

Weather



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms. Low around 52. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

**Saturday:** Showers and thunderstorms. High near 57. North wind around 10 mph becoming east. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. North wind around 10 mph.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

**Columbus Day:** Sunny, with a high near 68.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 71.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 71.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 67.

Thursday: High, 85; Low 50  
 Precip: Thursday 0.43 inches  
 Month: 0.43 inches  
 Year: 16.84 inches  
 Normal: 17.78 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Saturday 7:47 a.m. 7:16 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 90 percent  
 Sunday 7:48 a.m. 7:15 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 95 percent  
 Monday 7:49 a.m. 7:13 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 98 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Official outlines Medicaid plans

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back's administration because the program's costs, now approaching \$2.8 billion, have increased 48 percent during the past eight years, stressing the state's budget.

In 2009, faced with a slump in state tax collections, then-Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson ordered a 10 percent cut in Medicaid reimbursements to health care providers. It was reversed by July 2010.

"We're not looking at something like that," Colyer said, though neither he nor Brownback have ruled out a small reduction.

Kansas House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat, said he applauds the Brownback administration for dealing with rising Medicaid costs, and Colyer's comments suggest parts of the plan could have bipartisan support. But Davis also is skeptical such changes will save the state tens of millions of dollars annually.

"I'm a little bit fearful of what the administration will come up with," Davis said. "We certainly shouldn't balance the budget on the backs of the poorest Kansans who need access to health care."

The federal government, which oversees

states' Medicaid programs, typically has picked up about 60 percent of the cost. Colyer said the Brownback administration anticipates big cuts in federal spending to help close the federal budget deficit and reduce the federal debt.

Colyer didn't provide specifics about the overhaul plan, saying its release remains several weeks away.

But he said it will include proposals for seeing a greater number of elderly and disabled Kansas residents receive services in their homes rather than in nursing homes, which tend to be more expensive. He said the state may even work to get nursing homes themselves to provide such services.

Medicaid covers nursing home care for about 10,000 seniors in Kansas. It covers in-home services for about 5,700 frail, elderly residents.

"We want to keep people in their own homes," Colyer said. "We can do that and save money."

Debra Zehr, president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, said the group has had discussions with Secretary on Aging Shawn Sullivan about creating incentives for nursing homes to reduce beds and

diversify into assisted-living or in-home services.

She noted that in the 1970s, the state pushed to make sure each of the state's 105 counties had a nursing home to serve the elderly but added, "Now the model is changing."

"We see the trend in consumer demand," said Zehr, whose association represents nonprofit homes. "People obviously don't want to go to a nursing home unless they really need to."

Colyer said the plan also will contain initiatives to help disabled Kansans on Medicaid find and hold jobs so they don't become "trapped" in the program and proposals for improving the coordination of care for people who have multiple medical problems.

An online report this week from the Kansas Health Institute News Service said Brownback's administration is considering transferring some programs out of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the state's largest social services agency.

"I would anticipate some reorganization, but I can't confirm what it would be," Colyer said. "Everything is on the table."

## Thursday storms destroy farm buildings

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the afternoon. Visibility west of town was down to less than a half-mile in places. Remaining eastbound traffic was allowed to exit the area, but any further traffic was cut off at Burlington, Colo. U.S. 24 was also closed heading west out of Colby. Local law enforcement assisted with blocking the roads.

The wind storm provided at least one example of why the

roads were closed. In Sherman County a semi-trailer rig blew over on I-70. The truck had been heading east and got caught by a gust of wind just east of the Colorado border. It overturned and came to rest across both lanes. The driver was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The weather service is predicting an 80 percent chance of more thunderstorms tonight and Saturday.

## New wind farm will be state's largest

WICHITA (AP) — BP Wind Energy has announced plans for what it says will be the largest wind farm in Kansas.

Gov. Sam Brownback joined company officials Monday in Wichita to announce the \$800 million project.

BP says its 419-megawatt Flat Ridge Wind Farm will be spread over 66,000 acres in

Barber, Harper, Kingman and Sumner counties. Associated Electric Cooperative will buy most of the energy.

Kansas and BP officials expect the project to mean 500 construction jobs. The wind farm is expected begin operating next fall, with about 30 full-time employees.

## Trail association plans annual conference

The Smoky Hill Trail Association's Fifth Annual Conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15 and 16, at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, 703 W. Second St., Oakley.

Saturday morning's schedule includes a presentation by Dr. Henrietta Mann, president of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal College, Weatherford, Okla., titled "Walking the Cheyenne Road of Life."

Bob Wilhelm, Fort Hays Historic Site, will present "Fort Fletcher and the Smoky Hill Trail as Remembered by Captain Rich-

ard Musgrove," and Dr. Leo Oliva will speak on "Fort Wallace and the Smoky Hill Trail."

The banquet, general meeting and awards presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Bus tours narrated by "Kansas Cowboy" Jim Gray and highlighting trail sites will be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Registration information for speakers and tours can be obtained by contacting Mike Baughn, (785) 694-2278 or (785) 462-0961 or Jody Zeman, (785) 259-0725, or the Association's website at smokyhilltrail.com.

A Jerry Thomas signed and numbered print, "Distant Thunder," (59/900) will be auctioned at the conference Sunday morning and the public is invited to attend, meet the artist and bid. Local auctioneer Jimmy Bloom will conduct the auction.

The general public is also invited to attend a pre-conference "Evening with Robert Morris Peck," portrayed by Dr. Leo Oliva, at the Colonial Steakhouse, I-70 Exit 70, at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14. No registration or fees are required for attendance at the pre-conference event.

## Prosecutors will not seek death penalty in Great Bend case

GREAT BEND (AP) — A central Kansas judge ruled Thursday that prosecutors have enough evidence to try a Great Bend man for last year's killing of a 14-year-old girl.

Adam Longoria, 37, is charged with capital murder in the death of Alicia DeBolt, whose charred body was found at the asphalt plant where Longoria worked in August 2010. She disappeared days earlier from her Great Bend home.

Longoria also faces several other charges, including attempted rape and criminal solicitation of a minor. If convicted of capital murder, Longoria would face life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors withdrew their motion to seek the death penalty during Thursday's preliminary hearing before Barton County District Judge Hannelore Kitts. The victim's sister, Dawn DeBolt, read a short statement following the hearing, saying her

family supports the state's decision not to seek the death penalty, *The Wichita Eagle* reports (<http://bit.ly/qIHuoO>).

In closing arguments, prosecutor Kevin O'Connor said evidence showed that Longoria had "a sexual interest in this 14-year-old girl" and that he had asked Alicia DeBolt to send him a picture of herself. He said Longoria lured her into his vehicle with the idea of going to a party when there was never a party.

Even if she voluntarily got into the vehicle, he argued, the sex acts were "in no way consensual, they were forced."

Earlier in the day, a forensic scientist testified that bodily fluid containing DNA from the victim and the accused was found on the floor mat of a vehicle Longoria was driving.

On Wednesday, prosecutors presented a series of cellphone

text messages showing a relationship between Longoria and the girl.

Defense attorney Jeff Wicks lost his argument that the state had not met its burden of evidence to take the case to trial. He had contended the state is trying to base its case on text messages that occurred five weeks before the teen's death.

## Briefly

### Wellness fair is Saturday

The Thomas County Wellness Fair and Healthy Lifestyle Expo will be from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, at the Colby Community College student union. Admission is \$5 for access to screenings, educational booths, "try it or watch it" exercise classes and nutrition question and answer sessions. For information, call Diann Gerstner at 460-4582.

### Music Booster Club seeks decorations

The Colby Music Booster Club is looking for donations of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations — including Halloween costumes — for a Holiday Garage Sale fund raiser. The sale will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 15, at 405 N. Franklin Ave. Proceeds from the sale will go to new uniforms for the Colby Eagle Marching Band. For more information or to make a donation, call Jan Barnum at 462-5892.

### Look for Lions at game

The High Plains Lions Club will be at the Dennen Field gates during the Colby High School football game tonight to raise money for sight research at the University of Kansas Medical Center. For more information, call Sheryl Brennan at (785) 586-2384.

### Fatherhood class to begin this Tuesday

The 24/7 Dad will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting at Redeeming Love Ministries in Colby. Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. 24/7 Dad is a fatherhood program with experienced facilitators, W.G. Romine and Jarrod Spencer, bringing fathers together and giving them tools for improvement and to build on their strengths. For information, call Paige Campbell at 460-8177.

### Seniors plan potluck

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

### Treasurer's office to close

The Thomas County Treasurer's office at the courthouse will close from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tuesday so the staff can have motor vehicle training. The office will open after 11:30. For information, call 460-4520.

### Human resources group plans law seminar

The local chapter of Western Kansas Human Resources Management Association will hold an employment law seminar on Wednesday in room 108 of the student union at Colby Community College. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the presentation at 1 p.m.. Labor Attorney Tim Davis of Constangy, Brooks and Smith will be the presenter. For information, visit [www.wkhrma.org](http://www.wkhrma.org).

**Rawlins County Health Center**

**RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730  
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**October 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Dr. Rubiniowitz Oncology	4	5 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	6 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	7 MRI's	8 Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab
9	10 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	11 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	12 Dr. Frankum Surgery	13 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	14 MRI's	15 Cardiac Rehab
16	17 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	18 DEXA Bone Density	19 Dr. Curtis Cardiology	20 Dr. Saba Orthopedics	21 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	22 Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab
23	24 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	25 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	26 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	27 Dr. Tom Pagano Cardiology	28 MRI's	29 Cardiac Rehab
30	31 Dr. Rubiniowitz Oncology	<b>TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A VISITING PHYSICIAN, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director</b>				

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Monday Evening		October 10, 2011								
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	The Sing-Off				The Playboy Club		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova		House		Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders	
AMC	The Green Mile								The Green Mile	
ANIM	Animal Cops Houston	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive		Animal Cops Houston		Happens	Housewives/NJ	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Real
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Real Housewives							
CMT	Fried Green Tomatoes								Fried Green Tomatoes	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360				OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Park	
DISC	American Chopper	American Chopper			American Guns		American Chopper		American Guns	
DISN	Shake It	Igor			ANT Farm	Phineas	ANT Farm	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Kim's Wedding				Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	SportsCtr	Football	World, Poker		World, Poker		SportsCtr	Football	Baseball	Football
FAM	The Lying Game	Stick It					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Unwrapped	Crave	The Best	The Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	The Best	The Best
FX	Death Race									
HGTV	Showhouse Showdown	First	First	House	Hunters	Hunters	House	Hunters	First	First
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn		Hairy Bik	TBA	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Five				Against the Wall		Unsolved Mysteries	
MTV	Jersey Shore	DISconnected					DISconnect	True Life		True Life
NICK	Big Time	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Urban	Urban	Scare	Scare
SPIKE	King	King	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	King	King
TBS	MLB Baseball							MLB		Conan
TCM	The Wolf Man		The Uninvited					Dead of Night		
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Boss: Buddy		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Boss: Buddy
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer					
TOON	Regular	Secret	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	No Reservation		Cook Tour	Cook Tour	No Reservation		No Reservation		Cook Tour	Cook Tour
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny	The Nanny	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Law & Order: SVU		Psych	
VH1	Basketball Wives LA	La La	T.O. Show		Basketball Wives LA		La La	T.O. Show	Basketball Wives LA	
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher	Bored	Enlighten		Little Fockers					
MAX	Inception	My Big Fat	Greek Wedding		The Town				Co-Ed Confidential	
SHOW	Red		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland	

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