

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 67.
Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Monday: High, 59; Low 40
 Tuesday: High, 59; Low 39
 Precip: Monday 0.01 inches
 Tuesday 0.06 inches
 Month: 0.22 inches
 Year: 5.63 inches
 Normal: 7.24 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 6:32 a.m. 8:49 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

File by Monday for tax exempt status

WASHINGTON – A crucial filing deadline, Monday, May 17, is looming for many tax-exempt organizations that are required by law to file their Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service or risk having their federal tax-exempt status revoked.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 mandates that all non-profit organizations, other than churches and church-related organizations, must file an information form with the IRS. This requirement has been in effect since the beginning of 2007, which made 2009 the third consecutive year under the new law. Any organization that fails to file for three consecutive years automatically loses its federal tax-exempt status.

For organizations that use the calendar year as their fiscal year, May 15 is the deadline. Since it

falls on a Saturday this year, the deadline is actually Monday, May 17. Organizations can request an extension of their filing date by filing Form 8868 by the due date.

Without a request for extension, there is no grace period.

Small tax-exempt organizations with annual receipts of \$25,000 or less can file an electronic notice Form 990-N (e-Postcard). This asks for a few basic pieces of information. Tax-exempts with annual receipts above \$25,000 must file a Form 990 or 990-EZ, depending on their receipts. Private foundations file form 990-PF.

If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and renewed exemption may be taxable.

Kansas Legislature passes budget with state sales tax increase

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cent through June 2013, then drop to 5.7 percent, with some of the remaining revenues diverted to highway projects.

Democrats and moderate Republicans in both chambers had agreed with Parkinson that additional reductions would be crippling. They drafted both the proposed budget and the bill raising the sales tax. But conservative Republicans argued that raising taxes wasn't necessary, would hurt working families and would keep the state's economy in a recession longer.

House GOP leaders, conservatives who opposed raising taxes, said the potential damage to schools and government programs was greatly overstated by supporters of a tax increase.

"I think we're taxed enough," said Rep. Joe Patton, a Topeka Republican. "In this debate, the taxpayer has become the forgotten person."

The closeness of the House reflected some Republicans' struggle with raising taxes.

"The moderate Republicans that voted for the budget and the revenue package did the state an enormous favor," Parkinson said.

The tax bill initially appeared to be failing Monday night, but supporters forced the House to keep the voting open and wait for missing members to return. That gave the bill's backers a chance to work on colleagues by phone.

The tally shifted to 63-61 in favor, with only Rep. Virgil Peck absent. Peck, a Tyro Republican who opposed the bill, was at home, 150 miles away, attending to business and personal matters.

Opponents of the tax hike then forced the voting to remain open in hopes of switching votes back.

Peck, who said he'd been told by other Republicans that supporters of a tax increase had more than enough votes and he wouldn't be needed, sped back to Topeka.

He voted "no," but vote switching continued. The last to switch – to "yes" – was Rep. Bill Otto, a LeRoy Republican, who said he had wanted other choices, such as raising income taxes or even expanding legalized gambling.

Road crews stick up for underpaid

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and pieces of equipment to be trained on.

"We ran a help-wanted ad for five weeks, and not one person applied," he added.

Merryman said at the rate they are going, the three employees will have to work for the county nine years, before reaching the \$12 an hour figure.

One employee spoke up and said a lot of them have second jobs, because the county wage isn't enough to live on.

Commissioner Paul Steele said he thought the employees were the most important asset the county has, and maybe they should spend more on employees and less on equipment, and they might have to defer some of the planned new equipment purchases.

"We find ourselves trying to figure out how to finance what we're doing and how to keep the doors open," said Commissioner Sowers.

The commissioners reminded the group that part of the sheriff's budget from last year wasn't spent, and that some of his revenue came from the drug forfeiture fund, and wasn't taxpayer money.

Chairman Christiansen told the group he was

glad they had a chance to visit and appreciated the demeanor of the meeting, and he thought there should be some way they could make the changes click. He promised the group of employees the commissioners would take a look at it and try to have some answers by next week, but that they couldn't get into a salary discussion at every meeting.

Seven employees and board members from the Thomas County Soil Conservation District came to the commissioners to ask for continued support when they were making out the 2011 budget. They said their request for funding is less than the request two years ago, because they have cut down on salaries and wages.

"For every dollar you've put in we have had eight to nine thousand dollars return on the investment," said Jon Starns, a 20 year member of the county conservation board.

The board is asking for \$35,000 from the county budget for the coming year.

The commissioners commended the board and staff on their efforts to educate the youth of the area about preserving our natural resources, and promised to do what they can when it comes budget time.

"I just saw no end game," he said later Tuesday, explaining his switch. "I didn't like it."

On Monday, House Republican leaders backed off a plan that would have reduced aid to public schools in favor of one that would have raised the necessary money by selling unused state buildings, land and other property.

"We tried to be responsible but were ignored," said Rep. Peggy Mast, an Emporia Republican.

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		May 11, 2010									
		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	Lost			V		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	NCIS: Los Angeles			The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser	Parenthood				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	American Idol	Glee			Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		
AMC	The Hunted	Gangs of New York									
ANIM	Blue Planet	Blue Planet			The Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet		
BRAVO	Housewives/N.J.	Housewives/N.J.			9 by Design		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/N.J.		
CMT	Extreme Makeover	Junior			Lethal Weapon						
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360						
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	S. Park	South Pk	Sit Down	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	
DISC	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch			Swamp Loggers		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		
DISN	Inspector Gadget	Good Luck			Hannah		Wizards		Deck		So Raven
EI	The Craft	Kendra			Kendra		Chelsea		EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	30 for 30	MLB Special			Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball		NFL Live
ESPN2	World Series	World Series			World Series		30 for 30		Nation		NASCAR
FAM	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos			The 700 Club		Whose?		Whose?		
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	Chefs vs. City		Chopped		Good Eats		Unwrapped		Chefs vs. City
FX	Beowulf	Justified			Justified		70s Show		70s Show		
HGTV	First	First	Home Rules		House		House		Marriage		Home Rules
HIST	The Real Robin Hood	The Universe									
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Accused at 17			Will		Will		Frasier		Medium
MTV	True Life	The City		The Hills		The Hills		The City		True Life	
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris		Lopez		Lopez		The Nanny		The Nanny
SCI	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Star Trek: Next Gen.			WWE NXT		Star Trek Gen.		Jack Brooks		
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior	Deadliest Warrior			Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		The Ultimate Fighter		
TBS	Office	Office	Office		Office		Office		Lopez Tonight		Name/Earl
TCM	Drums-Mohawk	19 Kids and Counting			19 Kids		Little		19 Kids and Counting		19 Kids
TLC	19 Kids and Counting	19 Kids			19 Kids		Little		19 Kids and Counting		19 Kids
TNT	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball									
TOON	Garfield	Chowder	Codename		Ed, Edd	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Most Terrifying	Terr Places			Smithsonian		Creepiest Dest.		Most Terrifying		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond		Raymond		Roseanne		Roseanne		Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych		
VH1	Tough Love Couples	Undateable			Undateable		Brandy & Ray J		Undateable		
WGN	Eight Below	America's			Scrub		Scrub		S. Park		S. Park
Premium Channels											
HBO	Fighting	Land of the Lost			Treme		The Pacific				
MAX	Terminator Salvation	Kiss of the Dragon			Zane's Sex Chron.		Busty Cop				
SHOW	What Women Want	Nurse			Tara		Nurse		Medicine-Mel		

		May 14, 2010									
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wife Swap	Primetime: What			20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Ghost Whisperer	Medium			Miami Medical		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late Late		
KSNK/NBC	Friday Night Lights	Dateline NBC			Local						
KSAS/FOX	House	Kitchen Nightmares			Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		
AMC	Unforgiven	Tigerland									
ANIM	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions			River Monsters		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/N.J.			Housewives/N.J.		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/N.J.		
CMT	Extreme Makeover	Gator 911			Coast		Captain Ron		Gator 911		
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360						
COMEDY	Presents	Presents			Com.-Presents		Larry, Cable		Comedy		Comedy
DISC	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs			Construction		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		
DISN	Deck	Wizards	Phineas		Phineas		Wizards		Hannah		Phineas
EI	Pretty	Pretty			Sexy Vegas Job		The Soup		The Soup		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball									
ESPN2	Who's Number 1?	Boxing			Boxing		Boxing		Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos			Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?		Whose?
FOOD	Chopped	Diners			Diners		Private Chefs		Good Eats		Rachael
FX	Déjà Vu	The Marine			Justified		Pathfinder		Pathfinder		
HGTV	HGTV Green Home 2010	House			Buck		House		House		Battle on the Block

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HIST	Modern Marvels	Gangland			Gangland		Superhuman		Modern Marvels		
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Wind Chill			Will		Will		Frasier		
MTV	16 and Pregnant	The Hills		The Hills		What a Girl Wants		What Girl			
NICK	Victorlou	Jackson	The Troop		Chris		Lopez		Lopez		The Nanny
SCI	Stargate Universe	Stargate Universe			Merlin		Stargate Universe		Merlin		
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scn	1,000 Ways to Die			Entourage		Entourage		Entourage		UFC Prime
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy			Miss Congeniality 2		Spanish				
TCM	Red, Hot and Blue	It Should Happen to You			Chatterbox						
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	Bones	Forrest Gump									
TOON	Ben 10	Generator	Star Wars	Star Wars	King-Hill	King-Hill	Venture	Amer Dad	Cheyenne	Baby Blue	
TRAV	Man/Food	Man, Food	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Most Haunted		Man/Food		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond		Raymond		Ghostbusters		Get Rich		
USA	NCIS	NCIS									
VH1	Undateable	Undateable			Undateable		Wide Stage		Undateable		
WGN	Mission to Mars	WGN News at Nine			WGN News at Nine		Scrub		Scrub		
Premium Channels											
HBO	The Pacific	Gervais			Life		Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		Funny or
MAX	Get Smart	Semi-Pro			Resident Evil						
SHOW	The Tudors	Nurse		Tara		Penn		Penn		Boxing	




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