the sale of Wild West World saying it should be marketed as more than an amusement park. There are now four interested buyers. Only one wants to keep it as a park others want to develop the property. The judge says there are a lot of creditors to pay off so he wants to find the buyer willing to pay the most.

06/11/08

10pm

NASA prepares for its next mission by learning from a past one. The attempt to go to the moon in Apollo 13. The space capsule is on exhibit at the Cosmosphere. Tomorrow officials there will open it to take pictures of control panels. NASA will use the photos to design a new spacecraft for the Orion mission to the moon and Mars. The spacecraft will be more like an Apollo spacecraft than the shuttle. So NASA hopes to learn what was done right and wrong the first time we went to the moon. In 1997 the Cosmosphere restored Apollo 13.

06/13/08

10pm

Tonight was your chance to buy a reporter or at least rent one. The 7th annual Bid-for-Bachelors was this evening at the Broadview in downtown Wichita. And one of those bachelors was our own Eyewitness News Reporter Cliff Judy. The event is not just to help Cliff's ego the proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas. Believe it or not, someone made a bid for Cliff and actually paid 675-dollars for him.

06/14/08

10pm

It caught the attention of President Bush. Now Wichita announces a partnership with the real men, real heroes project. The group helps young people in Sedgwick County. Volunteers tutor students, coach at athletic events and provide crisis intervention. Today the group kicked off a recruiting drive in hopes of boosting its ranks. That was Buddy Shannon; his name may sound familiar. He was honored by President Bush last month as the president made a stop in Wichita.

06/16/08

10pm

Tragedy is absolutely indiscriminate. Those are the words a reverend used to comfort the family of Crystal Bishop today. Family and friends said goodbye to her today. The 21 year old was killed when Chapman was hit by a tornado last week. Among those attending Bishop's funeral was her 18 month old daughter and her boyfriend who survived the tornado.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/17/08

10pm

Wild West World set to be sold to the highest bidder. Bankruptcy court is holding a bid-off in the morning. A.H.G. Group out of Florida bid 2-point-1-5 million-dollars. It's the highest bid for the property, so that will be the starting figure Wednesday. It will go up in 10-thousand-dollar increments. A.H.G. hasn't said what it will do with the land -if it wins the bid. The company develops retail, commercial and gaming sites. Park City Council members will have to approve any plan proposed for the property. The city's debt amounts to one million-60-thousand-dollars roughly 87-thousand-dollars a year.

06/18/08

10pm

It's been exactly one week since a tornado hit the town of Chapman. Tonight people living there no longer have a curfew. It had been in place since the storm damaged the town. Tonight police dismantled checkpoints around town. Authorities plan extra patrols to make sure there's no looting or other criminal behavior. The Adjutant General's office says crews are restoring power to the town but it's a slow process.

06/19/08

10pm

All the heavy rains have Kansans protecting their towns from rising river levels. Arkansas City is surrounded by both the Arkansas River and the Walnut River. Both are at or near flood stage forcing town officials to take some precautions. Workers will watch the forecast closely since more water's likely headed toward ark city from upstream. Here in Wichita waters levels are up but not at flood stage. Cowskin Creek in west Wichita topped at fourteen-and-a-half feet last night but its waters are going down.

06/20/08

10pm

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06/24/08

10pm

You've seen orange and white cones across Wichita intersections. Now the city says many road work projects are delayed by rainy weather. Work on the intersection of 13th and Broadway is scheduled to be complete by the end of July. But the city says weather has set back some other projects by a couple of weeks. Business owners near the construction say they're waiting patiently for crews to finish. Another project that may be affected is the one at Kellogg and Rock Road. That project still has a ways to go. Its scheduled completion date spring 2010.

06/25/08

10pm

People arrive from near and far just to square dance in Wichita. The 57th National Square Dance Convention begins today at Century II. The event is expected to generate two point five million dollars. Dancing begins at 9 in the morning and goes until ten thirty at night. In addition to swinging around the dance floor, they will go on group tours around Wichita and South-Central Kansas.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/26/08

10pm

Monday Wichita's Minisa Bridge will reopen to some traffic. Now crews need your help to make sure it is historically preserved. To help replace some broken art along the bridge the city needs donations of old glass. Saturday morning at North High it will collect red, white and blue glass made before 1950. The glass will be crushed and mixed with cement to fill in the colored portions of the bridge. The process is called Carthalite and is unique to Wichita.

06/27/08

10pm

The sale of the Wild West World is final. Today the new owner AHG Holdings closed the deal. The Florida based company bought the park for two point 1-5 million dollars. It gets the 39 acres and assumes the million-dollar debt owed to Park City for the parking lot. Monday representatives from AHG plan to tour the park with an amusement park company.

06/28/08

10pm

More than 30 people donate glass to the city of Wichita to help restore the Minisa Bridge. They dropped off the antique colored glass at north high this morning. It will be ground up into tiny pieces and mixed with cement then used to fill in the colored portions of the bridge. Some of the glass donated is worth money but everyone here would rather help the bridge than cash it in. A lot of the people donating graduated from north high and want to go down in history. The Minisa Bridge reopens to limited traffic Monday; construction is about done now the focus is on historic preservation.

06/30/08

10pm

It's been a long 14 months; now some Greensburg residents are finally going back home. We first told you the story over the weekend. Dozens of residents of Greensburg's Carriage House are moving back in today. It was heavily damaged when the May 4th tornado hit the town. Those who lived in the assisted living center moved into different facilities until their building was made livable again. Thelma Rinehart was moved to a facility in Augusta. Today is the first time Thelma gets to see the town since the EF-5 tornado.

ECONOMY Q-2

04/05/08

10pm

One-thousand news jobs...and hundreds of millions of dollars to the area; today Cessna announces it will build its newest plane plant in Wichita. Cessna's president says engineering jobs will be added within a year. Production jobs will start to increase when production starts that's expected in about five years.

04/09/08

10pm

Boeing announces more delays for the 787 Dreamliner. This delay sets the project back 15 months. Boeing says it's struggling to get parts from suppliers who are behind schedule. The first planes are now expected at the end of 2009. Wichita's Spirit Aerosystems builds the nose for the Dreamliner. It isn't sure yet how the delay will impact the plant.

04/13/08

10pm

Air travel could dominate the headlines again this week but not because of cancelled flights. The Wall Street Journal reports Delta and Northwest will likely announced a long-discussed merger. Industry experts say this could be the first in a series of mergers in response to rising gas prices. Some believe the deals could eventually leave three carriers handling 80-percent of the nation's air travel. You won't see any changes soon. Anti-trust regulators need to approve the merger and there's still no guarantee the airlines' unions will approve it.

04/14/08

10pm

Consider this your official reminder tomorrow is the tax deadline. Unlike past years Wichita post offices will not stay open late. April 15th used to be a big night for post offices as procrastinators scrambled to get tax returns postmarked by midnight. Technology is changing that more people are filing electronically. Last year, 25 million Americans waited until the last week to file their taxes.

04/15/08

10pm

Need some relief from the prices at the pump? Senator John McCain is proposing a gas tax holiday. It would stop the federal gas tax for the summer driving season from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The tax adds 18 cents for every gallon of gas and 24 and half cents for every gallon of diesel fuel. During the gas tax holiday McCain says the government should also stop buying oil for reserves to reduce the price of gasoline.

04/16/08

10pm

It's the nation's leading designer of ethanol plants. And it's laying off 105 people. ICM of Colwich has almost 700 workers. It blames the economy for the lost jobs saying the cost of construction has gone up and the price of corn has doubled. Friday, ICM will hold a job fair for laid-off workers. It has invited several local employers.

04/19/08

10pm

Gas prices climb again. The price for unleaded is now \$ 3.39 a gallon in Wichita. That's ten-cents more than yesterday. The increase comes as the price for a gallon of crude oil on the world market reaches one-hundred-16 dollars a barrel. Experts expect even higher prices once the summer driving season begins.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

04/23/08

10pm

The crop looks good. But worries are far from over for farmers in western Kansas. Diesel fuel is souring to more than four dollars a gallon. Farmers say good crops at a good price are more than what they've seen in recent years but the price of fuel could swipe that profit away. Farmers say fuel is just one obstacle the price for much needed fertilizer has doubled or tripled in the past year.

04/24/08

10pm

Why do gas prices keep going up and up? Tonight Congress is investigating. Today gas prices hit another record high. Here in Wichita we found prices at the pump at 3.49. But the national average is now 3.55. Some lawmakers want the government to stop purchasing oil for the strategic petroleum reserve. They say that could reduce oil prices two dollars a barrel and gas prices by five cents.

04/25/08

10pm

Last night we told you how the world wide shortage of rice is making some u-s retailers limit how much you can buy. In continuing coverage tonight we know the price of rice increased 33 cents a pound for local restaurants like Bella Luna café. 30 to 40 percent of its menu has rice. If prices stay as they are, it'll cost the Mediterranean restaurant 600 more dollars to serve rice than last year. We spoke with several restaurants around Wichita who say as of now; they are not increasing prices to reflect the rising cost of rice. That could change as India, China, and Vietnam limit how much rice they export.

04/26/08

10pm

President Bush may be days away from signing a long-debated farm bill. The House and Senate came to a tentative agreement on the bill late this week. A key breakthrough came after negotiators agreed on how to pay for the 280-billion dollar piece of legislation. Kansas Congressman Jerry Moran believes the agreement is a good first step but says issues still remain. Lawmakers also agreed to add additional funding for nutritional programs to ease the impact of rising food prices. The current farm bill approved in 2002 was set to expire last September. Lawmakers extended it several times when congress and the white house couldn't agree on the terms of a new bill.

04/27/08

10pm

Continental Airlines decides to go it alone. The airline announces it will not merge with another carrier. Continental had been in talks with United to form the world's largest airline. But its CEO says the airline is stronger by itself. Continental could still enter into an alliance with another airline but remain independent. Continental is viewed by experts as the country's second strongest airline financially behind Southwest.

04/28/08

10pm

With rising prices at the pump many people will be using their tax rebate check to fill their tank. Checks are already rolling out. This week people will begin receiving them by direct deposit, next week will be old fashioned mail. Since President Bush signed the economic stimulus package in February, gas prices have gone up 21 percent. That adds more than 700 dollars to average house hold's annual fuel bill.

04/29/08

10pm

Rising costs of food and gasoline now rising prices at the dry cleaners may be next. Cleaners say they are hung up they now have to pay thousands more for the wire hangers they send home with you. The Department of Commerce says China exported two -point 7 billion hangers to the U.S. last year with a total value of 68-point-five million dollars.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

05/01/08

10pm

Does it seem like flights take longer these days? It may be because the pilot is flying slower. To save fuel, many airlines are doing what you do on the highway; easing off the accelerator. This week Northwest added eight minutes to a Paris-Minneapolis flight saving 500 dollars in fuel. And Southwest expects to save 42 million dollars in fuel this year by adding one to three minutes to flights.

05/04/08

10pm

Residents must still buy groceries at a combination Dillons and Kwik Shop. Dillon's owns Kwik Shop and the company announced plans late last week to triple the size of the store. The store is currently three-thousand square feet. The tornado wiped out the original Dillon's on Main Street. The expansion project starts next month.

05/05/08

10pm

It's not an airline you probably think of but Iraqi Airways is getting new planes. Today Boeing and Bombardier announce Iraq wants to order forty new planes. Iraqi officials say what they have now is old and needs replaced. The deal for the commercial jetliners is worth five billion dollars. Boeing says a modern fleet of airplanes will help support Iraq's economic development and growth.

05/06/08

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Tired of rising prices at the pump? Chrysler says it will pay for your gas. Starting tomorrow, if you buy or lease a new Chrysler, Jeep or Dodge you'll get a card that guarantees you won't pay more than 2.99 a gallon for the first three years or 36 thousand miles. Chrysler says it will pick up the difference between 2.99 and the actual price at the pump.

05/10/08

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Here's a look at how prices have climbed in recent years. Last May the price was 3.09 a gallon in Wichita. In 2006 you paid 2.67 a gallon and the year before that filling up cost a 1.95.

05/11/08

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The postal service has raised the price of a first class stamp six times in the past eight years. In January 2001 the price was 34-cents. Ten years earlier a stamp cost you 29-cents. In 1981 it was 20-cents. And in 1971 a stamp cost whopping eight-cents.

05/13/08

10pm

New tonight a mistake with the government's tax refund check. In the ConsumerWatch Alert...some people in the Kansas City are received letters saying how much their check will be and when to expect it. The problem is who the envelope is addressed to does not match the name, address, and social security number on the letter inside. The IRS admits there was a problem but it isn't sure how many letters were mixed up. If you received a letter with someone else's social security number the IRS asks you return it.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

05/14/08

10pm

As gas prices continue to climb some commuters consider carpooling. Stacey Oh-Knee drives from Newton to Wichita everyday. She figures others have to do the same thing so she's looking for a carpooling partner on the internet. She says she'd likely save a tank of gas a week if she could double up with someone. Internet sites try to match people but in this area there's not a long of interest. She's also slowed down from 70 miles per hour to 60. She says it may annoy other commuters but it helps her get 33 miles to the gallon.

05/15/08

10pm

The high cost of gasoline may force many Americans to stay home this Memorial Day. According to Triple A 38 million people are expected to travel 50 miles or more in the holiday weekend. That's 360 thousand fewer than last year. It's the first drop since 9/11 when people stayed close to home. To cut the cost of your trip, triple a recommends driving the speed limit and planning ahead for stops.

05/16/08

10pm

It appears not even beer is recession proof. It's another area where people are cutting back. The CEO of Miller Beer says sales have shifted between higher priced premium beers and the lower priced beers. As an example, Miller Genuine Draft sales dropped ten percent in the last quarter. Lesa Dixon owns a Wichita liquor store she tells us, local customers are still buying beer and liquor just in smaller quantities. Because of the price of gas, her suppliers have cut back to once a week delivery instead of at least twice a week. Dixon says the limited deliveries really hurt a small store like hers.

05/19/08

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New records and still rising; Triple-A says gas prices went up again the 12-th straight day of increases. The new national average is 3.79. Drivers in some cities might consider that a bargain. People in Chicago are paying 4.07 and 4.01 in Long Island. Tucson has the lowest gas prices in the country at 3.48 a gallon. Triple A expects \$4 a gallon gas nationwide after Memorial Day.

05/20/08

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A ruling by a Federal Appeals Court says the government discriminates against the blind. Now U.S. currency must be redesigned. It's hard for the blind to distinguish between the different bills. Steve Stambaugh uses a folding technique to distinguish between the bills. The director of Envision Rehabilitation Services says the ruling will be life-changing. The United States is the only country issuing paper money that prints bills identical in size and shape.

05/21/08

10pm

The airlines are struggling with fuel bills also and are passing along the cost to you. American Airlines announced it will charge passengers 15 dollars to check their first bag. It also plans to reduce domestic flights and could lay off thousands of workers to cut costs.

05/22/08

10pm

Tonight GM workers in Kansas City are back at the assembly line. 25-hundred workers had been on strike for three weeks. But last night, they approved a deal with General Motors. The new contract creates new jobs and employees keep their seniority rights. Workers say the strike took its toll on their plans, especially for Memorial Day. The Kansas City GM plant makes the popular Chevy Malibu; dealerships across the country ran short on supply for those vehicles during the strike.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

05/26/08

10pm

Memorial weekend is traditionally the beginning of the summer driving season. Gas prices are about 70-cents higher this Memorial Day than last. And the overall cost of owning and operating a car is also increasing. In 2007 the average cost to keep your vehicle running was about 7,823. dollars. This year, it's going to cost you about 8-thousand 121. dollars. Drivers are paying more for oil changes, repairs, car rentals and parking costs. Some auto shops are even noticing a decline in business as drivers wait until it is absolutely necessary to get repairs.

05/28/08

10pm

Your electricity could soon cost more. Westar Energy is asking the state for a rate increase. The utility says it needs the rate change to keep up with everyone using more energy and to pay for last year's ice storm. Westar wants to increase the rates 15 percent; that would cost you about 10 bucks more a month. The Kansas Corporation Commission will decide whether to approve the rate change. It hasn't approved one for the Wichita area since 1989. If the commission does approve this one it would happen next year.

05/29/08

10pm

Trying to stretch every mile out of the tank with rising gas prices? Gove County says it has the answer, a four day work week. Starting Monday county employees will work 10 hour days Monday through Thursday. County commissioners hope it will cut fuel costs for county vehicles that would have been driven on Fridays. They say it will also help employees who have to commute. The Sheriff's office, weed department and courts will still be open five days a week.

05/31/08

10pm

Thousands in South Korea protest their government's decision to resume imports of U.S. beef. Organizers say 40-thousand people took the streets of Seoul. Police used water cannons to keep the crowd from getting out of control. South Korea agreed to lift restrictions on American beef last month. The restrictions were put in place after a case of mad cow in Washington State. More than 5-thousand tons of beef some of it from Kansas will go on sale in South Korea next week.

06/03/08

10pm

With rising prices at the pump you aren't the only one finding places to cut back. Now K-DOT is cutting some of its road maintenance. It'll keep more dump trucks parked, and use the smaller trucks for car pooling. Instead of mowing ditches, it will only mow near the shoulder. Drivers understand the cutbacks. Another cost cutting measure K-DOT is no longer picking up road kill in rural areas and dumping it elsewhere; instead, it's pushing the carcass into the fence line.

06/04/08

10pm

Oil prices fall to 122 dollars a barrel but gas prices still set a new record a national average of 3.98 a gallon. Here in Wichita we found prices at 3.66. The increases come even the government says demand for gas fell by one and a half percent in the last month. And gas inventories rose nearly three percent.

06/07/08

10pm

The pain at the pump just won't go away. Gas prices in Wichita shot up late last night as much as 17 cents at some stations to 3.79 a gallon. The increase comes after oil prices made their biggest single-day leap on Friday, settling at nearly 139 dollars a barrel. One analyst predicts oil will be up to 150 dollars a barrel by the fourth of July. To find the cheapest gas near you click "Pain at the Pump" at www.kwch.com

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

06/09/08

10pm

For the first time in history gas prices hit four dollars. The national average is now \$ 4.02 a gallon. Here in Wichita we found prices at \$ 3.76 a gallon. Industry analysts fear the worst is yet to come. With hurricane season here any disruption to off coast wells could stop production.

06/11/08

10pm

A new record; one you'll pay for some time. The government says you'll pay four dollars for gas for the next year. The Energy Department says pump prices will peak in August at 4.15 and won't go down much, so prices will be four dollars through next year. Today gas set a new record a national average of \$ 4.05 a gallon. Here in Wichita we found prices at 3.69. In Hutchinson prices are 10 to 20 cents higher.

06/14/08

10pm

Hail, wind and rain; farmers are taking advantage of the break in the water to survey the damage. Crops in many parts of Barton and Ellsworth Counties probably couldn't look any worse after this week's storms. Three inches of rain and golf-ball sized hail took wheat fields capable of producing 40 to 50 bushels per acre down to zero. Many farmers in Barton County say they have crop and hail insurance but it's not enough to cover the loss.

06/17/08

10pm

3 million acres lost. Devastating floods in Iowa could translate into an economic boost for Kansas. Corn prices continue to climb to record highs closing in on 8 dollars a bushel.

06/18/08

10pm

Wild West World is sold again. AHG Holdings purchased the park city property at a bankruptcy auction this morning. The park sold for 2-point-one-5 million dollars. For that, the Florida based company gets the 39 acres and assumes the million-dollar debt owed to the city for the parking lot. AHG doesn't have any details on what it plans to build. The company develops commercial, retail, entertainment and gaming sites. AHG needs to close on the deal by the end of the month.

06/19/08

10pm

A decade of work pays off for employees at Hawker Beechcraft. The company delivered its first Hawker 4-thousand business jet this afternoon. The plane will become the company's flagship aircraft. It's also the most advanced jet hawker has ever produced. And while the company has unveiled planes in the past it says this one is different. The company hopes to deliver about 30 planes a year. Schuster says hawker is sold out several years in advance. The company says 130 jets are already on order.

06/20/08

10pm

Kansas lawmakers tell Boeing workers they can celebrate another chance at the Air Force tanker contract. Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback and Congressman Todd Tiahrt met with hundreds of workers this morning. They explained the government's decision to uphold Boeing's protest of the air force giving the contract to another company. One man who worked on Boeing's tanker proposal says the decision brings new hope. The Air Force has 60-days to respond. It can award the contract to Boeing, reopen bidding on the deal or could ignore the decision; Congress could then take over.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

06/24/08

10pm

Wichita aircraft workers vote to stay in the SPEEA union. Today professional and technical workers at Spirit Aerosystems made the decision. It affects 24 hundred workers. It does not affect engineers. They are represented by a different union. Last year, SPEEA's professional and technical workers at Boeing's Wichita plant voted to get rid of the union.

06/30/08

10pm

Crop loss from Midwest flooding may not mean you'll pay more at the grocery store. Corn prices fell today after the U.S.D.A. announced farmers planted more corn than first thought. They were trying to keep up with growing ethanol demand. Despite all the flooding farmers are still expected to harvest only nine percent fewer acres than last year.

EDUCATION Q-2

04/04/08

10pm

The group pushing to approve the Wichita school bond issue says it may need more time. Monday the school board will consider delaying the election. The group CARE, formed last month to educate voters on the need for a 350 million dollar bond issue. But now it doesn't know if it'll have enough time to campaign. School Board Member Betty Arnold says it would be good to postpone the election until November. She says when they chose May 6th...they didn't know Winston Brooks was leaving. Monday's meeting was called specifically for this issue.

04/07/08

10pm

There's simply not enough time. Tonight the Wichita school board voted to delay the vote on a 350 million dollar bond issue. A group formed to educate voters on the need for it says it won't have enough time to campaign before the May 6th election. The vote will now be held no later than November 4th.

04/11/08

10pm

Governor Sebelius signs a law to stop Cyber bullying. It requires schools to prohibit cyber bullying. As the internet becomes a growing part of a child's education Governor Sebelius says it's important for every child to feel safe.

04/14/08

10pm

In a time of crisis communication can save lives. That's why Fort Hays state is testing its new emergency notification system. Earlier this month school officials sent out phone calls, text messages and emails to more than 5-thousand students, faculty and staff. Nearly all phone calls and emails were sent successfully however only 10-percent of text messages were received. School officials say there's room for improvement but it's a good start. The notification system will be used for any safety concern including severe weather. Fort Hays Students are required to register their emergency contact information before signing up for classes.

04/17/08

10pm

You may not know it yet but it's costing more to feed your child at school. And it could cost you more for lunches next year. Derby will decide later this month whether to raise lunch prices ten cents. It would be the third increase in ten years. It's to help offset the rise in food costs. The district's seen about a 15 percent increase over the last year. The biggest change is in produce. The cafeteria director says it's resulting in fewer choices on the lunch line. Most districts re-evaluate their lunch prices every year.

04/28/08

10pm

New tonight another rising cost; school lunches; earlier this month we told you rising food costs means Derby High School students now get fewer choices in the lunch line. Cafeteria workers said they saw the price of fruit go up eight to 10 dollars a case in one week. Tonight the Derby school board voted for a 10 cent increase per meal next school year.

04/30/08

10pm

It's gone on even longer than the Wichita River Festival. Today north high school's water festival kicked off. Activities included a climbing wall, pie-in-the-face, and students performing on stage. It's been a tradition at the school-along-the-river since the 1930s and it's a tradition for current students. The evening ended with a parade.

EDUCATION Q-2 cont.

05/16/08

10pm

He scored 20 points in the championship game. And KU waited 20 years to win it. But could the national title be stripped from the Jayhawks? It all depends on Darrell Arthur's eligibility. A Dallas TV station says one of his high school grades was changed so Arthur could play basketball. But the NCAA said he was eligible to play for the Hawks. KU's Associate Athletic Director doubts the school will be held accountable. He says if a mistake was made it was by the NCAA.

06/01/08

10pm

School board members gather to wish Superintendent Winston Brooks farewell. Brooks is leaving the Wichita public school district after decades of service. One educator says it's going to be tough to fill Brook's shoes. Brooks accepted a position with the Albuquerque Public Schools in New Mexico. He will start working with the district on July 1st. Martin Libhart will act as Interim Wichita Superintendent until a permanent successor is chosen.

06/02/08

10pm

Tomorrow voters in Valley Center will decide whether to approve a new school bond. The 57 and a half million dollar project would build a new high school. As well as add onto or renovate existing schools. The bond would add about 52 dollars a year to property taxes for the owner of a 100 thousand dollar home.

06/03/08

10pm

New tonight Valley Center voters approve a school bond issue. 55 percent of the voters said yes to the project, 45 percent said no. The 57 and a half million dollars will build a new high school; it will also add on classrooms to existing schools. The bond would add about 52 dollars a year to property taxes for the owner of a 100 thousand dollar home.

06/09/08

10pm

Accused of molesting a foreign exchange student; the Buhler school board votes to fire its high school Debate coach. Richard Young is charged with indecent liberties with a child. He's scheduled to be back in court next month.

06/19/08

10pm

City planners deny a church's request to build a pre-school near Central and Rock. In our continuing coverage; the planning commission denied the request by a vote of seven to six. Saint Stephens Episcopal Church wanted to build the facility next to the church. People living nearby opposed the plan saying it would increase traffic congestion. The controversy became so heated the church filed a police report after receiving threats of arson. Saint Stephens has the option of appealing the decision to the city council. There's no word if the church plans to do so.

06/20/08

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City planners deny a request to build a pre-school in a neighborhood near Central and Rock. Saint Stephens Episcopal Church wanted to build the facility next to the church. People living nearby opposed the plan saying it would increase traffic congestion. Saint Stephens has the option of appealing the decision to the city council. There's no word if the church plans to do so.

EDUCATION Q-2 cont.

06/27/08

10pm

The former Buhler High School Debate Coach will fight for his job. Richard young asked for a hearing on the school board's to fire him. He's accused of molesting a foreign exchange student who was staying with him. The Superintendent says these hearings are rare. He's never gone through one in 20 years. It should happen sometime this fall.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

04/08/08

10pm

El Dorado's Oil Hill Elementary was one of those power outages. With dark hallways and classrooms this morning the circle school district canceled classes. Tonight the power is back on. So sorry kids, tomorrow you will have school as usual.

04/14/08

10pm

People in Hutchinson say the overnight freeze caused some damage to their plants. Early this morning, temperatures there dropped into the low 20's. Extension agents say it'll take at least a week to tell how much damage the freeze caused...but it should only be minor. Agents say the best thing to do if you find damage to your plants or trees is to cut off any dead foliage.

04/15/08

10pm

Emergency Management issued a warning about a Pratt County grassfire telling people-be ready to leave as a fast moving fire gets closer. The fire south of Macksville is under control tonight- but it burned for several hours. At one point the fire was nine miles wide. Crews from at least five fire departments worked to put the flames out-including Iuka, but it was tough going. Firefighters were on dirt roads and sometimes had to cut fences to get access to the fire. It was largely fueled by the high winds.

04/19/08

10pm

Many seniors get cited from the city of Wichita but aren't able to bring their homes up to code. That's what happened to Betty Hill. She's physically unable to clean up her property. The program Neighborhood Connections found volunteers to help. This group from Nu-Star Energy spent the last two days removing a 20-foot pile of debris in her yard. The city of Wichita has issued almost 9-hundred housing code violations this year. To learn more about the program go to www.kwch.com

04/24/08

10pm

What to do about Sedgwick County's garbage? The county commission hears what people think. A half million tons of garbage enters the county's waste transfer stations each year. The new plan would recycle more of it possibly as much as 40 percent. And while many of the people at tonight's meeting say it's about time. Others believe it's not worth it especially if it's mandated recycling. Sedgwick County is updating its trash plan-and needs to send it to the state in June. The proposal includes paying by the amount you throw away-and a recycling fee. But recycling would not be mandatory.

04/25/08

10pm

In Western Kansas, Selden is recovering from the destruction hail left behind. Throughout the town cars and homes are damaged. Officials cancelled classes at Golden Plains Elementary School. Hail punched holes in the roof causing broken tiles and leaking throughout the building. Officials say they already had plans to replace the roof on the elementary school but now it needs to be done soon. Both the middle school and high school did have classes.

05/02/08

10pm

The power of the wind leaves its mark on Kansas. Strong storms that fired up about this time last night that dropped rain and hail in the Wichita area. But you can track its path through Greenwood County by seeing the damage caused by 100 miles per hour straight line winds. The National Weather Service checked out the aftermath of the storm. Using the type of damage to determine how strong winds were. Thursday's storm produced winds that damaged barns west of Hilltop. It caused roof damage, blew down power poles and uprooted trees.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

05/05/08

10pm

Here's a look at the damaging hail the storm dropped. Steve O'Brate picked up this golf ball sized hail around 6:30 tonight at Southwind just south of Garden City. Hail just about as big hit the town of Holcomb around the same time. Thanks to Jeanine Bailor for helping us track the storms.

05/22/08

10pm

Severe weather is expected through the weekend. It hits as thousands of people head to area lakes for Memorial Day. So what should you do when the storm hits and there is no shelter? Every lake has different facilities some do have tornado shelters available. Park officials urge you to have a storm plan ready in case of bad weather.

05/24/08

10pm

Lightning from last night's storms may be to blame for another death. A visitor to Pomona State Park found the man's body this morning. He also found three injured campers. The park is about 30-miles south of Topeka in Osage County. The victim's name has not been released. Doctors say the injured campers will be okay.

05/25/08

10pm

They'd been married a little over a year. But a tornado took the lives of a Colorado couple Friday night. 33-year-old Gary Whitlow and 29-year-old Kimberly Whitlow died when a tornado tossed their car into a wheat field. We spoke with Gary's dad Wayland. He tells us the two were taking advantage of a long weekend to see their new nephew for the first time. They were on their way to Clearwater; he last spoke to them when they were in Greensburg. When they hadn't made it home Wayland began to worry and says he couldn't reach them by phone. An eyewitness saw Gary and Kimberly pull over because of heavy rain; their car was found Saturday morning.

05/26/08

10pm

This year's wheat harvest may be delayed. Kiowa is usually the first place farmers begin cutting. Manager of Kiowa's OK Coop, Alan Meyer thinks harvest will start around June 10th. Last year it started May 26th. Meyer says it's been cooler this spring so the wheat is greener and berries are filling slower. He says right now the crop in South Central Kansas looks excellent.

05/27/08

10pm

Campers in Winfield are already clearing out because of flooding. Tomorrow the Walnut River is expected to crest. That's when the Winfield Country Roundup begins. The river is already out of its banks and creeping towards campers. Many have moved to higher ground but still plan to enjoy the event. Staff is carefully watching the river to make sure people get out in time.

05/28/08

10pm

We know of thousands of youngsters hoping the weather does turn hotter. This week Wichita city pools opened. And that brought a few people out to College Hill Park this afternoon. While there was some splashing and fun to go around, the main topic was the unseasonably cool weather for late May. No doubt these girls and many others will have some much hotter weather to enjoy pool-side before their summer is over.

ENVIRONEMNT Q-2 cont.

05/29/08

10pm

The Winfield Country Round Up is off to a muddy start. The four day music festival began yesterday at the Winfield fairgrounds. Like most of Kansas, Winfield has had more than its share of rain in the past few weeks. And for many country music fans, that has meant some shifting around. The country music roundup runs through Saturday with music on two stages from noon past midnight.

06/04/08

10pm

Winds as high as 120 miles an hour down trees and even tear apart a home. Crews began clearing trees and branches from Winfield roads as soon as the storm was over. Winds toppled two 75-foot-tall grain bins at the town's coop. The strong winds also peeled back Bruce Burkhart's roof in Southwest Winfield. He and his family have a storm shelter in their garage. But the storm hit so fast they had to take cover in their bathtub. Burkhart says his home is close to a total loss. Crews will return to the grain bins tomorrow morning to begin tearing them apart and haul off the pieces.

06/05/08

10pm

Another Eureka business took a hit from the wind. As you can see the roof blew off Burk's auto on to some cars. This was the scene immediately after the roof fell. You can see insulation flying. The dealership says two of their cars were damaged. A customer was trying to trade in his car at the time. His car was also damaged. By tonight the dealership had hauled off the roof and damaged cars.

06/09/08

10pm

80 mile an hour winds rip through the small town of Grenola in Elk County; the high winds hit last night. It tore down trees, sent carports flying and ripped planks off of metal roofs. No one was hurt. In Kansas severe weather has struck 17 of the last 30 days.

06/16/08

10pm

The rain is delaying wheat farmers from getting in the fields for harvest. Across the state, farmers are waiting for the ground to dry out to be able to cut. Curt Hoobler is trying to stay busy on his farm near Mulvane. Hoobler's normally done cutting his two-thousand acres of wheat by the first of July. But says this year, it's looking more like August.

06/20/08

10pm

Rebuilding could get even harder for people in a Kansas town hit by a tornado; that's because much of Chapman sits on a floodplain. That could be a problem for those trying to rebuild after a tornado flattened their homes and businesses last week. They may face compliance issues...making sure they meet the federal government requirements for building on a flood plain. FactFinder 12 explains what it comes down to if damage to a home totals less than half the building's appraised value; owners can make the repairs. 95 percent of the damage in Chapman is on the floodplain.

06/23/08

10pm

The Iowa flooding has Kansans wondering if they would be prepared. Several insurance agents tell us the Midwest floods have prompted lots of calls about flood insurance. Allstate's Mark Wurfel says up until now even people who lived in the most at risk areas have resisted buying it unless required by their mortgage companies. Now they're changing their minds. A small percentage of Wichitans live in areas where flood insurance is required. But the city says it can't predict the effect of a 500 year flood like the one in Iowa.

ENVIRONEMNT Q-2 cont.

06/24/08

10pm

With all the rain we've had you can expect a lot of mosquitoes. You can find puddles in ditches and canals across the county. They're creating breeding grounds for mosquitoes and increasing the risk for West Nile virus. While there are currently no documented cases in Kansas K-State research has shown the virus is here to stay. Experts suggest using bug spray and citronella candles to ward off mosquitoes. The city of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the local K-State Extension office do nothing to treat for mosquitoes. Lawn services say they'll spray if asked or put a pesticide in standing water to kill the eggs.

06/27/08

10pm

The water is receding in Butler County but it's leaving a big mess. People living along Fox Lake outside Cassoday are cleaning up what the lake washed into their yards and homes. Six inches of rain fell on the area Thursday night causing the water to rise several feet. Bob Jackson wasn't home when the storm hit but his neighbors were willing to pick up some of his furniture to keep it from getting soggy. The water has gone down enough that the Sheriff's Office says all flooded roads are re-opened.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

04/02/08

10pm

Three research teams and one conclusion. If you just can't seem to quit smoking it may be because of your genes. Researchers say they found a genetic link to smoking addiction making it easier for people to get hooked and harder for people to quit. But doctors also call it a double whammy the people with the gene also have a higher rate of lung cancer. Scientists admit they need more research but they hope this new information will lead to more tailored treatments to help people break the habit.

04/03/08

10pm

A new study finds one in 50 newborns is a victim of abuse and neglect. The study focused on children under the age of one. Researchers say nearly a third of the children were less than a week old at the time of the abuse. Neglect is defined as a failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, clothing, food and access to medical care.

04/04/08

10pm

She says she was told to commit suicide and do it publicly. Tonight a former patient of Doctor Steven Schneider's is speaking out. Schneider and his wife are accused of over prescribing pain killers and linked to more than 50 patient overdose deaths. In motions filed today a former patient claims a national organization representing Schneider said patient suicides were the only way to make their case. Shipman says Siobhan Reynolds told her the ideal locations for public suicide would either be the parking lot of a Wichita hospital or TV station. Prosecutors say asked a judge to decide if the Schneiders can still get a fair trial. If the judge doesn't think so, prosecutors plan to ask for a gag order.

04/08/08

10pm

Planning on traveling tomorrow? You may be grounded along with your flight. American Airlines has grounded its entire fleet of m-d 80's for safety inspections. Crews are looking at wiring on the planes. It's the same problem that last month canceled hundreds of flights. Today 500 flights were canceled. Tomorrow more are expected. MD 80's are what American flies from Wichita to Dallas. Today one flight out of Mid-Continent to Dallas was canceled because of the inspections. Another flight from San Antonio to Kansas City was canceled. If one of your flights is canceled we want to know. Send us an email to news at www.kwch.com.

04/09/08

10pm

We have more information about why a daycare provider in Wichita was under investigation before a child died in her care. In February someone filed a complaint with the state against this home daycare run by Jessica Cummings. The complaint says Cummings didn't report signs of child abuse but she took pictures of bruises on the two-year-old. The complaint was filed the day after two-year-old Daytona Robertson died of child abuse. Robertson's step-mother Katie Cornejo faces murder charges for the death. A month later Cornejo's biological daughter Kailee Hundley died at Cummings daycare. The state then suspended her license.

04/12/08

10pm

An ATV accident in Butler County kills a woman. Sheriff's deputies say the 53-year-old woman rolled the ATV in a field. The vehicle landed on top of her. Authorities do not know how long she was lying on the ground before paramedics arrived. Her name has not been released.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

04/13/08

10pm

Kansas has no state laws regulating ATV use. Helmets, eye protection and training courses are not required. In fact the state only requires owners register the vehicle. One person died and 16 were hurt in Kansas ATV accidents last year. Safety experts recommend all riders wear helmets, boots and chest protectors while riding.

04/16/08

10pm

Police use a search dog to look for a missing Wichita woman. More than a week ago 49-year-old Reena Mullick disappeared. A search and rescue dog spent this morning checking a field near Mullick's house. The dog checked brush piles and areas where detectives couldn't get. The search turned up nothing and police still say there's no evidence of foul play in Mullick's disappearance. If you have any information call 911.

04/17/08

10pm

The worst flu season in years; the CDC said more people are dying from it. Flu deaths are the highest since 2003. The CDC says it's partly because the flu vaccine didn't work against this year's virus. Instead of protecting people, it made them sick. The CDC fears people will lose faith in the flu vaccine and skip it next year.

04/18/08

10pm

Wichita is considering a city wide smoking ban. It wouldn't allow smoking anywhere with people under 18. Places with people over 18 would be required to have an outdoor patio or room with a separate ventilation system. There's no word on when the city council will vote on the plan. For a list of restaurants and bars that already are smoke free go to www.kwch.com

04/19/08

10pm

The city of Mulvane hopes to have the water back on by 1am. Problems started after a break in a water line between Augusta and Mulvane; it left the city with no water pressure. A boil water advisory will remain in effect until testing shows no evidence of contamination. Those tests will likely be conducted tomorrow morning. Mulvane wants people *not* to water their lawn or wash their car to conserve water in the meantime.

04/20/08

10pm

We could know tomorrow if a body found in a northeast Wichita pond is that of a missing woman. The pond is just feet from Reena Mullick's backyard. The mother of two vanished nearly two weeks ago. Her family thinks a new medication she was on... may have contributed to her disappearance. The Sedgwick County Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy tomorrow to make a positive ID and determine a cause of death. Police do not suspect foul play.

04/22/08

10pm

Some Reno County students go home empty handed. Their clothes and belongings quarantined. It's all because of a mercury spill at pretty prairie high school. A thermostat broke and a half ounce of mercury fell to the ground. 25 students were quarantined, given white jump suits and told to go home and shower. The district doesn't think anyone was contaminated, but it's required to report all mercury spills. Students didn't understand why it was a big deal until haz-mat arrived. The State Health Department will inspect student's belongings. If they're not tainted with mercury they will get things back.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

04/24/08

10pm

Tonight four Kansas City workers are safe. They became trapped in the Kansas River when their boat capsized. The men were working on a flood control project. The crew was working with sandbags and apparently loaded too many into their boat. Two of the men climbed out to dry land. The current swept the other two downstream. The four men were rescued by fire department crews, treated for hypothermia at the scene and released. Last summer the fire department was trained for this kind of rescue.

04/30/08

10pm

This week Grand Theft Auto Four is expected to have a record breaking 400 million dollars in sales. Like its predecessors, grand theft auto four is laced with profanity, sex and violence. This game is clearly not for children. It's rated M for mature. Retailers like best buy have signs saying they check I.D.'s to make sure customers are 17 or older. According to the federal trade commission, 42 percent of retailers ignore the ratings and sell to minors. So organizations like the PTA say its important parents check ratings. You can even set up parental controls to block your children from playing game you don't approve of. To see how to do it go to www.kwch.com

05/01/08

10pm

Tuesday the city council will hear the new smoking ban. It would not allow smoking in places that serve food. But smoking would be allowed in restaurants that have a separate room and ventilation system. It would not affect bars unless they chose to go smoke free on their own.

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It's not only restaurants impacted by Wichita's smoking ban. It prohibits smoking in all businesses that allow minors. In our continuing coverage that includes bowling alleys. The owner of Rose Bowl West says his customers won't be thrilled but at least they can't blame him. He'd rather the city force bowling alley's into a ban then do it himself and lose customers. He could allow smoking if he kept out minors but he says that's not an option. This computer recycling center also allows its employees to smoke inside. That's going to stop because the manager says they sell way too many computers to people under 18.

05/11/08

10pm

A man crash lands his plane in Phillips County. Police say Michael Westendorf noticed smoke in the cockpit during a flight to Missouri yesterday afternoon. He landed the fixed-wing plane; similar to this one in a field West of Phillipsburg. The impact flipped the plane and ripped off the wings. Doctors are treating Westendorf at a hospital in Nebraska.

05/12/08

10pm

Organizers cancel today's river events at River Fest. Heavy rains have swollen the Arkansas River through downtown. Organizers say the swift currents make it hard to guarantee people's safety. The cancelled events included paddle boats, canoeing and kayaking. Three Dog Night cancelled its performance last night because of rains and high winds.

05/14/08

10pm

New tonight Governor Sebelius signs a bill tightening the state's regulation of doctors. It's largely in response to Doctor Stephen Schneider who is linked to more than 50 patient deaths. The new law allows the board of healing arts to act more quickly. The board will be able to make sanctions after a single complaint. In the past, the board had said state law required it to document a pattern before sanctioning a doctor. The new law takes effect July first.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

05/15/08

10pm

Tonight nights with Wichita State University students and Hookah Café employees were auctioned off. Money goes to the fund Jimmy's Got Guts. It supports research for Crones disease and helps a local teenager suffering from the illness and the thousands of dollars it costs his family each month. Jimmy must take 25 pills a day and was denied insurance coverage because of the disease. Last Friday some of the concession proceeds from the Wingnuts game went to the Jimmy's Got Guts fund.

05/18/08

10pm

Police release few details in the death of an 18-year-old Hutchinson woman. Officers found Melissa Wilson shot in the abdomen Saturday afternoon. Police say paramedics rushed her to Hutchinson hospital where she later died. Investigators say they'll release more information later this week.

05/19/08

10pm

The government says the dark can be deadly if you're not buckled up. Statistics show your odds of being killed in a nighttime accident are three times higher. Officials are especially concerned about seat belt use among teens. 68 percent of 16 to 20-year-olds killed in crashes in 2006, were not buckled up. In the annual click it or ticket campaign promoting seat belt use, safety officials are focusing on teen drivers.

05/21/08

10pm

New tonight...an effort to keep bicyclists safer on the roads, it's called the "Ride of Silence" and commemorates those who have been killed or seriously injured in cycling accidents. Just before riding, the names of a dozen local victims were read aloud. That was followed by a silent procession. The local ride was part of an international effort. In fact, there are people riding stationary bikes at the South Pole tonight for the same cause.

05/26/08

10pm

Already this year 110 people have died in tornadoes, the most since 1998 when there were 132 tornado deaths. There have been more than 800 tornado sightings this season, 200 more than last year; and the touchdowns are lasting longer.

05/28/08

10pm

Tonight people who live near an energy plant off Highway 56 in McPherson County are waiting to go home. Around 5pm a propane leak was reported coming from the facility. Later emergency officials evacuated the handful of people who live in the area and shut down part of the road. So far we don't know what caused the leak or when folks will be able to go home.

05/31/08

10pm

It's a chance for cancer survivors to come together in celebration. Today was Victory in the Valley's 17th annual east meets West walk. The event had a three mile race along with walks for adults and one for kids. The course went along the Arkansas River and included a balloon release by cancer survivors. About 15-hundred people showed up. Victory in the Valley raised 60 to 90 thousand dollars in previous years.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

06/02/08

10pm

Tomorrow the Wichita city council holds its second reading to approve a city wide smoking ban. It would make any business where minors can enter smoke free. Or businesses could have a smoking room with separate ventilation. The ban goes into effect the end of August.

06/03/08

10pm

Wichita businesses have 90 days to go smoke free. Today the Wichita city council passed a city wide smoking ban on the second reading. It means any business that allows people under 18 or employs them must be non-smoking. Smoking will be allowed if the business has a room with separate ventilation or an outdoor patio. To see the council members who voted for and against the ban go to www.kwch.com

06/08/08

10pm

Storms a few hours ago caused damage in Butler County. Winds near 100-miles-per-hour knocked down trees and branches in Douglass. One of the trees landed on a house. There is also a report of minor street flooding. Wind and hail damaged out-buildings at the El Dorado Correctional facility. A trailer was also over-turned. We spoke to administrators at the prison. They say the main complex was not affected and is operating normally.

06/11/08

10pm

The FDA says California and Florida are safe. Salmonella tainted tomatoes did not come from those states. That means tomatoes are back on the menu at some Wichita restaurants. In tonight's HealthWatch...as we told you on Monday Subway was among many restaurants and grocery stores that pulled tomatoes. When customers asked today about tomatoes being back on the menu the store explained they were from a safe source in Florida. Brim says she's stopped buying tomatoes and now grows them at her house just to be safe.

06/14/08

10pm

Thousands lace up their walking shoes to raise money for heart health. The money raised at this morning's Wichita heart walk will go toward heart disease and stroke research. Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in the United States. Today's event at Cessna Stadium is part of the American Heart Association's largest fundraiser of the year. Donations topped 241-thousand dollars.

06/16/08

10pm

It's considered experimental even controversial. But a Wichita mom says it may be life-changing. Now she wants to make it available locally. Lainie Armstrong's two year old chance was born premature and given a small chance of survival. Doctor's also said he would likely be mentally retarded, deaf and blind. Armstrong has put her son into several types of therapies including this. Last month she took him to St. Petersburg, Florida for forty one hour sessions in a hyperbaric chamber. Since then, Armstrong says chance's vocabulary has tripled he sleeps through the night and can nearly walk. She's trying to raise money to start a similar facility in Wichita. Local hospitals have hyperbaric chambers but are used for treating injuries like burns and gangrene. Armstrong hopes to make the treatment available for those with brain injuries or disorders like autism.

HEALTH & SADETY Q-2 cont.

06/19/08

10pm

Wichita pizza lovers support a sick teen one pie at a time. Two dollars from every pizza sold at area Papa Johns restaurants in the past two days went to help 17-year-old Kyle Hicks. Kyle suffers from a rare disease that makes his skin blister and crack. He needs a half a million dollar bone marrow transplant. For restaurant owner Frank Carney Kyle's situation hits close to home; Carney suffered from a milder version of the same condition when he was younger. Kyle's parents' insurance companies won't pay for the treatment. So the family is holding a variety of events to try and raise the thousands of dollars they need. If you want to find out more about Kyle's condition and how you can help go to our website at www.kwch.com

06/24/08

10pm

Just as harvest moves into full swing the state puts an embargo on wheat in 15 Kansas counties; at issue fungicide residue. Regulators are most concerned about wheat that's already in the elevators in Wellington, Hutch and Garden Plain. The farmer's coop in garden plain received two truck loads of it. It immediately confined the wheat to a single bin the elevator is still fully operational. The state Ag Department ordered the embargo when it found some farmers improperly applied a certain toxic fungicide too close to harvest on more than 7,500 acres. Officials say they are just being cautious and tests on the wheat should be back sometime tomorrow.

06/26/08

10pm

You could see the smoke for miles. After the Valley Center plant explosion a Federal Review Board found static sparked the Barton Solvents explosion. Today the board gave its final report explaining where the static came from. The company says the soil on the site is now free of contamination. It has also made modifications to its Kansas City plant to eliminate the chance of explosion even if faulty equipment causes static electricity.

06/27/08

10pm

The gas company detected methane; now Wichitans are evacuated from their homes. It happened at the lamplighter mobile home park on East MacArthur. The city thinks the gas may be from a neighboring landfill. It wants to install vents to help the gas dissipate.

06/28/08

10pm

A train carrying radioactive material goes off the tracks in Northeast Kansas. It happened late Friday night in Atchison. No one was hurt and none of the cars containing low-level radioactive waste sustained damage or leaked. There's no word yet on a cause.

06/30/08

10pm

Are tomatoes really the cause of a nationwide Salmonella outbreak? After first identifying tomatoes weeks ago tonight the government admits it still doesn't know. The CDC said many times vegetables are eaten together so trying to trace back one is difficult. Nationwide there are 810 cases with 100 people hospitalized. If tomatoes aren't the source the damage is already done. This year, tomatoes in Georgia are selling at half their usual price. And the California tomato council believes nationwide losses could be 100 million dollars.

POLITICS Q-2

04/02/08

10pm

The city of Mulvane sues Sumner County for its casino endorsements. Mulvane wants the Penn National and Marvel Gaming proposals thrown out. Last year Sumner County Commissioners endorsed the two wellington proposals but not those in Mulvane. Mulvane says the county commission breached an agreement by not endorsing all qualified proposals. The county has 20 days to respond.

04/03/08

10pm

The Supreme Court struck it down and now Governor Sebelius signs a new version of the funeral picketing bill. The new law bans protests within 150 feet of a funeral, one hour before, during and two hours after the service. The law is aimed at Topeka church members who protest soldier funerals.

04/05/08

10pm

Six members of the Kansas House change their minds about two coal-fired power plants near Holcomb. Lawmakers approved a bill allowing the plants. The vote was 83-to-41. That's one vote less than the 84 needed to over-ride a veto by Governor Sebelius. The governor struck down a similar bill last month. Among those who opposed the previous bill but support the new one are Representatives Brenda Landwehr and Joann Pottorff of Wichita.

04/08/08

10pm

Governor Sebelius signs a bill creating gold star license plates. The special plates are for mothers of fallen soldiers. Kansas is the 23rd state to issue "Gold Star Mother" license plates.

04/17/08

10pm

Opposition to the tanker deal gains support on Capitol Hill. The Air Force wants to replace its aging fleet of KC 135's. Today lawmakers and members of SPEEA met in Washington. They're upset the air force gave the tanker contract to airbus instead of Boeing. Senator Pat Roberts says the bid process was flawed. Roberts says Boeing was penalized for offering a smaller plane even though the Air Force asked for it.

04/20/08

10pm

Construction begins on the state capital to repair the building's crumbling exterior. The 4-year project will cost 39 million dollars. Crews will wash the rock surface this month and begin bringing in cotton-wood limestone next month to replace the damaged stonework. It should protect the exterior of the building for 50 years.

04/22/08

10pm

New tonight this summer you'll be able to own weapons that have always been illegal in Kansas. Today Governor Sebelius signed a bill legalizing machine guns, fully-automatic weapons, sawed off shotguns and silencers. Gun shop owners like Kevin Ketter support the new law, saying they will make money selling the weapons. But even though the legislation will allow you to own the weapons, it also requires a lot more paperwork. Collectors say the price of such weapons, typically around 20-thousand dollars, will also limit sales. The new law takes effect July first.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

04/23/08

10pm

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04/26/08

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President Bush may be days away from signing the long-debated farm bill. The House and Senate came to a tentative agreement on the bill late this week. A key breakthrough came after negotiators agreed on how to pay for the 280-billion dollar legislation. Congressman Jerry Moran believes the bill is almost a done deal but say some issues need to be addressed. Lawmakers also agreed to add additional funding for nutritional programs to ease the impact of rising food prices. The current farm bill that was approved in 2002 was set to expire last September. Lawmakers extended it several times when Congress and the White House couldn't agree on the terms of new one.

05/01/08

10pm

New tonight the Senate passes a bill to toughen the state stalking law. It's now up to the governor to sign it. Jodi's law defines stalking more clearly making it easier to send offenders to trial. Prosecutors say Jodi Sandholm was stalked before being kidnapped, raped and murdered.

05/03/08

10pm

The Kansas House and Senate agree on a bill requiring you to show photo ID before voting. The compromise also requires the state to provide free photo I-D's to low income Kansans and people on welfare. The bill now heads to the governor's desk. The new law would go into effect in 2010. The legislation's chances received a boost this week when the U-S Supreme Court upheld a similar law in Indiana.

05/09/08

10pm

The kidnapping and murder of this Cowley College student leads to a tougher stalking law in Kansas. Prosecutors say the man who killed Jodi Sanderholm stalked other girls; sometimes for years. Here's a look at the new law signed by Governor Sebelius today. It broadens and clarifies the definition of stalking. The law takes out the "credible threat" requirement that only allowed police to intervene if someone was threatened. And also adds tougher penalties for stalking. Justin Thurber is charged with capital murder in Sanderholm's death.

05/13/08

10pm

The Wichita Mayor announces the first candidate for city manager. Pat Salerno is the former city manager of Sunrise, Florida. He spent 17 years there before resigning this year. But he graduated from University of Oklahoma; so Wichita will be closer to home for him. Salerno will interview for Wichita City Manager next Monday and Tuesday. For a look at his complete resume log onto our website at www.kwch.com

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

05/21/08

10pm

New record highs for both gas and oil; triple-A says the average price at the pump is 3.80. Today oil closed at more than 133 dollars a barrel. Just like you lawmakers want to know why. Today a Senate Committee asked executives from five major oil companies for the answer. In just the first three months this year the companies earned 36 billion dollars. But the oil executives insist they aren't to blame for the record prices. In the past 12 months the price of crude oil has doubled leaving many drivers with sticker shock. Americans are doing what they can to save. Nationwide car dealers say SUV sales are down 23 percent. And for the first time since 9/11 Triple-A expects fewer people are to travel this Memorial weekend.

05/22/08

10pm

The search is on. Barack Obama is looking for a running mate. With Hillary Clinton still in the race, Obama is keeping quiet trying not to alienate her supporters; but CBS News reports he hired the same man John Kerry and Walter Mondale used to pick their Vice Presidential running mates. Among the candidates on Obama's list, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius. She says, "I'm humbled by the suggestion but what it does more than anything is remind me of how proud I am of the progress we've made in Kansas during my six years as governor, my primary focus remains on serving the people of Kansas."

06/21/08

10pm

The NAACP is calling for three officers to be fired after an internal investigation is launched in the Wichita Police Department. One sergeant and two officers have been suspended with pay while the Professional Standards Bureau investigates. The investigation is about a complaint saying the officers made inappropriate comments while they were off-duty at a private party. Today NAACP President Kevin Myles issued this statement about the investigation. "We understand and appreciate that Professional Standards is now conducting an investigation into the matter; which we will closely monitor. However, we wish to go on record stating that if the Wichita Police Department and Chief Norman Williams attempt to sweep this under the rug' by quietly returning the officers to duty, it would send a strong signal that such behavior is condoned by the leadership of WPD." The professional standards bureau is trying to figure out what happened. Wichita police policy says, if a complaint against an officer is serious enough, and found to be true, that officer can be fired.

06/27/08

10pm

The State Supreme Court says the expanded gambling law is constitutional. Now casinos will be built in these four counties. The court says the casinos will be state owned and operated despite the fact private companies will manage them.