

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A chance of rain and thunderstorms, then rain likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. East wind around 15 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tuesday: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a high near 54. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 56. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain showers before 1 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 33. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 65.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 41.

Friday: A slight chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 62. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 36.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 59.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63.

Friday: High, 49; Low 26
 Saturday: High, 71; Low 33
 Sunday: High, 80; Low 36
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday None
 Sunday Trace
 Month: 0.48 inches
 Year: 1.47 inches
 Normal: 3.98 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:02 a.m. 8:26 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 8:27 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Leoti man gets life sentence

LEOTI (AP) — A western Kansas man whose fatal shooting of his ex-wife was caught on tape by one of their children has been sentenced to life in prison. Todd Schumacher will be eligible for parole after 25 years under the sentence he received Wednesday in Wichita County District Court. The Garden City Telegram reports that Schumacher was also sentenced to one year in prison for endangering a child. The 45-year-old Leoti man was convicted in Janu-

ary of first-degree murder for killing Ann Schumacher in March 2010. The pair had three children and were fighting over custody. A 15-year-old daughter videotaped the argument that led up to the fatal shooting. The camera was pointed away from the adults, but the audio — of a gunshot followed by a loud thud — was played for the jury at Schumacher's trial.

Revenue report complicates budget

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TOPEKA — Kansas officials on Friday predicted solid economic growth through June 2012, even as they cut the state's revenue projections for the same period by \$32 million, complicating the Legislature's budget debate.

Fiscal forecasters said the new numbers represent good news because some growth in tax collections will partially offset losses in revenues caused by changes in the federal tax code. Had it not been for the federal changes, the state forecasters said, they'd have increased revenue projections.

The changes in the projections are relatively small. The state still expects to take in almost \$5.8 billion in general revenues during the current fiscal year and a little more than that during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"We are pretty optimistic that we're on the right track right now, and I see good things for the future of Kansas in revenues," said State Budget Director Steve Anderson, one of the forecasters. "We see a growing economy."

University economists, legislative researchers, Department of Revenue officials and Anderson and other members of Gov. Sam Brownback's budget staff made the forecast public after a two-hour closed meeting. Lawmakers use the semiannual forecasts in budgeting.

The forecasters reduced their earlier prediction for the current fiscal year by \$10 million, or 0.2 percent.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, they revised the projection down by \$22 million, or 0.4 percent.

Legislators return April 27 from their annual spring break to wrap up their business for the year. The House and Senate must negotiate a final version of a proposed \$14 billion budget after having approved separate proposals for the next fiscal year, relying also on federal funds and other sources to help finance state operations.

The final version of the budget is likely to cut the state's overall spending by between 5 and 6 percent, largely reflecting the disappearance of federal economic

stimulus funds. It also likely will come close to Gov. Sam Brownback's proposal to cut base aid to Kansas' public schools by \$232 per student, or 5.8 percent.

With the new revenue projections, the House's version of the budget would leave about \$48 million in reserves at the end of the next fiscal year. But the Senate's version would result in a \$23 million deficit, something prohibited under the Kansas Constitution.

Senate Majority Leader Jay Emler, a Lindsborg Republican, said his chamber now faces accepting more of the House's budget ideas. "We can't be in the red," he said. "I'm not sure exactly what else will be cut, but something else will have to be cut."

Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn, a Sedgwick Republican, said she's still hoping to protect core services.

"There are some positive signs that our economy is improving," she said, and that's certainly a good thing."

House Speaker Mike O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican, said the new projections show that the state needs to build up healthy reserves, which he said is a priority for the GOP majority in his chamber.

"With the current economic uncertainty and significant policy changes being made in Washington," he said, "it is critical to pass a fiscally responsible budget."

State Democratic Party Chair Joan Wagon, a former revenue secretary, said the new numbers show that Republican legislators who've advocated additional tax business tax cuts need to stop pushing the idea.

Alan Conroy, director of the Legislative Research Department, said changes in federal tax laws approved by Congress in December include breaks for businesses for expenses such as the purchase of new machinery. He said they'll cost Kansas about \$77 million total through mid-2012 because the state's tax code is tied to the federal law.

Conroy said the forecasters still worry about the state's unemployment rate, which was relatively high at 6.8 percent in February.

He said they're also concerned that high gasoline prices will

Tree Board plans Arbor Day event

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After that, he said, the board will go over their upcoming projects, which include trees along the proposed walking path and at the new swimming pool on South Franklin Avenue. Bickner said the pool area will need some trees to help control

wind and dust. Those trees likely will be planted in the fall or next spring.

Bickner said college administrators, area Master Gardeners and city officials will attend the event, and he is encouraging students and youth groups to come as well.

Test drive cars to help raise money for district

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"It's a win-win," he said. Ron Binder, booster club president, said the club plans to replace the concession-stand building on the east side of the track. The new building will have expanded bathrooms and concessions area, along with a locker room for home and visiting teams.

"We're trying to improve what we have out there," he said.

Binder said currently teams and officials have to go to the bus garage half a block away to change.

The club has several fund raisers going, he said, including a brick sale, where people can buy bricks with their name or other writing on them. The bricks will be using on the front of the building. Binder said the boosters took on the project so that the district, which is facing budget cuts, would not have to raise taxes to pay for the improvements.

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Jamie Oliver's Food	Dancing With Stars	Body of Proof	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
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DISC	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Hogs Gone Wild	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch					
DISN	Lemonade Mouth	Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah			
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FAM	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos			The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?			
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FX	Forget Sarah				Forget Sarah					
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HIST	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	Top Shot		Mounted	Mounted	Larry the Cable Guy			
LIFE	American Pickers	American Pickers	Coming Home	How I Met	How I Met	Chris	How I Met			
MTV	Pregnant	16 and Pregnant	16 and Pregnant	Life, Liz	16 and Pregnant	Life, Liz				
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
SCI	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Marcel's Quantum	Destination Truth	Marcel's Quantum					
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Mob Wives	Ways Die	Ways Die		
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Conan	Lopez Tonight		
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TLC	Quints By Surprise	My 40-Year-Old Child	Extreme Couponing	Quints By Surprise	My 40-Year-Old Child					
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TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					CSI: Crime Scene
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Arbor Day Foundation offers free trees

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 29, this year, and the best way to celebrate is by planting trees.

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy, since everyone who joins the foundation in April will receive 10 free shade trees.

National Arbor Day and Kansas' Arbor Day are celebrated on the last Friday in April.

By joining the foundation in April, you will receive red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, bald cypress, thornless honey locust, pin oak, river birch, tulip tree, silver maple and red maple trees as part of the Trees for America campaign.

"These trees will provide shade in the summer and magnificent color throughout the fall," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the foundation. "When you plant a tree, you're giving a gift for future generations."

The trees will be shipped postpaid, with instructions, at the right time for planting in April or May.

Send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by April 30, or go to www.arbor-day.org/april.



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TCM	Alvarez Kelly		Virginia City	
TLC	Hoard-Buried	Extreme C	Extreme C	Hoard-Buried
TNT	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball
TOON	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King-Hill
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food
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