Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows around 40. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday And Thursday Night: Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday: Much cooler. Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms in the evening, then a chance of light rain after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Saturday: Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of light rain showers. Highs around

Saturday Night And Sunday: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Friday: High, 64; Low 33 Saturday: High, 56; Low 25 Sunday: High, 65; Low 28 Precip: Friday 0.27 inches Saturday Trace 0.00 inches Sunday

Month: 1.74 inches 2.61 inches Normal: 1.20 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

7:32 a.m. 8:06 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 a.m. 8:07 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansas Legislature stalled over state budget debate From "BUDGET," Page 1

in our approach here, because we have been through six rounds of cuts.

"I don't think anyone is interested in making more cuts unless we absolutely have to do that."

Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jay Emler, a Lindsborg Republican, said he doubts the Senate will debate the budget before taking its annual spring break. The delay means that legislators still don't have enough agreement on a tax

"I don't see a whole lot of point in debating the budget if you don't know how you're going to pay for it," he said.

Traditionally, legislators pass a base bud-

ranging from aging to wildlife and parks.

Then while they are away, economists take the pulse of revenue collections and give an estimate of what Kansas can expect to collect for the next fiscal year, putting a finer point on economic trends they see on

produced in late April or early May before the session ends. That's when legislators decide how much additional spending they can afford based on the new figure.

This year it's likely all of those decisions will come in late April and could extended the session beyond its scheduled 90 days.

The last time Kansas faced such a budget crisis was in 2002 with the recession accelerated by the 9/11 attacks. Legislators spent get for Kansas government before taking a record 107 days in the Statehouse before their break. Referred to in the Statehouse finally passing a series of tax and fee inas the "mega bill," it contains most of the creases, pumping more than \$300 million spending recommendations for agencies, in the budget while making additional cuts. said Brown, a Eudora Republican. "Is there

This recession has been longer and deep- anybody who thinks the April revenue esti-

Kansas has had an unemployment rate above 6 percent for 14 consecutive months because manufacturers and service providers slashed payrolls.

That resulted in dramatic drops in tax A final "omnibus" spending bill is then collections, namely income taxes reflecting reduced payrolls. The February report suggests employment may be recovering a little, but no one will proclaim the recession over in Kansas.

Conservative legislators argue that raising taxes now will only stymie any chance Kansas has to make a recovery. They have tried repeatedly to push the tax issue but legislators aren't biting. Most recently, Rep. Anthony Brown tried to amend tax increases during House debate, calling out Democrats to step up and "be statesmen."

"We have got to get down to business,"

mates are going to be positive? I don't think

And that's exactly why Davis and legislators of both parties are waiting. For the past three years, the estimates have been slashed and budgets adjusted. Passing a tax plan based on best guesses may not preclude further cuts this session, or prevent Parkinson from having to make them later

Schmidt, an Independence Republican, has predicted this course of events since February. And he thinks the next month will tell legislators more than just revenue projections.

"Every interest group that has an interest in the state budget will sound the alarm," said Schmidt, an Independence Republican. "April is likely to be a very noisy, very boisterous, high-intensity month."

Boy Scouts celebrate 100 years with lunch at Colby College

on Feb. 8, 1910, Americans were driving Stanley steam automo-30 cents for a gallon of milk.

will celebrate their centennial anniversary. On Wednesday, March 10, area Scouts and volunteer leadtaking place this year.

of Alan Sager, Scoutmaster of from the President's Office at

ica was officially incorporated Rotary Club, and volunteer leaders Scott and Jan Barnum for their Scouting achievements includbiles, earning an average of \$750 ing support of the Six-County a year, and paying little more than Boy Scout Development Fund. The fund is set up to provide ex-Throughout 2010, the scouts panded programs and services to the six northwestern counties of Kansas that comprise the Buffalo Bill District. Through the end of ers gathered at Colby Community March, citizens donating \$100 College with Scouting supporters to the fund will be entered into a for a luncheon to celebrate Scout- donor recognition drawing. The ing's centennial anniversary and winner of the drawing will receive announce several local initiatives a new Polaris 4x4 all terrain vehicle donated by Goodland Green-The event included recognition line. Donation forms are available

When the Boy Scouts of Amer- Troop 141 chartered to the Colby Colby Community College and at nation that Scouting is more vi- a partnership with the Arbor Day the Sunflower Bank in Colby or brant, more vital, and more rel- Foundation. Also, through April by contacting Mark Scheopner at (785) 821-2489. The deadline for the contest in April 5.

leaders and healthy young people more than ever before, and that is what Scouting is all about," said Stacy Huff, Scout executive of the Coronado Area Council. "This is

evant than ever before. Every day, 2, anyone can nominate a living or millions of Scouts and adult leaders make a huge difference in our teer who has affected their life for "This country needs strong society. We look forward to con- induction into the Boy Scout Natinuing that commitment in the tional Hall of Leadership. An honnext century.'

plant a commemorative tree in their communities this year through the in Virginia. Nominations may be our time in history to remind the Generations Connection program, made at www.scouting.org.

past Boy Scout, leader or volunoree will be selected from each Scouts are being encouraged to council and will be inducted at the National Jamboree later this year

Colby man helps farmers find their way in the field

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guidance equipment saves money, time and farmer fatigue," he add-

Davis said the strength of the company is that the products are the highest percentage of his cusmade available to mainstream operators, and they can add the sysferent models. Outback has make High School. them affordable, costing anywhere

from to \$1,000 to up to \$6,000 with the average system costing from \$2,000 to \$3,500. He added that there are around 700 systems in operation in a seven county area in his territory, and surprisingly tomers are over 60.

Davis lives in Colby and is the tems to a 30-year-old tractor, and son of Loyde and Connie Davis can even fit them to over 600 dif- and is a 1992 graduate of Colby

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March 30, 2010 Tuesday Evening 10:30 11:00 11:30 KBSL/CBS NCIS The Good Wife Late Show Letterman Late Local KSNK/NBC The Biggest Loser Parenthood Tonight Show w/Leno Late KSAS/FOX American Idol Cable Channels Criminal Minds Criminal Minds Killer Aliens Weird Mill. Matchmaker Trading Spouses **Trading Spouses** Trading Spouses Campbell Brown Anderson Cooper 360 Larry King Live Larry King Live Bristol Bay Brawl Bristol Bay Brawl Mayday! Bering Sea Bristol Bay Brawl Bristol Bay Brawl The Luck of the Irish Phineas Phineas Montana Wizards Suite So Raven Pretty Sexiest Kendra Chelsea Chelsea Pretty NEL Live Scoreb'rd Wm. Basketball Wm. Basketball SportsCenter College Basketball College Basketball Baseball Nation The 700 Club Funniest Home Videos unniest Home Videos Whose Unwrapped Best Good Eats Unwrappe Chopped Unwrapped Best Damages Armageddon Holmes on Homes Marriage Down With Love Medium Grey's Anatomy Frasier 16 and Pregnant 16 and Pregnant 16 and Pregnant True Life 16 and Pregnant Chris NICK Malcolm Malcolm The Nanny The Nanny The Nanny The Nann Lopez Lopez WWE NXT V: The Final Battle The Descent **SPIKE** UFC: Best of 2009 BlueMount BlueMount UFC Unleashed UFC Unleashed Name Earl Name Earl TBS Office Office Office Office Office Office Lopez Tonight TCM Dersu Uzala Kagemush TLC Little -lome 19 Kids Little Southland CSI: NY CSI: NY TNT King-Hill Chicken TOON lapjack Flapjack Flapjack Flapjack King-Hill am. Guy Fam. Guy Extreme Fast Food Carnivore Man, Food Food Wars Food Wars Food Wars Food Wars Extreme Fast Food Home Imp. Home Imp. Raymond Raymond Roseanne Roseanne Raymond Raymond First Love Law & Order: Intent Law & Order: SVU Law & Order: SVU Law & Order: SVU _aw & Order TRANSform RuPaul's Drag Race Little Beauties Tool Academy Sober House Beauty South Pk S Park WGN News at Nine WGN Angela's Ashes Scrubs remium Channels Australia Gran Torino HBO The Pacific Treme MAX Taken Fighting He's Just Not Miss March Tara SHOW Contract Nurse Nurse My Best Friend

Wednesday Evening March 31, 2010 7:00 7:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30 9:00 KAKE/ABC EasterBgl Middle Nightline Jimmy Kimmel Live Family **Ugly Betty** Local KBSL/CBS Christine Criminal Minds CSI: NY Local Late Show Letterman Late KSNK/NBC Mercy aw & Order: SVL Law & Order: SVU Tonight Show w/Leno Late Local American Idol KSAS/FOX Human Target Cable Channels Dog Dog 12 Monkeys raffic River Monsters I Shouldn't Be Alive River Monsters Animal Nightmares Animal Nightmares BRAVO Mill. Matchmaker Mill. Matchmaker Shear Genius Shear Genius Mill. Matchmaker Smarter Get to-Heart Get to-Heart Smarter CNN Campbell Brown Larry King Live Anderson Cooper 360 Larry King Live COMEDY Chappelle Chappelle Futurama Futurama South Pk Ugly South Pk Ugly DISC MythBusters MythBusters Is It Possible? MythBusters MythBusters DISN Phineas Montana Wizards Suite So Raven Hoot atal Beauty E! E! Investigates: Bul Chelsea Chelsea Kardas ESPN NBA Basketball HS Basketbal portCtr Soccer SportsCenter Basebal ESPN2 World Series FAM he Pacifier Funniest Home Videos The 700 Club Whose' Nhose? Ultimate Recipe Dinner: Impossible Good Eats Unwrapped Flay Flay lay FX ce Age: Melt Just My 70s Show Property We Celebrate Hometown Life

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LIFE	, ,		Mr. Brooks				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium	
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NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		
SPIKE	UFC Fight N	Night			The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		Deadliest Warrior		
TBS	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Lopez Toni	ght	Name Earl	Name Earl	
ТСМ	Kitty Foyle				Tom, Dick and Harry		The Major and the Minor				
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Inside NASCAR

Paul Mooney

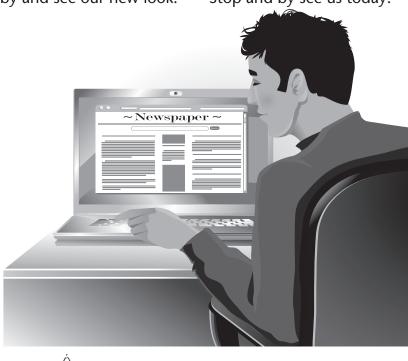
Inside NASCAR

Jake Johannsen

SHOW Nurse

With new carpet, paint and vinyl, we're finally back in our front office and conference room. Thanks to our landlords, Sara and Travis Oliver, for making full repairs to our building after the flooding. We invite all our friends and customers to stop by and see our new look.

Our customers are always our No. 1 priority at The Colby Free Press. We appreciate your patience, having to come find us while we've been crammed into the back room. And we're happy to be back in our usual places. Stop and by see us today!





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