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Frigid Weather and Global Warming

By Dr. Jim Haas

With a warming climate, why do we have cold spells like the one we endured last month? Often, the reason has to do with the polar jet stream, a high-altitude river of air above 25,000 feet, typically 100 miles wide and three or so miles thick, that flows west to east at 80-140 mph or more. There are polar and subtropical jet streams in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

When the northern polar jet is stable, it encircles the Arctic keeping frigid polar air far north; think of it as the neck of a turtleneck sweater wrapped around the globe. The polar jet follows the boundaries between hot and cold air and is normally kept in place by dense air cooled by Arctic waters and sea ice.

But global warming has been most pronounced near the pole, with sea ice nearly gone. It's still very cold up there—the infamous polar vortex that TV meteorologists talk about—but has warmed enough to reduce the difference between hot and cold air and make the polar jet less stable. Instability allows the jet stream to become wavy, and when a deep wave reaches lower latitudes as in the American Midwest, frigid Arctic air flows southward and fills the area. That's why we were so cold. It doesn't happen only here, of course: weeks before our long cold spell, Beijing and much of China had its coldest weather since accurate records began.

Jet stream fluctuations and resulting cold snaps are normal, and it takes decades of weather data to see signs of long-term climate change. Still, there's no question that the atmosphere has warmed significantly and that the extra heat energy has

made extreme, often destructive, weather events much more common than even a generation ago.

The existence of jet streams was first suggested by meteorologists and aviator Wiley Post early last century and was confirmed when American B-29 crews on flights from Pacific islands to bomb Japan found their ground speed slowed significantly at high altitudes while heading west but was much faster returning with tail winds. Ironically, the first meteorologist to detect and measure a jet stream was a Japanese, Wasaburo Oishi, who, in the 1920s, tracked balloons released near Mount Fuji, but his work was not widely read here.

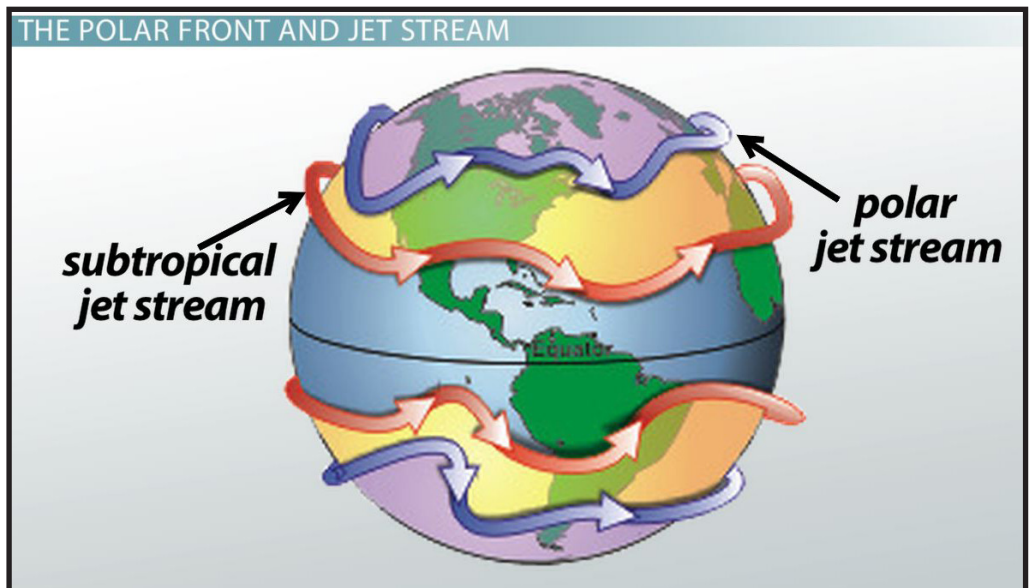
Today's commercial airlines pay close attention to jet streams and use them to save time and fuel eastbound while avoiding them westbound. I once flew from Phoenix to KC on a Southwest plane that evidently took advantage of a fast jet stream because we arrived nearly an hour ahead of schedule.

Many of our political leaders still refuse

to take global warming seriously despite decades of scientific evidence and the droughts, wildfires, floods, heat waves, and extreme storms that we see in the news nearly every day. Some politicians advocate continuing to burn fossil fuels because they're plentiful and cheap, disregarding the rapidly growing costs of weather disasters. If they get their way, those climate deniers will cost future generations far more than we will save in the short term.

Last week, President Biden paused a large liquid natural gas (LNG) project. LNG contains methane, a greenhouse gas especially dangerous to the climate. Meanwhile, another person who wants to be president advocates “drill, baby, drill,” complains about the shift to electric vehicles, and acts as if the climate crisis isn't real. It is.

Two things are certain: The climate crisis is an existential threat to life as we know it, and this year's elections will help determine our climate's future—and ours.





By Sharon Hoover

REPRIEVE! It would be nice if the warm weather would stick around but you know it's going to get cold again, just not in the single digits please. I finally made it outside this week, I've been hibernating not just because of the cold and snow. You see, I stumbled and fell face first into a yellow pole at the store right before the cold weather started. I hit my forehead, broke my nose, and got banged up quite a bit. I looked like I had gone

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a couple of rounds with Mohammed Ali. Almost three weeks later, I am now ready to face the world. The hardest part was not being able to read because of the nose, also my glasses needed a little repair.

So, what's coming up in February. Parks & Recreation is sponsoring the "Someone Special Dance" at the Joe Amayo Community Center on February 9, from 6pm-8pm. There will be music, light refreshments, photo ops, and a huge dance floor. The cost is \$5 for each pair (one adult & child) and \$2 for each

additional child.

U G KCK Redevelopment Department is holding an Open House on Wednesday, February 7, from 4:30pm-6:30pm in the 47th/State Community Room at 849 N 47th. Meet with city leaders, developers, and interested parties to share Your ideas on the future of the former Indian Springs Mall Site. It's about time they did something with that site, I'd like to see retail and restaurants back. A lot of people in the downtown area don't have transportation to go all the way

out to 78th & State or the Legends.

West Wyandotte Library is hosting Warriors Academy KCK for a self defense class open to girls and women 12 years old and older on February 17, at 2:00pm. Register at <https://kckpl.librarymarket.com/.../fight-girl-self>.

Wyandotte High School PTSA is now registering businesses for the Student Success Center that is holding its Spring 2024 Job Fair on April 4, 2024, from 11:00-12:55. Spaces are limited.

The Hazardous Waste Days for 2024 have been announced. The dates are April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19. These are the third Saturday of the month. The times for all are 8:30am-1:00pm. The address is 2443 S. 88th St.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you.

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It's Time for Kansas to Pass Medicaid Expansion

The Kansas Legislature is back in session. And as lawmakers convene in Topeka, many Kansans are left asking the same question. Will this be the year that Kansas finally adopts Medicaid Expansion?

Kansas is quickly falling behind. Kansas is now one of just 10 states that hasn't adopted Medicaid Expansion. All of our neighboring states have expanded Medicaid. Yet despite Kansans overwhelmingly supporting Medicaid Expansion, it continues to stall out in Topeka year after year.

Medicaid Expansion would have a significant impact on families here in Wyandotte County and beyond – including improving behavioral health outcomes. Currently Kansas ranks last in the country in mental health, according to a 2023 report from Mental Health America

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UG Names New Wyandotte County Museum Director

Kansas City, KS – The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS (UG) is pleased to announce the hiring of Amanda Martin as Director for the

Wyandotte County Museum. Ms. Martin comes to this role with over 25 years in both museum education and leadership.

Prior to joining the Unified Government, she was the Executive Director of The Grove Museum under the Florida Department of State in Tallahassee, FL. As a Kansas native, Martin spent most of her career working in Kansas art museums and participating in museum and education organizations, providing leadership with their state-wide activities. Her work includes the Kansas Museum Association, Kansas Art Education Association, Kansas Department of Education, and the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education.

“It is great to welcome Amanda back home to Kansas to guide the programs and activities of our Wyandotte County Museum,” said County Administrator David Johnston. “I am sure that she will appreciate, as I have since I moved here, the strong and rich heritage that the area brings to us all. I look forward to working with Amanda as we showcase the many wonderful stories and histories that are uniquely Wyandotte. I am particularly interested in how we showcase our history to the many visitors that will attend the World Cup games in 2026.”

As Director, Martin plans to implement strategies gained from her experience in museum community

engagement, developing K-12 partnerships and professional learning, as well as promoting diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion.

“I’m excited about all the wonderful exhibits, programs, and outreach the Wyandotte County Historical Museum has been doing,” said Martin. “I look forward to continuing to connect and serve our community through future projects and initiatives.”

It is no big surprise that Ms. Martin has a great passion for museums, her father was the Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Kansas University Museum of National History, and she spent much of her childhood playing at the museum.

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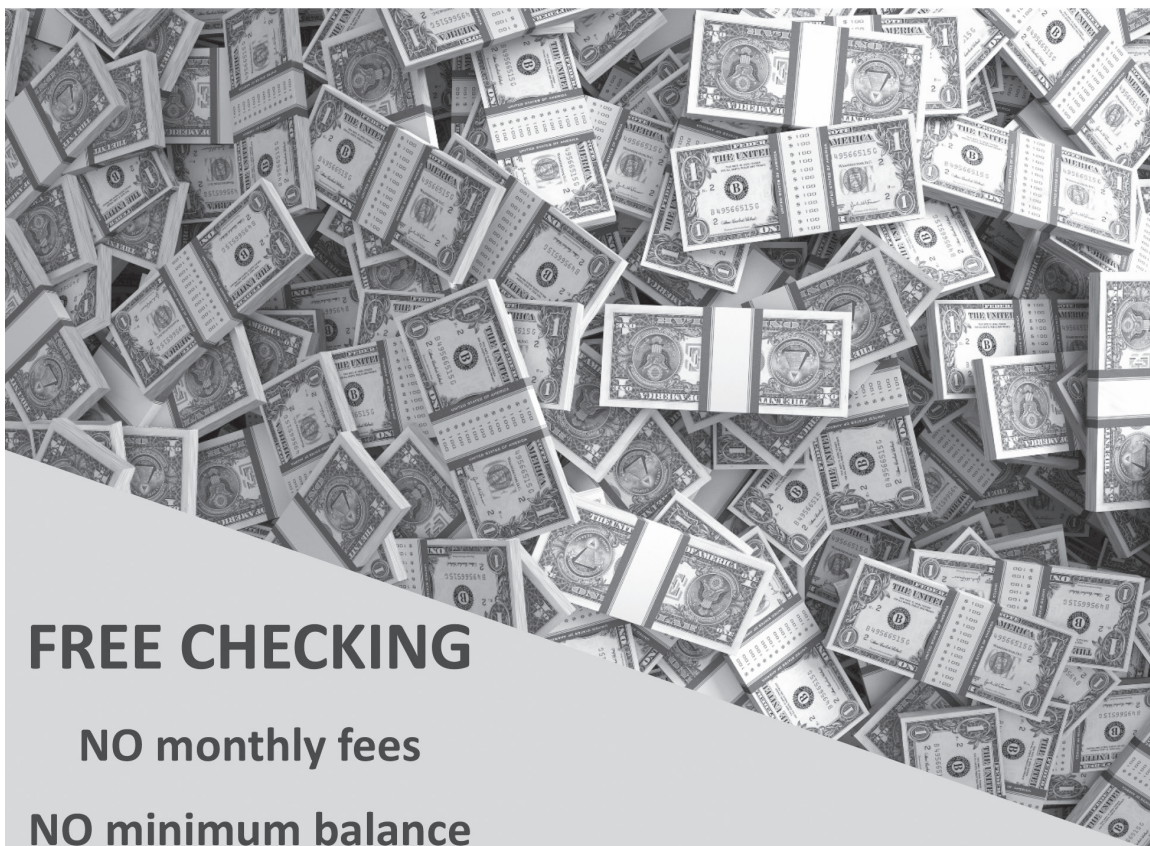
(MHA) that looked at prevalence of mental illness and access to care across the country. What were the driving factors behind Kansas’ low ranking? High rates of youth experiencing Substance Use Disorders (SUD) in the past year, adults with any mental illness and adults with serious thoughts of suicide. Wyandotte County currently has the highest volume of calls to the suicide lifeline – more than Sedgwick and Johnson counties combined. Kansans deserve better.

So how do we go about improving mental health outcomes? It starts with access to care. That same MHA report found that nearly 18 percent of Kansas adults with any mental illness were uninsured. Far too many people don’t seek treatment because they think they can’t afford care and/or the medication they need. Medicaid Expansion would make 150,000 additional Kansans eligible for health insurance, allowing them to feel that access to behavioral health treatment and medication is within reach.

To get Medicaid Expansion passed in Kansas, we have to expose and move path the myths surrounding it. One of the most common myths I hear surrounding Medicaid Expansion is that it would discourage people from working, when quite the opposite is true. More than half of adults under age 65 with Medicaid are working either full or part-time.

Expanding Medicaid would greatly improve health outcomes for families across the state and create healthier communities for decades to come. It’s time for Kansas to pass Medicaid Expansion.

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KCKCC's Jada Johnson Reaches 1,000 Career Points

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History would be made with 2:51 remaining on the clock in the first quarter as Johnson connected on a three pointer, which put her over 1,000 career points. She would finish that game shooting 9-15 from the field and 4-10 from behind the arc, adding 22 points to her already monster total. On top

of that, she had nine rebounds, six assists, three steals and one block. The Lady Blue Devils hammered the Wolves with a dominating final score of 94-58.

A 5'10 guard from Kansas City, Mo., Johnson joins a small, but mighty group of athletes in KCKCC women's basketball history. Only Jurgita Kausaite (1995-97) 1,517 points, Stephanie Brown (2003-05) 1,350 points, Aneta Kausaite (1994-96) 1,140 points and Stacey McElroy (1993-95) 1,095 points have achieved the 1,000-point mark.

Johnson is on pace to end the season with more than 600 total points. If that happens, she will end her KCKCC career third in overall career points.

"What a great accomplishment for Jada," said Martina Mihailovic, head KCKCC women's basketball coach. "Scoring 1,000 points on

the collegiate level was one of her goals when she committed to play for us here at KCKCC. She worked really hard the past two years to make this happen. I am really proud of her."

Johnson started her collegiate basketball career at Kansas Christian in the 2020-21 season, where she finished with 301 points. She led the team in total points while averaging 13.7 points per game, shooting 43 percent from the field, 22 percent from behind the arc and 79 percent from the free-throw line. During her first season with KCKCC, she finished with 364 points, averaging 14 PPG. Heading into the 2023-24 season, she needed just 335 points to complete the mission.

"It feels great," Johnson said. "I've been waiting for this for a long time. It's always been a dream of mine."

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Turner USD 202 Facility Supervisor, Chris Crockett will host the blind bid opening, February 8, 2024, at 10:00 am. The location of the bid opening will be the Facility and Grounds Building located at 5800 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66106. Turner USD 202 will announce the vendor that is awarded the bid Wednesday February 21, 2024.

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