

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Clear, with a low around -4. Wind chill values as low as -12. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 26. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 10. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 42.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 19.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 49.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.

Thursday: High, 10; Low -7
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches

Month: 0.00 inches

Year: 0.00 inches

Normal: 0.45 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 8:04 a.m. 5:39 p.m.

Sunday 8:04 a.m. 5:40 p.m.

Monday 8:04 a.m. 5:41 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

State legislators ready to face ongoing budget crisis

From "SESSION," Page 1

to enjoy the increase in spending, however. Ostmeyer said he had talked with many of the superintendents in his district about using their contingency funds, teachers taking pay cuts and other money-saving efforts.

"We might be getting to the time when we have to do some of these things," he said. "We're all going to have to learn to make due with a little less."

The budget problems extend farther than just education. The Department of Transportation is trying to get another multi-year plan off the ground, and may consider a tax

increase on fuel. Ostmeyer said that while he agreed road improvements are important, creating a low-cost environment for business is also good for the state.

"We'd like good roads," he said, "but do we need good roads so people can get out of the state?"

Without strong business, he said, the state gets much less tax revenue.

There have already been some other ideas put forward to help with the budget. Jim Barnett, a state senator from Emporia who is running for Jerry Moran's 1st District seat in Congress, says he plans to introduce a bill that would freeze legislators' pay. Members get \$116 a day while in ses-

sion. Barnett said their pay is automatically increased when pay for other government officials, such as members of the Kansas Board of Regents, goes up. The last raise was 6 percent. His plan would halt any increase for 24 months.

Barnett said no proposal like this has been put forward before, and he anticipates some resistance. However, he said, in a budget crisis, everything should be done to save money, including reviewing pay for state officials.

"We all need to do our part," he said.

Legislators have until Feb. 10 to introduce bills, the senator said, but committees have until Feb. 12.

Ostmeyer serves on the agriculture, rules and regulations, federal and state affairs and local government committees. These are mainly policy committees, he said, handling things like city and county government issues or legislative rules. He said he doesn't plan to sponsor any bills this time.

"This is not a time when we need a lot of legislation," he said. "It seems like every new piece of legislation has a fiscal note (cost) attached to it."

Ostmeyer said he has never been one to introduce a lot of bills anyway.

"There's guys who might go up there and introduce 20 bills," he said, "and not get a one of them passed."

Colby woman earns TV spot through card collection

From "CARDS," Page 1

husband died in 2008, her children thought she should be closer, so she moved into a 530-square-foot apartment in Lawrence, taking her treasured collection with her, but she found she had no place to store them.

Having some experience with archival materials through her career at the college she said, she called the Hallmark production plant in Lawrence to see if they would be interested in her collection as an example of what people

were buying and sending over the 60-year period.

"I used to get four cards to a page," she noted, "and now it's two, so big cards must what people are buying now."

"The local plant referred me to the official archives of the Hallmark Company in Kansas City. They were pleased to add my collection to theirs."

She said one of the artists from Hallmark came to her apartment to pick up the collection.

"We had a great visit, and then she left with the cards," she said. "Af-

ter a thoughtful note from the archives, I assumed that was the end of the book of memories."

But unknown to Lowenthal, the 61 years of saving greetings cards had gotten the attention of company officials for a "made for television" commercial honoring the firm's 100th anniversary.

She said Hallmark invited her to do an on-camera interview, and soon the company brought cameras, a sound operator, a producer and an interviewer to her apartment.

At 10:30 a.m. Sept. 18, she said,

she put a "do not disturb" sign on her door so that they wouldn't be interrupted during the filming.

"It was exciting," she said. "No other time, or at least rarely, had I ever been with all attention focused on me. I had to sign a model's release form, and I guess that's standard procedure when you make an ad."

She said if the company stays with their original idea, you can look for her on television in the Daily Hallmark Moment spot, which should air around 7 p.m. each evening in 2010.

Her "memory moment" would appear in one of those spots. The company, however, may change the the television ads to Internet ads, she said, but she hasn't heard the final word.

Lowenthal was librarian at the college from 1966 to 1988. Her husband was bookkeeper for Lane Equipment until becoming the college Endowment Association director for 11 years. After retirement from the college, they continued to live in the house they built on Terrace Drive until his death, and her move to Lawrence.

School group wants lawsuit opened again

From "LAWSUIT," Page 1

2006 ruling, which forced the state to increase aid to public schools by close to \$1 billion over four years.

Much of the money went to programs aimed at boosting academic achievement for at-risk students, including minorities and the poor. However, school districts argue that they have been forced to eliminate some 3,700 jobs in recent years because of budget cuts, many tied directly to student performance.

How quickly the case would get

resolved is unclear.

The original lawsuit was filed in 1999 in Shawnee County District Court and took several years to reach the high court. If the Supreme Court agrees to reopen the case, it could either decide to hear arguments itself or send the case to district court to gather evidence and hear witnesses.

That timing is critical. The Kansas Legislature opens its 2010 session on Monday, scheduled to run 90 days. If the case goes to district court, it could be months after the session ends before it's resolved.

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