

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south-east in the evening.
Tuesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Sunny, with a high near 92. West wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Northeast wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

Friday: High, 70; Low 46
Saturday: High, 68; Low 45
Sunday: High, 81; Low 47
Precip: Friday 0.21 inches
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.56 inches
Year: 2.31 inches
Normal: 7.21 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:31 a.m. 8:51 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 19 percent
Wednesday 6:30 a.m. 8:51 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 27 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Commissioners continue plans

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“Do you know anybody who does?” Sowers asked.
Again Steele responded, “I do not.” Sowers then asked Commissioner Mike Baughn, “Do you know of anyone who has need of this building?”
Baughn said he did not know of anyone who might want the courthouse if the offices were relocated.
The commissioners have not obtained any estimates to fix the current courthouse instead of abandoning it, and Steele said the historic old building courthouse likely would be demol-

ished.
Baughn said a new judicial complex is “absolutely essential,” but that the commissioners will need to justify to the public why they need to add offices and other features.
A structural survey of the courthouse, completed by Mark McAfee of Dudley, Williams & Associates of Wichita in 2007, said the building was “reasonably sound and performing satisfactorily from a structural viewpoint,” though McAfee noted a few problems with roof framing and isolated areas of deteriorating mortar on exterior walls.
Steele said he is concerned with the

courthouse’s plumbing, windows and security, though he has no estimates of what it would cost to continue using it.
“I really feel we need to finance this endeavor with sales tax,” said Steele, adding that he guesses the cost of the new building will be about \$8 million.
“I think we have a better chance of convincing the public (to vote for the project) when interest rates are low,” he said.
He has a location in mind for the proposed building but said he wants to wait until a contract is signed to buy it before telling voters where he wants to put it.

Kansas tax debate uses delay as key tactic

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ness looming.
“A lot of legislators will become very restless,” Wagle said.
The House and Senate’s appointed tax negotiators are waiting for word of a deal from Wagle’s and Merrick’s private talks before reconvening public meetings. Another group working on the next state budget also isn’t meeting until a tax compromise emerges, and without a completed spending plan for state government, the Legislature cannot wrap up business for the year.
“The governor is optimistic that a deal can be reached soon,” Brownback spokeswoman Sherriene Jones-Sontag said in a statement last week.
But Republican leaders now acknowledge that the Legislature will remain in session possibly through this week. Rank-and-file members will feel a pinch soon because their seasonal secretaries won’t return after Monday unless individual legislators use their campaign funds to pay them.
But Merrick, a Stilwell Republican who previously served in the Senate, dismissed the notion that Wagle and her allies can simply wait him out.
“I really don’t have a breaking point,” he said.
Democrats aren’t party to the private tax talks because their leaders don’t expect any of them to vote for any compromise that emerges. They’ve criticized last year’s income tax cuts as reckless and oppose the GOP’s goal of shifting most of the burden of funding state government to the sales tax, because poor families tend to pay a higher percentage of their incomes to that tax than do wealthy ones.

Wagle, like other Republicans, believes eliminating income taxes will spur economic activity. She said Kansans are more likely to see general prosperity if the state taxes consumption through the sales tax rather than earnings through income taxes.
Merrick and his fellow Republicans in the House agree, yet many of them still want to let the sales tax drop.
Legislators boosted the sales tax three years ago at the urging of Brownback’s predecessor, then-Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson, promising that most of the increase would be temporary. Rep. Scott Schwab, a conservative Olathe Republican who mocked that promise, said he’d lose credibility with his constituents if he voted to keep the full increase in place.
Also, legislative researchers project that keeping the sales tax at 6.3 percent will raise almost \$1.5 billion over the next five years – something critics call a massive tax increase. Schwab contends that no matter how hard Wagle and her allies push, the House is not going to pass the Senate’s proposals or anything close to them.
“She’s not looking for a tax negotiation,” Schwab said. “She’s looking for a tax capitulation, and that’s not going to happen.”
But Wagle and Brownback note that without the additional sales tax revenues, the state cannot pursue additional income tax cuts and sustain its current budget past mid-2015, according to legislative researchers’ projections. Thus, Wagle said, resolving tax issues requires time and sharing information while the private talks continue.
“At this point, we haven’t made as much progress as I would have liked to have seen,” Wagle said.

Sheriff sells downtown building at auction

The Thomas Economic Development Alliance bought the building space for Smoffie’s on Franklin Street Thursday morning.
The alliance made the first and only bid of \$34,500 for the space that held the defunct coffee shop at a foreclosure sale at the courthouse. The alliance is the lien-holder for the business.
About a half dozen people gathered around, apparently to consider making

a bid, but afterward they seemed surprised it went for that much.
“I thought it would be (cheaper), because you can pick up tons of buildings that are,” said Dustin Bond, who came to the sale with family members.
Economic Development director Christy Rocca, who showed up to represent the alliance, had been authorized to make that bid – which is the original purchase price of the building – at the

group’s April 25 meeting.
Rocca expects the alliance will put the building up for sale, but that will have to be worked out at the next meeting.
Court records show that the sale was ordered April 9 for the business, which had been owned by Shawn and Mary Larson.

Prosecuter weighs charges in escape

EDGERTON, MO. (AP) – The Leavenworth County attorney is weighing whether to file charges after three inmates escaped from a prison in the Kansas county.
Missouri prosecutors previously charged 31-year-old Allen M. Hurst and 49-year-old Scott A. Gilbert with trying to ambush officers who pursued them and of attempting to kidnap the mayor of the small town of Edgerton. They were caught around 5 p.m. Friday, several hours after escaping from the Lansing Correction Facility with 57-year-old Randy Ridens Sr.

The Kansas Department of Corrections says Ridens was taken into custody later Friday night as he was entering Topeka. He hadn’t been charged in the escape as of Monday, but Leavenworth County Todd Thompson says he is reviewing the case.
Meanwhile, corrections spokesman Jeremy Barclay says an investigation into the escape is ongoing.

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LOCAL TV Listings

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Tuesday Evening										May 14, 2013	
	7:00	7:30	8:00		8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Dancing With Stars			Body of Proof		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles			Golden Boy		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Voice		The Voice			Grimm		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		New Girl	Mindy		Local					
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Gone in Sixty										
ANIM	River Monsters				River Monsters		River Monsters				
BRAVO	Tardy	Tardy	Housewives/OC			Tardy	Tardy	Happens	Tardy	Married to Medicine	
CMT	Swamp Pawn		Swamp Pawn			Swamp Pawn		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live			Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Amy Sch.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Amy Sch.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Amy Sch.
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch			Backyard	Oil	Deadliest Catch		Backyard	Oil
DISN	Jessie	Dog	Shake It	Good Luck		Jessie	Dog	Good Luck	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Nick Cannon's Big Su		Jonas	Jonas		The Untol	Jonas	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	E:60	30 for 30				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	30 for 30					E:60		ProFILE		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Matilda		Beetlejuice					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped			Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Star Trek										
HGTV	Flip or F	Flip or F	Income Property			Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip or F	Flip or F	Income Property	
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	American	American	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms			Preachers' Daughters		Dance Moms		Dance Moms	
MTV	Girl Code	Teen Mom 2		Awkward.		Awkward.	Girl Code	Ke\$ha	Awkward.	Girl Code	The Show
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se		The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Fact or Faked		Weird or What?			Weird or What?		Weird or What?		Weird or What?	
SPIKE	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants		Tenants	Tenants	Urban Tar	Urban Tar	Tenants	Tenants
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Laugh	Big Bang	Conan		Laugh	Conan
TCM	Kiss of Death										
TLC	Couple	Couple	19 Kids	19 Kids		Couple	Couple	19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA	
TOON	Looney	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Extreme Factories		Airport 2	Airport 2		Monumental Mysteries		Mysteries-Museum		Airport 2	Airport 2
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Love, Hip Hop			I'm Married to A...		Behind the Music		Love, Hip Hop	
WGN	4 Weddings					WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels											
HBO	Snow White					Family		Game of Thrones		VICE	Veep
MAX	Mr. Holland's Opus				Five Engage					Jump Off	Hidden
SHOW	Stepmom			Our Idiot Brother			The Big C: Hereafter			Nurse	Borgias

Wednesday Evening May 15, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Family	Mod Fam	How-Live	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline		
KBSL/CBS	2 Broke G	2 Broke G	Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman		Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		So You Think		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.		
AMC	The Breakfast Club				Sixteen Candles		Liar Liar					
ANIM	River Monsters				River Monsters		River Monsters					
BRAVO	Housewives/OC				Million Dollar		Happens		Million Dollar			
CMT	Dog and Beth		Dog and Beth		Guntucky	Guntucky	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Miss Congeniality			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live			
COMEDY	Work.	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk		
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		The Big Brain Theory		The Big Brain Theory					
DISN	Dog	Starstruck			Jessie	Austin	Jessie	Dog	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Jonas	Jonas	Holly Has a Baby		The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea		
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	30 for 30				30 for 30		30 for 30		Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Alice	Charlie & Chocolate			The 700 Club		Prince		Prince			
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout		Mystery D	Mystery D	Restaurant: Im.			
FX	The Fighter				The Fighter							
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters		Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Property Brothers			

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HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Larry the Cable Guy	Star Trek: Secrets		Pawn	Pawn					
LIFE	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced					
MTV	Teen Mom 2		The Real World		Real	The Real World	Ke\$ha					
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends				
SCI	Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		Paranormal		Paranormal					
SPIKE	Nat'l Treasure				National Treasure: Book							
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Conan				
TCM	Forbidden Planet				Spellbound		Rome, Open City					
TLC	Breaking Amish: Brav		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried					
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball							
TOON	Dragons	Teen	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy				
TRAV	Burger	Burger	Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr	Pizza Paradise 2		Hot Dog Paradise 2	Toy Hntr				
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	The Exes	King	The King of Queens				
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Psych		NCIS	NCIS				
VH1	40 Funniest Fails		40 Funniest Fails		Off Pitch	Off Pitch	Model Employee	Honey 2				
WGN	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos					
Premium Channels												
HBO	Madagascar 3: Wanted		Veep		Game of Thrones		Real Time/Bill Maher		Family	Making		
MAX	Troy				The Appartion		Jump Off		Sexy Assassins			
SHOW	Broken Kingdom				The Borgias		Gigolos	Sagel-What	Tupac			

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