

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy; low around 44. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.  
**Thursday:** A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. Breezy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny; high near 64. Breezy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy and breezy; low around 40.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 66.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.  
**Monday:** Sunny and breezy, with a high near 77.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.  
 Monday: High, 94; Low 43  
 Tuesday: High, 86; Low 51  
 Precip: Monday None  
 Tuesday None  
 Month: None  
 Year: 2.88 inches  
 Normal: 7.21 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Thursday 6:34 a.m. 8:48 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Lawmakers claim progress on budget

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close by Thursday, the 90th of 90 days scheduled, though Rhoades said it appeared the session would last at least until Friday.

Rhoades said any budget that had less than \$50 million left over would be difficult to get through the House. Senators have been willing to sacrifice that cushion to lessen cuts to education and social services.

"Are we trying to get a budget number or is this about cuts?" said Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn, a Sedgewick Republican. "I'm concerned we have a huge ending balance and people back home might ask about the cuts."

Much of the total reductions in the 2012 budget, between \$770 million and \$870 million, will reflect the disappearance of federal economic stimulus funds.

During Tuesday's talks, House Republicans moved away from their position in favor of cutting general aid to the state's 289 public school districts by \$250 per student, or 6.2 percent. They embraced Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's position, a cut of \$232 per student.

Brownback and his staff met with the leaders of the Republican-controlled Legislature throughout the day to help broker a deal. He said he realized it was a difficult process but that he was hopeful a resolution was in the offing.

"I put a global proposal out to help solve the various issues for the House and in particular the Senate on spending," Brownback said in a brief interview. "I think everybody is seeing the end game. Legislative sessions are a lot easier to start than they are to finish. We'll see how they respond."

Downpours, droughts mark odd April weather

By Seth Borenstein

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — April was a historic month for wild weather in the United States, and it wasn't just the killer tornado outbreak that set records, according to scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

April included an odd mix of downpours, droughts and wildfires. Six states — Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia — set records for the wettest April since 1895. Kentucky, for example, got nearly a foot of rain, which was more than three times its normal for the month, the agency reported.

Yet the U.S. also had the most acres burned by wildfire for April since 2000. Nearly 95 percent of Texas has a drought categorized as severe or worse, exacerbated by the fifth driest April on record for

the Lone Star state. Add to a record 305 tornadoes from April 25-28, which killed at least 309 people and the most tornadoes ever for all of April: 875.

Much of the southern and eastern United States were near record hot for April, while northwestern states were cooler than normal. Overall, the month was warmer than normal for the nation, but not record-setting.

The odd mix of massive April showers and bone-dry drought can be blamed on the cooling of the central Pacific Ocean, which causes storm tracks to lock in along certain paths, said Mike Halpert, deputy director of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

U.S. scientists also looked for the fingerprints of global warming and La Nina on last month's deadly tornadoes, but couldn't find evidence to blame those oft-cited weather phenomena.



FILE PHOTO  
 Dr. Max Pickerill returned to the classroom briefly in 2010, teaching chemistry at Colby Community College.

Longtime professor dies at 85

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Ribbon and the American Area Campaign Medal. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

In civilian life, Pickerill attended Parsons Community College, Pittsburg State University, Fort Hays State University and Louisiana State University. He spent 61 years teaching, beginning his career while he was still an undergraduate in Pittsburg.

While he was teaching, he was named an outstanding community college instructor by the University of Kansas six years in a row, and was chosen for the 1984-85 Distinguished Professor Award by the college.

Pickerill's former students are spread all throughout Kansas, Hale said.

"You didn't go anywhere that he didn't know people," he said. The college named its lecture series after Pickerill in 1998.

Just last year, Pickerill was named professor emeritus at the college's graduation ceremonies. Math instructor John Olson made the presentation, saying Pickerill had become the face of the college.

Pickerill made a short speech, saluting the faculty, staff and students and naming himself as a Colby cheerleader. He got two standing ovations.

"He touched a lot of lives," Hale said.

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Thursday Evening											May 12, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Community	Office	Office	Parks	Parks	Outsource	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Bones									
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	The First 48	The First 48	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	The First 48					
AMC	The Perfect Storm						The Killing			88 Minutes		
ANIM	Fatal Attractions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Fatal Attractions	Confessions						
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC	Happens	Housewives/NYC	Happens					
CMT	Extreme-Home	Young Guns			Truck	Truck	Smarter	Smarter				
CNN	In the Arena	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360						Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		
DISC	Deadliest Catch	River Monsters		Swords: Life			Deadliest Catch		River Monsters			
DISN	Starstruck		Deck	Phineas	Phineas		Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah		
E!	Sex and t	Knocked Up					Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea		
ESPN	NBA Basketball											
ESPN2	College Softball		Baseball Tonight				SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Van Helsing						The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Food Network		24 Hour Rest. Battle		Chopped			Food Network		
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Rush Hour					Supercross: Mo		
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling		
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Mounted	Mounted	Mounted	Mounted	Swamp People			
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris		
MTV	The Real World		America's Best Dance		America's Best Dance		Son, Gun	America's Best Dance	Son, Gun			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	TNA Wrestling				Unleash	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers		
TBS	50 First Dates				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight			
TCM	Neptune's Daughter				Take Me Out							
TLC	Police Women		Police Women		Pawn	Pawn	Police Women		Pawn	Pawn		
TNT	Lord of the Rings											
TOON	Regular	MAD	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Eaglehear	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods		Man, Food	Man, Food		
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond					
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS			
VH1	Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Behind the Music					
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk		
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	Treme		Treme		Treme		Cathouse					
MAX	The Box				Universal Soldier							
SHOW	Hurt Lock	Saint John of Las Vegas			Nurse	Call Girl	Gigolos	Call Girl	Gigolos	AVN		

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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	Shark Tank		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Flashpoint		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Friday Night Lights		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late		
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Open Range						Terminator 2					
ANIM	The Haunted		Killer Outbreaks		The Haunted		Killer Outbreaks		The Haunted			
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ			
CMT	The Singing Bee		CMT's Next Superstar		The Singing Bee		CMT's Next Superstar		The Singing Bee			
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Comedy	Ralphie May		C.K.: Hilarious	Comedy	South Pk	South Pk			
DISC	Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Brothers	Brothers	Dual Survival		Dual Survival			
DISN	Wizards	Fish Hook	Phineas	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards		
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	The Dance	Khloe	The Soup		Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	NBA Basketball											
ESPN2	SportsCenter		Boxing				SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Food		The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners		
FX	27 Dresses						Made of Honor			Rescue Me		
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Green Home 2011		Hunters	Hunters		
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HIST	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American	American	Inspector America		American Pickers			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris		
MTV	16 and Pregnant		America's Best Dance		Bring It On				Bring It On			
NICK	Big Time	Victorloui	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Urban	Legends	Stargate Universe		Urban	Legends		
SPIKE	Gangland		Gangland		Gangland		Coal		MANswers	MANswers		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Liar Liar				Stuck on You					
TCM	The Paleface				Along Came Jones				Cat Ballou			
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings			
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY			
TOON	Ben 10	Generator	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures			
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists		Storytellers		Saturday Night Live			
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	MLB Baseball							
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	Spider 2	Date Night			Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		Nightmare-Elm			
MAX	The Ring				The Hangover				Femme Fatales			
SHOW	The Back-up Plan		Hugh Hefner: Playboy				Boxing					

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