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Gridlock could hurt at home

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Officials in various state agencies over the past month indicate that they're drafting proposals to deal with cuts of up to 50 percent in their federal funds in the future.

"We have no idea at this point how much less might be coming," Emler said.

But Emler said officials haven't been specific about why they are looking at scenarios for a big drop in federal funds, whether it would be caused by a default itself or federal spending cuts.

Meanwhile, the Kansas Department of Transportation, which has relied on bonds to finance highway projects, doesn't expect to see a short-term effect on its borrowing. Spokesman Steve Swartz noted that KDOT issued \$350 million in bonds in September 2010, with an interest rate of just under 3 percent, and doesn't anticipate having to issue more bonds for another year.

Deputy Secretary Jerry Younger said KDOT doesn't expect to stop or slow down highway projects currently under construction. However, he said, it might have to reconsider whether to commit immediately

to projects that have been planned but not started. The federal government reimburses Kansas for expenses incurred on projects, and the issue would be how long the federal government would delay those payments. But Younger said KDOT isn't likely to know until after Tuesday.

"To be honest, we don't quite know what's going to happen if the debt ceiling isn't raised," he said.

At the state Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, officials are considering whether they'll have to draw down some of their federal funds in advance. Spokeswoman Angela de Rocha said SRS normally draws those dollars down daily, as needed.

The state Department of Education expects to distribute about \$7 million in funds on Monday, said Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis. The state probably can cover other small payments normally made from federal funds during the first 10 days of August, he said.

But, he added, the department distributes federal funds each month and, "If it isn't solved by the end of August, we're in

trouble." Brownback, a former U.S. senator who left federal office to run for governor of his home state, said he was glad lawmakers in Washington were getting serious about balancing the federal budget.

"I am glad we are finally getting serious about it because we have to," he said. "If we don't get serious about balancing our own budget, the market takes over and they decide whether or not the federal government is worthy of credit. And if they decide it's not, they are going to raise the interest rates a lot and it is going to cost everybody."

That said, the Kansas governor said he thinks lawmakers should be able to come up with a real package of reductions that are serious and substantial.

"It is doable. Really. A few people need to sit in a room and hammer that out," Brownback said. "It is far harder to get it done and passed, than to hammer the agreement out. That is the issue and I would urge people, if you can get a good deficit reduction, pass it and let's start dealing with our debt."

Enrollment Dates

Triplains School District: 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the district office at the school, 503 Wilson Ave. in Winona. Triplains will operate on a four-day school week this year with Monday being the usual off day. The first day of school is Friday, Aug. 19. Kindergarten will attend three full days a week. For information, call the district office at (785) 846-7869.

Brewster School District: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and next Thursday at the school. The Thomas County health nurse will be at the school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Wednesday to update immunizations. Call the school at (785) 694-2236 to schedule an alternative appointment.

Sacred Heart Catholic School: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the school. New students will need to bring a physical forms, social security card, birth certificate and immunization records. For information, call Principal Dave Evert at 460-2813.

Heartland Christian School: Open enrollment, kindergarten through 12th grade. Preschool will be 8:10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds and 8:10 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday Friday for 4-year-olds. For information, call 460-6419 or visit www.hcscolby.org.

Colby Public Schools: New student enrollment from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Thursday in each building; returning student enrollment from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, in the high school commons area. For information, call 460-5000.

Garden needs help with harvesting

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"The kids are very proud of their garden," said Whelchel. "They are growing tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, corn, herbs, cantaloupe and gourds."

Whelchel said 10 of the 18 group plots are available and any area business, civic group or number of individuals can plant whatever they want on a 17 by 17 foot plot of ground. There is no fee or charge to maintain a group garden; water and land are donated by the experiment station.

Romine said the produce that volunteers gather is free, but that they must donate their time to care for the garden and keep a record of the "fruits of their labor."

Volunteers are asked to keep track of the amount of time they

spend at the garden and weigh any produce picked using forms and a scale that are kept in tubs at the garden. Data is recorded by volunteer Liz Stover.

Stover uses the information recorded for evaluation purposes, which are submitted as part of a chronic disease and risk reduction grant that was received to help fund the garden.

Romine, her husband W.G. and Whelchel said they each average about 10 hours a week at the garden, but hope to decrease the amount of time if more volunteers offer to help. They estimated volunteers spent about 150 hours at the garden in May and June to till and ready the land for planting.

For information or to volunteer, call Stover at the Smart Start office, (785) 465-9103.

Partisan fight begins over redistricting process

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be difficult to justify and that any speculation is a premature effort to make the process more partisan than necessary.

"That's a lot of geography involved. It's all about maps that make sense and do not overtly politicize the situation," he said. "There's no need for that. Republicans are in the majority now and will be after."

O'Neal said the goal is to maintain the one person, one vote principle to stay within the numerical guidelines. Each congressional district is required to have an equal population, which

means current boundaries will change to reflect the continued growth in Johnson County and declining populations in rural counties.

"The 1st has to get bigger. The question is who has to give up area and how do they feel about that," O'Neal said.

Sen. Tim Owens, an Overland Park Republican and chairman of the Senate redistricting committee, said he had no intention of gerrymandering districts to benefit one party in the next elections. He likens the early sparring over potential maps to a roller derby, where competitors start bumping early in

event, eventually turning into a free-for-all rumble.

"I'm not sure something like that would pass muster with the courts if it were challenged," Owens said.

Owens, who is also chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he expected the public hearings to be well-attended, but was curious which constituencies spoke up about proposed changes in the boundaries.

"Too many people sit back and watch," he said.

States adjust their political boundaries every 10 years to reflect population changes based on the census. A provision in

the Kansas Constitution also requires it to account for military personnel and students from other states attending college in Kansas.

The secretary of state released revised figures earlier this week, showing the Kansas population at 2,839,445 residents, or 13,673 fewer than the Census figure released earlier in 2011.

Legislators are holding public hearings around the state, gathering opinions about which areas should remain in certain political districts based on common economic, geographic and population traits.

Briefly

Pets available for adoption at clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a six-week old black and white female kitten available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

Salvation Army has fans to give out

For those looking to beat the heat this summer, the Thomas County Salvation Army has fans available. Call Kathy at the Thomas County Health Department at 460-4596 or Sue at Citizens Medical Center at 462-7511.

Learn about better care at August meetings

Kansas Advocates for Better Care will hold informational meetings about long-term care and tools for advocacy next Thursday. Meetings will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Prairie Senior Living Complex, 11:15 to 11:50 a.m. at the Senior Progress Center and 3 to 4 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. The meetings are open to the public. For information, call (785) 842-3088.

Order fresh fruit from youth group

The annual Catholic Youth Organization fruit sale is under way. Reserve an order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples through Wednesday, Aug. 17, by calling Megan Augustine at the Sacred Heart Parish rectory at 462-2179. Pickup day will be at 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Sign up now for football camp

Sign ups are open now for Little League Football camp, Monday to Wednesday, Aug. 8 to 10. Forms are available at the Sports Shoppe for kids in third through fifth grade. The cost is \$100. For information, call the shop at 462-8342.

Congressman to send representatives

A representative from Rep. Tim Huelskamp's office will have office hours in Colby from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in the county commissioners' room in the courthouse. The constituent services representative will be available to hear opinions, ideas, and concerns about issues being debated in Washington. For information, call Huelskamp's Dodge City office at (620) 225-0172 or visit huelskamp.house.gov.

Walk the river at the aquatic center

The Colby Aquatic Center is offering a River Walk Class, which uses water resistance to help sore joints and muscles, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning this week. No registration is required, just the entry fee of \$5 for the pool. For information, call the Colby Recreation Department at 460-4440.

Wednesday: High, 99; Low 67
Precip: Wednesday 0.60 inches
Month: 5.30 inches
Year: 14.34 inches
Normal: 13.16 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:41 a.m. 9:00 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Tuesday 2,160,000 gal.
Wednesday 2,449,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)



Saturday Evening July 30, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Harry Potter-Chamber						Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Mentalist		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery				Local	
KSNK/NBC	Who Do You		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Local	Fringe	30S	Local		
Cable Channels										
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders			
AMC	JFK		JFK		JFK		Shawshank R.			
ANIM	Dogs 101		Pit Boss XL		Pit Boss		Pit Boss XL		Pit Boss	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		How to Lose		How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days					
CMT	Blue/TV	Blue/TV	Ron White: Fix		Three Amigos!		Blazing			
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Daniel Tosh: Serious		Jackass: Number Two		Jackass 2.5		Dane Cook			
DISC	Hogs Gone Wild		Animals Bite		Wild Animal Repo		Animals Bite		Wild Animal Repo	
DISN	ANT Farm Good Luck		Random	Vampire	Vampire	Vampire	Shake It	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm
E!	Because I Said So		Kardash	Kardash	The Soup	Chelsea	Khloe	Khloe		
ESPN	NASCAR Racing		X Games		X Games		SportsCenter		Tennis	
ESPN2	Soccer		X Games		Baseball		ATP Tennis		Tennis	
FAM	The Parent Trap		Beauty and the Beast		The Goonies					
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Diners	Diners	
FX	The Proposal		Two Men		Two Men		Archer	Archer	Louie	Louie
HGTV	Block	Secrets	Room Cr.	Color	Novogratz	House	Hunters	Hunters	Room Cr.	Color

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Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Ancient Aliens	Sex Civil War	The History of Sex	The History of Sex	Ancient Aliens
LIFE	Family Sins	The Client List	Confined	Confined	
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore
NICK	Victorious	Bucket	ICarly	70s Show	70s Show
SCI	Dungeons & Dragons	Age of the Dragons	Dragon Wars	Dragon Wars	
SPIKE	U.S. Marshals	Training Day	Ways Die	Gangland	
TBS	Miss Congeniality	Miss Congeniality	Ways Die	Gangland	
TCM	All Quiet-Front	Young Dr. Kildare	The Unfaithful	The Unfaithful	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Nick & Vanessa	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	Patriot Games	The Last Samurai	Say Yes	Say Yes	Nick & Vanessa
TOON	Spy Kids: Time 3D	Oblongs	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	In Plain Sight	NCIS
VH1	Behind the Music	How High	ATL	ATL	
WGN	MLB Baseball	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	How I Met	South Pk
Premium Channels					
HBO	The Town	True Blood	Derek Jeter 3K	The Town	
MAX	Sudden Death	It's Kind-Fun.	Franchise	Franchise	
SHOW	Push	Fedor vs. Henderson			

LOCAL TV Listings

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Sunday Evening July 31, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover		The Bachelorette		Local					
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Same Name		CSI: Miami		Local			
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		The Marriage Ref		Local		Dateline NBC			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades		The Glades		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Swordfish		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		The Killing		The Killing	
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Heidi Fleiss		Heidi Fleiss		Fatal Attractions	
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Happens		Housewives/NJ	
CMT	Ron White: Fix		Extreme Makeover		Extreme-Home		Extreme Makeover		Extreme-Home	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Good Luck Chuck		Dane Cook: Rough Around		Tosh.0		Futurama		Ugly Americans	
DISC	Ultimate Air Jaws		Great White Invasion		Jaws Comes Home		Great White Invasion		Jaws Comes Home	
DISN	Good Luck Games		Random	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck	Vampire	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Ice-Coco	Fashion	Chelsea	Kardash	Ice-Coco
ESPN	MLB Baseball		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCtr			
ESPN2	X Games		NHRA Drag Racing		NHRA Drag Racing					
FAM	Beauty and the Beast		Paul Blart: Mall Cop		Funniest Home Videos		J. Osteen		Ed Young	
FOOD	Challenge		Food Network Star		Iron Chef America		Extreme Chef		Food Network Star	
FX	Pelham 123		Pelham 123		Pelham 123					
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		House		Hunters		Design Star	
HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Top Gear		Modern Marvels		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFE	Father-Part II		Drop Dead Diva		Against the Wall		Against the Wall		Drop Dead Diva	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore	
NICK	My Wife		My Wife		George		70s Show		70s Show	
SCI	Alphas		Alphas		Alphas		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13	
SPIKE	Auction		Auction		Auction		Bar Rescue		3 Sheets	
TBS	Monster-in-Law		Monster-in-Law		Monster-in-Law					
TCM	Road to Utopia		The Hurricane		The Hurricane					
TLC	Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Addiction		Hoard-Buried		Addiction	
TNT	Saving Private Ryan		Leverage		Falling Skies		Leverage		Falling Skies	
TOON	Gumball	Looney	Delocated	Childrens	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken		
TRAV	David Blaine		Smithsonian		Mysteries-Museum		Hot Dog Paradise		Smithsonian	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Divorced
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		In Plain Sight		White Collar		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Behind the Music		Celebrity Rehab		Behind the Music	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	Monk		Monk	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Boardwalk Empire	True Blood	Curb	Entourage	True Blood	Entourage	Curb	Entourage	Curb	
MAX	HappyGil	It's Kind of a Funny Story	The Blind Side	The Blind Side	The Blind Side	The Blind Side	Life on Top	Life on Top	Life on Top	
SHOW	Dexter	Weeds	The Big C	The Big C	The Real L Word	The Real L Word	Shameless	Shameless	The Real L Word	